

**Question for written answer E-000904/2019**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Jeppe Kofod (S&D)**

**Subject:** Banning companies involved in money laundering from public procurement

In its answer to written question E-004590/2018, the Commissioner stated that the failure to pay taxes and social security contributions can be a valid reason to exclude operators from public procurement procedures. With that in mind, I would draw the Commissioner's attention to the unacceptable fact that it is apparently impossible to exclude a leading Danish bank, which has publicly admitted to having been involved in international money laundering, from bidding for public procurement contracts for municipal banking services<sup>1</sup>.

1. Does the Commission take the view that, under the rules in force, specifically with regard to procurement in the area of banking services for public authorities, it is possible to exclude banks that by their own admission have been involved in serious, systematic cases of money laundering?
2. If not, is the Commission intending to institute a change in the law so as to allow this?
3. Does the Commission take the view that it is justifiable for public funds to be managed by financial institutions that have been shown, and have themselves admitted, not to have had a sufficient grip on their own banking operations to prevent them from being used as a linchpin in what could well be Europe's biggest ever money-laundering scandal?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.berlingske.dk/virksomheder/eu-regler-spaender-ben-for-koebenhavnsk-opgoer-med-danske-bank>