

**Question for written answer E-003521/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Rules for public tenders regarding business management services, as regulated by Directive 2014/23/EU

In 2011, 10 Danish municipalities and the Capital Region of Denmark jointly created the company Hovedstadens Letbane I/S (Capital Light Rail)<sup>1</sup> with the main objective of establishing a light rail route through the municipalities neighbouring Copenhagen.

The board of Hovedstadens Letbane acquired the services of Metroselskabet (a company known for establishing and operating the Copenhagen metro system and owned by the Danish state and the municipalities of Copenhagen and Frederiksberg<sup>2</sup>) to be the business manager and operator of the light rail system during its construction phase and its subsequent operation. This procurement took place without a public tender. The contract in question runs for 15 years and is worth approximately EUR 4 million (DKK 30 million) per year. The contract value for the duration of the business management contract will be approximately EUR 60 million (DKK 450 million).

Is the Commission of the opinion that a publicly owned company such as Hovedstadens Letbane is not required to launch a public tender for the task of business management of the light rail system, as regulated by Directive 2014/23/EU?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.dinletbane.dk/en/>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://m.dk/>.