

**Question for written answer E-004097/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Revising public procurement legislation to stop the publicly financed race to the bottom on working conditions

On 5 December 2022, the Commission received an open letter from UNI Europa, the European Services Workers Union. The letter was supported by several MEPs from different political groups and called for a clear political undertaking to ensure that companies can only be awarded public contracts if they have implemented collective agreements. It also called for a swift legislative initiative.

This call reflects the fact that public contracts too often bring about precarious and unfair working conditions for the people working on them.

In the light of this:

1. When will the Commission respond to the open letter?
2. How does the Commission aim to stop the publicly financed race to the bottom on working conditions that we are currently witnessing?
3. How will the Commission ensure that public procurement legislation can require companies to follow a generally non-binding multi-employer collective agreement if they apply for a public tender, or alternatively, how will it ensure that authorities can give preference to a company-level collective agreement when awarding public contracts?

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