Question for written answer E-003313/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 Merja Kyllönen (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Public Procurement Directive (2014/24/EU), country-specific book-keeping and reporting, and requirement to take the Directive as a criterion for invitations to tender

The Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning public procurement (2014/24/EU), the 'Public Procurement Directive', was adopted on 26 February 2014 as part of a broader package of directives relating to public procurement and concession contracts. Finland's Ministry of Employment and the Economy is finalising a package of procurement legislation to transpose the procurement directives, with the intention that it should enter into force at the end of 2016.

What implications does the Procurement Directive, which entered into force in April, have for Finland's national procurement law: does it still remain possible to adopt a national procurement law which enables tax avoidance to be tackled and good tax practices to be adopted as a criterion in future invitations to tender?