



Commissioner Barnier
DG Internal Market and Services
European Commission
B-1049 Brussels
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Dear Commissioner Barnier,

Evaluation of the impact and effectiveness of EU Procurement legislation and policy

Please find attached an initial contribution to the EU Commission's ongoing evaluation of the impact and effectiveness of EU procurement legislation and policy.

This contribution has been produced by a working group involving trade unions and social and environmental NGO's as indicated by the logos above, who have worked together for some time on policy issues related to public procurement.

This initial input focuses on concerns we have that there are glaring inconsistencies between internal market policies influencing public procurement and wider social and sustainability policy objectives and commitments of the EU.

We would urge the EU Commission to use the evaluation process to assess how these inconsistencies can be remedied, and how public procurement legislation and policy will have to be amended to better reflect wider legislative, policy and Treaty commitments in these areas.

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Clearly, we would be happy to discuss these issues with you and your colleagues in more detail, and to work with you at a more detailed technical level towards finding practical ways of resolving some of these concerns. We also hope that we will be invited to any hearings or seminars arranged as the evaluation and onward work in this area develops.

We look forward to an ongoing dialogue on the development of procurement policy.

Yours Sincerely

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