

**Priority question for written answer P-002129/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Implementation of Directive 2014/24/EU (Public Procurement Directive) – Increase of thresholds for public contracts

For 28 years, the thresholds for the Union-wide award of public contracts under Directive 2014/24/EU have remained virtually unchanged: The strong increase in the price of construction services in recent years as well as the current surge in inflation mean that, even for smaller construction and procurement projects, suppliers have to be sought across the Union in an arduous procedure. The administrative effort and costs involved for both public contracting authorities and the often medium-sized contractors are completely out of proportion.

1. Does the Commission intend, in the long term, to work towards a significant increase in the thresholds at WTO level within the framework of the Agreement on Government Procurement, with a view, ultimately, to making it possible to increase the Union-wide thresholds as well?
2. Does the Commission intend to extend special rules for social services (currently EUR 750 000) to planning services by engineers and architects (approximately 26 % of total construction costs), to obviate the need for a Union-wide call for tenders even for small construction projects?

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