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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission agrees with the Honourable Member that flexibility for contracting authorities is important across the different phases of procurement, from planning to execution. The Commission has announced a revision of the EU public procurement Directives for the second quarter of 2026. As part of this revision, the Commission intends to assess to what extent contracting authorities should enjoy more flexibility in tendering. To prepare this revision, the Commission will carry out an impact assessment to ensure that any proposed measure achieves its intended objectives, including simplification, and has launched a public consultation that is open until 26 January 2026¹. The Commission's proposal will be informed by the impact assessment. The Commission is not in a position at this stage to commit to any possible aspect of its forthcoming proposals.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/15492-EU-public-procurement-rules-revision_en.