

**Question for written answer E-002323/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Beach concessions

In recent months, debate on Directive 2006/123/EC (the ‘Bolkestein Directive’) has flared up once more. In response to the infringement proceedings opened by the Commission against Italy for violation of this directive, the country’s government has been seeking a solution to the controversial issue of beach concessions.

In particular, on 4 September 2024 the Council of Ministers approved a decree intended to resolve the issues arising from the abovementioned infringement procedure.

In view of this:

1. Does the Commission think the directive in question could be implemented differently for beach concessions or, alternatively, could be amended and/or supplemented?
2. How does it intend to safeguard the position of small and medium-sized business-owners in the sector, who risk being placed at a disadvantage in respect of possible large investors (multinationals, investment funds, etc.)?

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