

**Question for written answer E-006488/2018
to the Commission**

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Subject: Trade relations with Japan

Figures published by the Commission in 2012 revealed that only 28% of Japan's public procurement markets were potentially open to EU companies, whereas 85% of EU public procurement markets were open to Japanese companies. The Japan-EU Free Trade Agreement (JEFTA) is expected to increase marginally the degree of access EU companies enjoy to Japan's public procurement markets. However, I believe that reciprocity should be the foundation of our trade relations with Japan.

1. Can the Commission provide more information on how JEFTA may increase the degree of access EU companies enjoy to Japan's public procurement markets?
2. More generally, can it say how it is going to increase reciprocity in EU-Japan trade relations, particularly in the field of public procurement?