

## **Topic title: International Procurement Instrument**

### **Brief description and main aims:**

In a context where the European public procurement market is very open to the rest of the world, whereas in contrast, European enterprises face various barriers in many third countries, in January 2016, the European Commission presented a proposal to discourage discrimination against EU companies by providing price penalties for tenders originating in countries with restrictive or discriminatory measures or practices against EU operators.

### **Why FIEC is dealing with this issue/topic and their objective(s):**

However, this proposal gives the European Commission exclusive and discretionary powers to start investigations and take action in this field.

Restrictive measures concerning abnormally low tenders are also ruled out from this mechanism.

Consequently, FIEC and EIC advocated for the withdrawal of this legislative proposal.

### **Actions and key dates :**

**January 2016** – European Commission's (amended) proposal

**February 2016** – FIEC / EIC joint position paper

**June 2018** – FIEC / EIC joint voting recommendations to the European Parliament (INTA)



## **FIEC/ EIC/ EuDA joint voting recommendations**

**for the**

**amended proposal for a "market access" regulation**  
(also known as "international procurement instrument, IPI")

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