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SUBJECT: (please specify) Public procurement on the "Gronda di Genova"

TEXT:

Investment in transport infrastructure is an important tool to improve European competitiveness. Tourism in the north of Italy may greatly profit from projects like the "Gronda di Genova" (Genoa Bypass Project). The Italian government has notified to the Commission a plan to prolong existing concessions by 4 years without a prior public tender in relation to this motorway project.

The government argues that there is already a rightful concession holder for the Genoa Bypass. However, the "Gronda di Genova" project is entirely new and it will be an additional motorway compared to the existing ones (more connexion, higher costs, etc.). This project has therefore to be tendered or conceded anew.

Further, there is not one beneficiary of concessions but there are a variety of individual concessions granted at different times to several companies before they were consolidated in one single contract. Extending all concessions now would mean a general extension of 17 motorways without any tender process.

1. Is this procedure in line with the public procurement directives of the European Union?
2. What does the European Commission intend to do regarding these plans that present one of the biggest infrastructure projects in Europe?

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