

**Question for written answer E-004913/2025
to the Commission**

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Subject: Return Detention Centre in Albania and compliance with EU legislation

On 6 May 2024, a EUR 133 million contract for the operation of the Return Detention Centre (CPR) in Gjadër, Albania¹, was awarded through a negotiated procedure without a call for tenders, following an expression of interest involving 30 entities. ActionAid reported the procedure to the National Anti-Corruption Authority (ANAC), pointing out its flaws, in particular, the failure to verify cross-border interest, which would have required an open and more transparent tender process².

The Commission wrote that it was monitoring the implementation of the protocol and its compatibility with Directive 2008/115/EC³.

Once again, the problems caused by externalising migration policies need to be highlighted. In view of the above:

1. Does the contract award procedure conform with Directive 2014/24/EU on public procurement?
2. What are the results of the monitoring of the implementation of the protocol?

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¹ https://www1.prefettura.it/FILES/AllegatiPag/1199/Dichiarazione_efficacia_aggiudicazione_Firmato.pdf.

² <https://trattenuti.actionaid.it/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Trattenuti-focus-01.pdf>.

³ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-002653-ASW_EN.html.