

**Question for written answer P-005417/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Procurement and state aid rules

The Danish Government's proposal for a new procurement system covering land-based wind turbines, solar panels and offshore wind farms under the 'open door' procedure makes no exceptions from the general requirement regarding tendering, and nor are there any special arrangements for projects involving fewer than six turbines, which are usually an option under EU rules.

Can the Commission confirm that, under the 2014-2020 guidelines for state aid relating to the environment and energy, it is still possible, after 1 January 2017, for Denmark to support wind farm projects involving six turbines or fewer without the need for a tender procedure?

Can the Commission further confirm that, under the state aid rules, it will be possible for support to be provided to projects involving six turbines or fewer in line with the support scheme that was in place at the time those projects received planning permission – the final decision as regards regulatory approval in Denmark, even if a project is referred to the planning complaints board?

Can the Commission confirm that, under the state aid guidelines, it will not be possible for projects involving more than six turbines that have been given planning permission after 1 January 2017 to be granted aid under the support scheme that was in place at the time the land-use plan was received, if the projects in question have not – owing to delays in the processing of cases at the planning complaints board – been established before the current support scheme expires on 21 February 2018?