

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-000637/26
to the Commission
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Subject: Strengthening transparency and performance in EU public procurement and expenditure reporting

1. Are there legal or regulatory constraints under EU law — including data protection or financial regulation frameworks — that limit the processing or sharing of procurement-related payment data for transparency and analytical purposes?
2. If so, does the Commission intend to clarify or propose amendments to facilitate secure data use?
3. In addition, will the Commission consider promoting more outcome-focused or performance-based procurement models that link payments and evaluations to measurable results rather than procedural compliance alone?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné on behalf of the European Commission
(7 April 2026)**

The Public Procurement Directives ⁽¹⁾ mandate the publication of contract awards and tender documents but allow redactions for trade secrets or personal data. The directives do not touch upon transactional data like invoices to increase transparency.

In preparing the proposal for a Public Procurement Act, announced for the second quarter of 2026, the Commission is exploring how to improve secure data exchange and use as well as performance-based monitoring.

The Public Procurement Directives do not curtail the possibilities of contracting authorities or entities to use outcome-focused or performance-based procurement models.

They can be used in all procedures under those Directives. In all cases, payment requires the fulfilment of the obligations enshrined in the contract, the delivery of the goods or services in the form and with the quality required by the contracting authority or entity.

In its Single Market Strategy ⁽²⁾, the Commission committed to mainstream the use of sustainability, resilience and social criteria throughout the procurement process.

Moreover, as announced in the Circular Economy Action Plan ⁽³⁾, the Commission has been proposing minimum mandatory Green Public Procurement criteria and targets in sectoral legislation.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:02014L0023-20260101>;
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:02014L0024-20260101>;
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:02014L0025-20260101>.

⁽²⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52015DC0550>.

⁽³⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52020DC0098>.