

**Question for written answer E-002844/2017**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Consistency of Ticino law on public procurement with multilateral and bilateral legislation

On 12 April 2017, the Grand Council of Ticino adopted a revised law on public procurement. Amongst other changes, the new law gives Swiss businesses preferential access to contracts below a given value and, if workers need to be hired, requires tenderers to approach the regional employment offices and hire local unemployed people with the necessary skills.

The new rules therefore appear to favour local businesses and workers to the detriment of fair competition, placing workers from neighbouring EU Member States at a disadvantage and raising concerns as to whether the rules comply with the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement and the relevant EU-Switzerland agreement, which has been in force since 2002.

- Will the Commission ascertain, at the earliest opportunity, whether the new law is consistent with the relevant multilateral and bilateral rules?
- If it is found to be discriminatory, what steps will the Commission take in order to ensure equal treatment for European workers?