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In its 2026 Work Programme, the Commission announced a Public Procurement Act. The foreseen adoption date for the legislative proposal was Q2. The Commission had indicated a timing of 1 July, but that has slipped to 9 September.

In the "One Europe, One Market" roadmap, signed by the Presidents of Parliament and the Commission and the Council Presidency on 24 April 2026, the date of Q2 2026 for the presentation of the proposal, as in the 2026 CWP, is reiterated. A target date for conclusion of negotiations is set at Q4 2027.

The EU's horizontal legal framework for public procurement seeks to harmonise rules and procedures applied when awarding contracts. It consists of Directive 2014/24/EU defining generally applicable public procurement rules, Directive 2014/25/EU on procurement by entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors, and Directive 2014/23/EU on the award of concession contracts. These directives apply to tenders whose contract value is above specific thresholds (e.g. €5 382 000 currently for public works). National rules, which must comply with the general principles set out in the directives, apply below these thresholds.

In her political guidelines, Commission President von der Leyen promised a revision of the public procurement legislation. She flagged that the revision "will enable preference to be given to European products in public procurement for certain strategic sectors". In her 2025 State of the Union address, President von der Leyen again promised to "introduce a 'made in Europe' criteria in public procurement".

In its Single Market Strategy, adopted in May 2025, the Commission promised that revision of the public procurement legislation will simplify "overly complex EU rules". It foresaw, as a concrete action for 2026, revising the legislation "to centralise and streamline its fragmented and complex provisions, and to mainstream the use of sustainability, resilience, social and, in certain technologies and strategic sectors, European preference criteria in EU public procurement while ensuring competitive tenders".

On 14 October 2025, the Commission published an evaluation of the current horizontal procurement directives. This evaluation was presented to the IMCO Committee on 11 November 2025. The evaluation was supported by a public consultation, and on 3 November 2025 the Commission opened a further consultation to gather views for the forthcoming revision. This consultation ran until 26 January 2026.

On 9 September 2025, Parliament adopted a resolution on public procurement with 432 votes in favour, 95 against and 124 abstentions. The resolution calls for revising the EU's public procurement framework to strengthen competitiveness, support a more sustainable economy, enhance the EU's resilience and advance digitalisation. It emphasises that although the reform which led to the current horizontal framework (Directives 2014/23/EU, 2014/24/EU and 2014/25/EU) aimed to simplify procedures, enhance transparency and promote the participation of SMEs, challenges remain in transparency, efficiency, the broader use and alignment of non-price criteria, and the prevention of fraud and corruption. The resolution stresses that targeted reform is needed to unlock the true potential of public procurement at EU level.

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