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**Question for written answer E-000635/26
to the Commission
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Subject: Strengthening transparency and performance in EU public procurement and expenditure reporting

How does the Commission ensure confidence that public funds are spent appropriately where there is no systematic or mandated linkage between procurement award data and subsequent payment data at national or EU level?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné on behalf of the European Commission
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The current Public Procurement Directives ⁽¹⁾ primarily regulate the procurement process up to the award of contracts, leaving post-award contract management and payment data largely outside their scope.

As part of the announced revision of the Public Procurement Directives, the Commission will explore means to enable better monitoring, reduce fraud risks and enhance transparency in public spending.

Under the current framework at both national and EU level, there is an obligation to publish a contract award notice with the results of the procurement procedure which also contain the value of the contract awarded.

This publicity requirement is also applicable in case of subsequent modification of the contract during its execution. Contractual payments are made in accordance with the published values of the award or modification of the contracts.

They are also subject to satisfactory performance of the contract and approval of deliverables. Consequently, payments may be reduced for delays of delivery, low quality or under-performance, or in other cases involving a breach of contract.

Information on the recipients of funding from the EU budget is available in the Financial Transparency System ⁽²⁾ including the total amount of budgetary commitments for procurement contracts and grants implemented directly by the Commission (at headquarters or in EU delegations to non-EU countries) and other EU bodies such as executive agencies (direct management) or implemented indirectly by other international organisations or non-EU countries (indirect management), and beneficiaries of the European Regional Development Fund ⁽³⁾.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2014/23/oj>, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2014/24/oj>, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2014/25/oj>.

⁽²⁾ <https://ec.europa.eu/budget/financial-transparency-system/index.html>.

⁽³⁾ https://commission.europa.eu/funding-tenders/find-funding/eu-funding-programmes/european-regional-development-fund-erdf_en;
<https://kohesio.ec.europa.eu/en/beneficiaries>.