

**Question for written answer E-001638/2018**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Public procurement procedures which foster social dumping

On 7 June 2017, the Commission allocated EUR 357 million under the Cohesion Fund to a project to build a bridge that will connect Dubrovnik to the rest of mainland Croatia from the northern coast of the Pelješac peninsula. European funds will cover 85% of the project costs.

The contract was awarded to the Chinese Road and Bridge Corporation, which offered a more competitive price than the European companies involved. Two consortia (Austrian company Strabag AG and an Italian-Turkish group Astaldi-CT) whose offers were rejected have brought legal actions claiming that contract award procedures were not complied with and that the outcome fosters social dumping.

Does the Commission intend to tighten up contract award procedures in order to address the issues of social dumping and unfair competition in public procurement?