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**Question for written answer E-001225/25
to the Commission
Siegbert Frank Droese (ESN)
(24 March 2025)**

Subject: Container port in Lamu, Kenya

What does the Commission make of the fact that EU tenderers lost out in the call for tenders for the container port in Lamu, Kenya — especially after leaders in Kenya criticised ubiquitous EU requirements regarding ‘values’ and supply chains?

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**Answer given by Mr Šefčovič on behalf of the European Commission
(14 May 2025)**

Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) had published an open competitive international tender in September 2023 for a 30-year concession contract for the development and operation of port assets for Mombasa Port Berth 11-14 and Mombasa Container Terminal 1, together with Lamu Port Container Terminal Berth 1-3 and Lamu Special Economic Zone. However, this process was on hold due to a legal case. This litigation has now been resolved and KPA intends to resume the tender process. At this time, no competitive tender has been re-issued for Lamu container port. Kenya is not a Member of the Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA) and has no commitments to accept EU bidders. Currently we have no information on the conditions of participation to this tender that has not been launched.
