

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0273/02
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to the Commission

Subject: Preparation for the European Council meeting in Barcelona

The 2000 Lisbon European Council asked 'the Commission, the Council and the Member States, each in accordance with their respective powers, to conclude work in good time on the forthcoming proposals to update public procurement rules, in particular to make them accessible to SMEs, in order to allow the new rules to enter into force by 2002'. Will the new rules come into force this year?