

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1594/01
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to the Commission

Subject: Gare du Luxembourg, Brussels, and the free movement of services

The Société Nationale des Chemins de Fer Belge (SNCB) has awarded a contract to the AEL-GROUP T-TRACTABEL consortium to draw up designs relating to the 'Gare du Luxembourg' in Brussels in connection with construction of the projected D4 and D5 buildings in the Place du Luxembourg. The SNCB, acting in its capacity as owner, has applied to the Region of Brussels – Capital (municipality of Ixelles) for a planning certificate authorising the station renovation works (application registered on 28 April 1998) for which it is the contracting authority.

Council Directive 92/50/EEC¹ of 18 June 1992 relating to the coordination of procedures for the award of public service contracts must be respected by all contracting authorities within the meaning of Directive 71/305/EEC² and any obstacles to the free movement of services must be avoided.

Can the Commission establish whether the SNCB issued an invitation to tender for the provision of services concerning design and renovation work for the Gare du Luxembourg in accordance with the provisions of Directive 92/50/EEC?

¹ OJ L 209, 24.7.1992, p. 1.

² OJ L 185, 16.8.1971, p. 5.