

**Question for written answer P-003387/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Award criteria for public procurement contracts for the construction of roads and motorways in EU Member States

I am a Member of Parliament's Transport and Tourism Committee. For a long time now, many people have been asking me to specify what criteria are taken into consideration in the EU Member States when evaluating tenders for public procurement contracts for: (a) the execution of construction work in relation to roads and motorways, and (b) the design and execution of construction work in relation to roads and motorways.

Such information, relating as it does to the implementation of investment projects which draw on EU funds, should be subject to regular scrutiny from the Commission. In this connection, could the Commission please say in detail what the aforementioned criteria for tenders are? Is the only criterion which the contracting authorities take into account the lowest price, or are public procurement contracts awarded by selecting which tender represents the best value for money, i.e. not only according to which tender offers the lowest price? If other criteria are taken into account, what are they and how much importance is attached to these criteria, i.e. how do these criteria affect the outcome of the bidding procedure?

Are there any special rules in other EU Member States relating to public procurement contracts for the construction of roads and motorways and for the design and construction of roads and motorways?