

**Question for written answer E-4618/2010  
to the Commission**

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Subject: e-tendering as part of e-public procurement

Taking into account the Manchester Ministerial Declaration on e-government, which underlines the important role electronic public procurement can play in improving the internal market and competitiveness, fostering innovation and contributing to greater participation by SMEs in the market, and in the light of the preparations for the Eighth Framework Programme, which will soon begin; does the Commission consider that the development of e-tendering, as part of e-public procurement, could be included in the forthcoming work programme for the Eighth Framework Programme?

Does the Commission agree that e-tendering should be developed in an interoperable IT format which is accessible to everyone?