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to the Commission
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Subject: Public procurement strategy of the EU institutions

In the light of the public procurement directive (COM(2011)0896) currently being discussed by Parliament, the issue of public procurement now requires increasing public attention. Due to several new challenges, there is a need to strengthen anti-discrimination and transparency, as well as the efficient use of public funding. The EU institutions should take the lead in demonstrating how to abide by these basic principles in public procurement, by carrying out their own public procurement activities according to these rules.

- How does the procurement of telecommunications tools (e.g. smartphones, tablets, laptops) operate within the EU institutions?
- How transparent is the process of public procurement? Is this process open only to a selected group of bidders, or is the call for tenders published in the Official Journal of the European Union?
- As far as the restricted procedure is concerned, what are the main principles under which providers are invited to participate?
- What are the main selection criteria employed when evaluating tenders?
- Does the Commission take into account the number of jobs a potential bidder would provide in a Member State when deciding on the preferred bidder?