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The public procurement Directives¹ rules regulate in a comprehensive way various aspects of public procurement procedures. As they are Directives, they leave a certain degree of discretion for EU Member States on how to transpose the rules into their national laws and ensure effective implementation. Furthermore, these rules are implemented by some 250 000 public procurement buyers in the EU. These elements may generate differences in the implementation of the rules. The indicators of the Single Market Scoreboard on public procurement provide some basic but clear indications on these differences².

Beside addressing serious legal inconsistencies through its enforcement action and the opening of infringement procedures, the Commission discusses the implementation of EU public procurement rules with the government experts of the Member States in regular meetings throughout the year³. Currently, the Commission is starting an evaluation of the 2014 Directives⁴. The objective is to assess to what extent the current Directives have been effective, efficient, relevant, coherent and have provided an EU added value; the evaluation is expected to provide useful insights, including some detailed statistics on implementation per Member State.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32014L0023>; <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32014L0024>; <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32014L0025>

² https://single-market-scoreboard.ec.europa.eu/business-framework-conditions/public-procurement_en

³ <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/expert-groups-register/screen/expert-groups/consult?lang=en&do=groupDetail.groupDetail&groupID=2679>

⁴ https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14427-Public-procurement-directives-evaluation_en