

**Question for written answer E-001928/2022**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
**Marc Tarabella (S&D)**

**Subject:** Implementation of social criteria at all stages of the public procurement procedure

Public procurement plays an essential role in local, regional, national and European economies. The transposition into national law of the 2014 EU Public Procurement Directive<sup>1</sup> was supposed to be an opening for companies in the social and solidarity economy. It should also have been of utmost importance to ensure respect and to better defend the rights of workers. It is in this spirit that the directive was passed by the European Parliament, which incorporated social criteria at all stages of the public procurement procedure.

1. Does the Commission intend to carry out an assessment of the current situation and can it assess, on the basis of this, whether the objective has been reached in terms of having facilitated the participation of small and medium-sized enterprises in public procurement?
2. Does it think that the objective of using public procurement in the service of common societal objectives is a good idea and that this goal can be achieved?
3. To this end, does it recommend that organisations put in place support tools, such as monitoring the proper execution of social and environmental clauses or regular reporting?

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<sup>1</sup> Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on public procurement and repealing Directive 2004/18/EC, OJ L 94, 28.3.2014, p. 65.