

Question for written answer E-004390/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Revision of the public procurement directives

The green, digital and security transition requires a faster rollout of critical infrastructure, including energy, climate and traditional infrastructure. The lack of flexibility in the EU's public procurement directives, however, means that even minor but necessary changes occurring during and after the procurement process require cancellation and re-tendering. This can result in significant delays and drive up costs, thereby hampering the EU's climate ambitions and competitiveness. The Commission itself has recognised the need for a more 'agile and proportionate' set of rules in its own evaluation of the public procurement directives (October 2025). According to the Commission's work programme for 2026, a revision of the Procurement Directive is expected in the second quarter of 2026.

In the light of the foregoing:

1. Does the Commission acknowledge the fact that the current lack of flexibility in the procurement rules on contract modifications might result in delays to construction and civil engineering projects, as well as to energy infrastructure projects, with negative consequences for the economy and the climate?
2. Is the Commission planning to propose amendments to enable contracting entities – both during the procurement process and after the contract has been awarded – to make proportionate changes to projects without having to reopen the tendering process, while also maintaining transparency and fair competition?
3. If the Commission is not planning to increase flexibility in this area, what are the reasons behind that decision?

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