

**Question for written answer E-003084/2024**

**to the Commission**

Rule 144

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Subject: Port of Fiumicino – a substantial concession that has not been through a European tender process

An environmental impact assessment<sup>1</sup> is being carried out for a private marina and cruise port in Fiumicino (Rome) which the Italian Government has included<sup>2</sup> among the Catholic Church's Jubilee projects. It will not be completed in time<sup>3</sup>, but it is still benefiting from expedited authorisation procedures.

The port is part of a state-owned maritime concession<sup>4</sup> that runs until 2100 and was obtained in 2010 by IP Iniziativa Portuale for a simple marina. Owing to financial troubles, the concession was put up for sale after authorities amended it in 2018 to include cruise activity. Fiumicino Waterfront bought it.

Now that cruise activity is included, the port's infrastructure and activities are enough to suggest that – if they are even appropriate at all – the concession in question should have been awarded by means of a special European tender.

According to press reports<sup>5</sup>, the cost of the port exceeds EUR 500 million, which alone is practically the same as the turnover that a concession must accrue over time to fall within the scope of Directive 2014/23/EU. That directive provides only for an agreement already in force to be amended in limited cases and without altering its general nature.

In view of the above:

1. Will the Commission investigate the matter further with a view to checking whether Directive 2014/23/EU is being upheld?
2. If Directive 2014/23/EU has not been upheld, what measures will it take?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://va.mite.gov.it/it-IT/Oggetti/Documentazione/10289/15169?pagina=1>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/giubileo-della-chiesa-cattolica-2025-il-dpcm-11062024-di-approvazione-degli-interventi-e>.

<sup>3</sup> The Jubilee ends on 6 January 2026.

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.cartainregola.it/idosier-2/progetto-porto-della-concordia-di-fiumicino-cronologia-e-materiali/>.

<sup>5</sup> <https://irpimedia.irpi.eu/porto-fiumicino-navi-crociera-royal-caribbean/>.