

**Question for written answer E-001002/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Public procurement and decent work – social partners: strengthening collective bargaining in publicly procured contracts (182/200)

The social partners UNI Europa and EFCI (the European Cleaning and Facility Services Industry) recently published a joint declaration that has a clear message for the Commission.

They call on the Commission to consider adjusting the public procurement rules as to (i) require Member States to exclude the use of the lowest price criterion in essential services and labour-intensive industries, (ii) ensure that contracts are only awarded to companies that adhere to collective agreements, (iii) include clauses on price-revision due to collective agreements and (iv) enable the promotion of collective bargaining through public procurement.

Considering the above, and the fact that the Minimum Wages Directive aims to enhance collective bargaining coverage to 80 % in Member States:

1. How will the Commission respond to this call from the social partners?
2. Will the Commission table a change in the rules to enable the promotion of collective bargaining through public procurement?
3. How will the Commission reconsider its current rules and strategy on social public procurement in order to put an end to the publicly financed race to the bottom in terms of working conditions that we are currently observing?

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