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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The Commission duly recognises and respects the autonomy of the Member States and their public authorities in the organisation and provision of public services, including through their own resources. Under EU law, Member States and competent public authorities remain free to decide how public services are organised and delivered, including whether to provide them directly, through in-house arrangements, through public-public, public-collective or public-private partnerships, or through other forms of organisation, provided that the applicable EU rules are respected, including the rules on the internal market, public procurement, including concessions, and competition, where applicable.
2. Any assessment of the above-mentioned management models would depend on the specific circumstances of the case and would need to be carried out in accordance with the applicable legal framework. Member States and competent national authorities are under a duty to ensure that specific projects or governance models are designed and implemented in compliance with EU law.