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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Ribera
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission could investigate this matter if there are concrete indications of a potential infringement of Article 102 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ('TFEU'), which prohibits abuses of a dominant position. However, as the situations reported by the Honourable Member seem to be local and primarily affecting only Cyprus, the national competition authority of Cyprus (the Commission for the Protection of Competition) would seem to be better placed to investigate this matter. The Commission notes, however, that Article 102 TFEU, and the equivalent national rules, apply only to abuses by dominant companies and that – based on the information provided in the question – it is not evident that these conditions are fulfilled.

Whether applying the conditions mentioned by the Honourable Member for the award of public construction projects are legitimate depends on the specific circumstances of each case and cannot be answered in general. Likewise, the Commission has insufficient information at its disposal to speculate how competition in this area could be improved.