

**Question for written answer E-008482/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: The new Hungarian public procurement law

The Hungarian Government has proposed a motion regarding the new public procurement law. Although the explanatory statement of the draft refers to compliance with the EU expectations and argues to increase the openness and transparency of public procurement, the proposal fails to support these arguments. It increases the threshold for the tendering procedure two or threefold for when a bid is not made public, and calls for a bid from three arbitrarily chosen bidders. It allows certain bidders to be expelled for potentially false reasons, and does not provide sufficient guarantee against personalised public procurement tenders.

1. Do the above-mentioned provisions, legalising corruption, really reflect the expectations of the EU?
2. Is it more acceptable for the Commission that EU aid is stolen legally and not illegally in a Member State?
3. Does the Commission wish to take steps to protect European taxpayers' money if the law is accepted with the above-mentioned regulation?