

**Priority question for written answer P-001025/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Tender procedure for beach concessions on state-owned land in the Municipality of Jesolo

On 12 February 2024, Jesolo Municipal Council (Venice) granted concessions on its beaches on the basis of an invitation to tender issued in accordance with Veneto Regional Law No 33/2002, which governs the procedure for issuing licences for concessions on state-owned land used for tourism.

Regional legislation has therefore been applied, but this is out of step with Directive 2006/123/EC (the 'Bolkestein Directive'), which it predates.

Furthermore, the invitation to tender issued by Jesolo Municipal Council was won by a big industrial group with which the previous concessionaires could not compete, despite being firmly implanted in the area. The impact on employment and social cohesion in a region is a key criterion for assessing whether a concessionaire can properly exploit a concession granted on state-owned land.

In view of the above:

1. Does the Commission consider the issuing of an invitation to tender which refers back to a regional law that predates the Bolkestein Directive to be in line with EU rules?
2. Does it not feel that exploiting employment potentials and the local business environment has to be an important factor to take into consideration when granting concessions on state-owned land?

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