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Following raids by the Federal Competition Authority on waste companies the vida services union has renewed calls for a collective agreement for the sector and stricter procurement criteria. The union says that discussions about a collective agreement have been going on for more than 10 years and that it is time for those responsible to finally take the final step. However, the union argues that there is also an urgent need for binding criteria for the award of contracts based on the best bidder principle rather than lowest price. This would mean specifying issues such as the sustainability of the industry, the latest technical and, above all, the situation of the employees, all crucial to a sector, vida argues, that is an essential part of public services.

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