

**Question for written answer E-003923/2019**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Granting subsidies for electric buses in Palma de Mallorca – Lack of recharging points

At the end of 2018, the Commission awarded funding to the tune of EUR 32.5 million to renew the fleet of buses run by the city council in Palma, the capital of Mallorca and of the Balearic Islands. The funding was allocated as part of the Investment Plan for Europe (the Juncker Plan)

to modernise the city's fleet via the purchase of electric buses to help hit EU CO2 emissions targets.

Press reports suggest, however, that although the investment has been made and the buses have been purchased, they cannot be used as there are not enough electric recharging points.

In the light of the foregoing:

1. What is the Commission's assessment of subsidies being awarded for transport innovation projects without local/regional/national authorities guaranteeing that the appropriate infrastructure will be in place to maintain and operate vehicles, as has been the case in Palma?
2. Was an impact assessment carried out with regard to the award of the subsidies concerned? What conclusions were drawn?