

**Question for written answer E-004766/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Telecommunications cybersecurity contract

In late November 2025, the Spanish Government declared that the tender for the central administration's cybersecurity contract had been unsuccessful. The tender – to cover the interconnection of central administration data centres and the provision of cybersecurity services – attracted only one bid.

Yet the government excluded that bid because one of the companies involved had more than 50 employees but did not have a registered an equality plan. Months earlier, for the same reason, the Government disqualified another company that had already been declared the winner of the same tender.

Spain is one of the Member States most exposed to hybrid threats and cyberattacks. The contract, which could prove critical to the cybersecurity of the Spanish central administration, will now be delayed by several more months. In view of the above:

1. Is the Commission concerned that a project of this scale, which is vital to the cybersecurity of the Spanish administration, is facing months of delay?
2. Does it believe that mandatory registration of an equality plan by bidding companies is important to safeguarding a country's cybersecurity?

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