

**Question for written answer E-003237/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Public procurement

Union procurement law requires compliance with procedural principles such as transparency, equal treatment, non-discrimination of economic operators and neutrality with regard to product and origin.

1. Do those requirements of EU public procurement law apply only to economic operators from Member States of the European Union (or from countries which are parties to a free trade agreement with the Union), or are the above-mentioned procedural principles applicable to all economic operators worldwide?
2. Is it permissible for a municipality issuing an invitation to tender to exclude economic operators from countries outside the European Union from the award of the contract?
3. Is it permissible for an issuing municipality to exclude economic operators from the Union from the award procedure if their products are manufactured outside the Union or if they source their products/precursors from countries outside the Union (such as China or North Korea) where production standards do not comply with EU environmental law and where human rights are violated?