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Subject: Purchase and commissioning of radiotherapy equipment in the Autonomous Community of Valencia

In November 2022, the health authorities of the Autonomous Community of Valencia awarded a contract of more than EUR 4 million for the purchase of three mobile electron accelerators for intraoperative radiotherapy in breast cancer, with the aim of improving local accessibility in hospitals in Valencia, Elche and Castellón, setting a delivery time of six months. Long after that deadline, only one of the three machines is operational.

This state of affairs creates unacceptable inequalities in access to quality cancer treatment. Europe's Beating Cancer Plan and the Commission's latest report recognises that inequality between countries and between regions remains in access to timely diagnostics and treatments, undermining standards of care and territorial fairness within the Union.

In view of the above:

1. How is the Commission monitoring regional inequalities in access to cancer diagnoses and treatment in practice, and what measures is it taking to address them?
2. What instruments can the Commission use to take action when public procurement procedures for medical devices subject to EU law lead to significant delays that may exacerbate territorial inequalities in cancer care?

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