

**Question for written answer E-001519/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Security and integrity of electronic platforms for public invitations to tender in Sicily

Serious doubts have recently been raised as to the security and integrity of the electronic platforms used for public invitations to tender in the wake of an investigation into cases of corruption¹ at the ARNAS Civico hospital in Palermo, in which a public official allegedly told a company how to change its bid to get around checks by the electronic platform used for the procedure².

The digital platforms used for tenders³ by almost all Sicilian public bodies⁴ present vulnerabilities that pose a significant risk to the transparency, fair competition and efficiency of the European internal market.

Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on public procurement lays down clear obligations on the transparency, integrity and security of electronic procurement procedures.

In light of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Is it aware of the IT vulnerabilities and security flaws in the electronic platforms used to manage invitations to tender, such as those that recently emerged in Sicily?
2. What does it intend to do to ensure that electronic procedures for public tenders are truly secure, transparent and tamper-proof?

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¹ <https://livesicilia.it/palermo-soldi-viaggi-rosticceria-corruzione-medici-migliore-talarico/>.

² <https://www.rainews.it/tgr/sicilia/articoli/2025/04/inchiesta-sulla-sanita-a-palermo-sospesi-medici-e-imprenditori-78f95047-d689-40f0-a998-23944c31dbf1.html>.

³ https://opentender.eu/it/authority/IT_body_d39881f479c647a947466950bdabe3b9996c7ad8472749d61ece62137fb9c098.

⁴ <https://qds.it/appalti-ombre-piattaforme-informatiche-arnas-offerta-modificata-anno-dopo-presentazione/>.