

**Question for written answer E-009218/2016**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Bodil Valero (Verts/ALE)**

Subject: Services and products provided by the EU SATCEN to civilian CSDP missions

The European Union Satellite Centre (SatCen) is an EU agency which exists to provide products and services in the context of the CSDP. It is funded by EU Member States and operates under the supervision of the Council's Political and Security Committee (PSC) and the operational direction of the VP/HR.

For the European Parliament as budgetary authority for the Community budget it is not clear whether an agreement or contract has been concluded with the CSDP structures in consultation with the Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI) or whether the rules of the Financial Regulation and the Procedures and Practical Guide (PRAG) have been respected.

1. Is it true that the contract has been signed without a prior public call for proposals?
2. Have commercial providers been contacted and/or considered prior to the signing of such a contract?
3. What is the amount of EU budget resources (budget line 19 03) already consumed as a result of this contract, and what is the annual and/or total financial volume envisaged by the contract?