

**Question for written answer E-005291/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Improving the terms of award of public contracts

In 2014 the European Parliament passed a series of rules on public contracting and concessions. The intention is to allow greater latitude to the authorities when awarding contracts for works, goods or services, instead of simply going for the most competitive tender. For example, the rules introduce social or environmental criteria into tendering. Furthermore, the new rules make it easier for SMEs to submit bids and include stricter conditions for subcontracting.

This is an objective for the Member States and for the EU institutions themselves, which must comply with these requirements at the time of tendering.

Are the EU institutions fulfilling the new requirements in relation to awards of public contracts?

What social or environmental criteria do their invitations to tender include?