

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0342/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Procedure for awarding contracts for projects financed by ISPA

Is it true that the procedure used for assessing tenders when awarding contracts for projects cofinanced by ISPA and the EBRD is the one laid down by the latter institution, despite the fact that the EBRD only finances a small proportion of each project?

How can the Commission ensure adequate supervision of the awarding of such contracts in the candidate countries (and especially Poland and Romania, where this type of situation has already arisen), bearing in mind that the EBRD procedures are deemed less restrictive and transparent than those which ISPA applies to the other projects it finances?

Why does the Commission not apply its own assessment and selection procedures, which are subject to the control of other Community institutions? Why does it elect to follow the procedures of third party institutions?