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BUSINESSEUROPE DISAPPOINTED WITH EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT STANCE ON PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REFORM

Markus Beyrer, Director General of BUSINESSEUROPE said: *“Today’s European Parliament vote represents a big step backwards in the aim of simplifying public procurement legislation and puts at risk the important principles of transparency, market openness and strong competition”.*

BUSINESSEUROPE has from the outset opposed a major overhaul of the current legislative framework but supports simplification efforts that preserve the openness of Europe’s public procurement market and do not give way to discrimination.

In particular BUSINESSEUROPE is concerned about the Parliament’s position on the strategic use of public procurement towards social goals, going beyond the scope of the Commission’s proposal in this area, and the various provisions that restrict the participation of private enterprises in the public procurement market.

Accounting for approximately 18% of EU GDP, public procurement plays an essential role in the European economy and is vital in enabling European industry to grow stronger and more competitive.

NOTE TO THE EDITOR

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