

**Question for written answer E-004875/2017  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Public procurement that feeds job insecurity

The state-run company AENA has just opened a public tender for the operation of some of the catering spaces at Barcelona's El Prat airport. This time, AENA has decided to break down a concession – which included more than 20 spaces, and had been in operation since 1976 with decent working conditions – into smaller lots, most likely under Article 46 of Directive 2014/24/EU on public procurement, to enable SMEs to access public contracts. However, the above Article is not mandatory unless Member States apply an additional regulation.

We are in favour of promoting SME participation in public contracts, but in this case, we do not see how a tender for which the annual rent is more than EUR 3 million per year is suited to SMEs.

A repercussion of the sector agreement being bypassed – as it has been in similar cases – is that some 400 workers will lose their current working conditions, which will be seriously deteriorated in the new posts if they are replaced.

Does the Commission endorse public companies making moves of that kind, which institutionalise the social dumping that is such a scourge in Spain?