

**Question for written answer E-003368/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Implementation of new EU rules on public procurement and concession contracts by individual Member States

Currently, public procurement accounts for about 19% of EU GDP and constitutes a very important aspect of public investment. It is also relevant for businesses, as it drives private sector investments and facilitates job creation.

Three new Directives (i.e. 2014/23/EU, 2014/24/EU and 2014/25/EU) concerning public procurement and concession contracts entered into force in April 2014. Their objective is primarily to simplify and speed up the awarding of public contracts. These new regulations shall make it easier and cheaper for small and medium-sized enterprises to participate in the awarding of public contracts.

Unfortunately, as it turned out in May 2016, as many as 21 Member States had failed to fully transpose at least one of these three Directives despite the expiry of the time limit laid down for that purpose. Therefore, the European Commission has sent a letter of formal notice to Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Spain, Ireland, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Latvia, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia and Sweden.

As 12 months have passed since then, where does the process of implementation of new EU rules concerning public procurement and concession contracts in individual Member States stand right now?