

**Question for written answer E-004646/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Public procurement for the Connecting Europe Broadband Fund

In its answer to Written Question E-001979/2018, the Commission stated that Cube Infrastructure Partners had been selected as fund manager for a EUR-600m fund co-financed by the EIB and the Commission. The written answer stated that Cube had been selected as fund manager in a 'public procurement process'.

I have now received written confirmation that a public procurement process never took place and that Cube were in actual fact chosen via a call for expression of interest.

Can the Commission please explain why it misled me in its previous written answer?

Considering the size of this fund, can the Commission also provide details and a justification for why a public procurement process never took place?