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Subject: 5G tendering procedure in Portugal

The pandemic has amply demonstrated the essential need for reliable and high-speed connectivity everywhere if European social and economic structures are to be kept up and running through teleworking, distance learning and remote business management. It is therefore of the utmost importance to encourage competitiveness and private investment in 5G. Commissioner Breton has recently called on the Member States to speed up 5G spectrum allocation to encourage continued investment by operators. However, combining swift allocation with investment-friendly rules appears to be something of a challenge in Portugal.

1. Given that the Commission is seeking to achieve harmonised use of the 5G spectrum to help bridge the digital divide, what action is it taking to promote a level playing field and a competitive 5G tendering procedure in Portugal?
2. What measures can it take to ensure the non-discriminatory allocation and effective use of the spectrum?
3. How can the Commission ensure compliance with the principles of Union law, the EU Electronic Communications Code and state aid rules in upcoming 5G tendering procedures across Europe?