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BIBM recommendations for Triologue negotiations on Public procurement

BIBM has taken note of the European Parliament's report on the Public Procurement Directive prepared by Marc Tarabella MEP.

Ahead of the Triologue negotiations, among the European Commission, the European Parliament's IMCO Committee and the Council of the European Union, BIBM would like to raise some points which, it believes, in the interest of the European Precast Concrete Industry.

BIBM welcomes

- the elimination of the "lowest cost principle"
- naming the proposed subcontractors in the contract
- measures aimed at facilitating SMEs access to finance and reducing administrative burden
- whole life-cycle considerations when deciding the best value for money offer

BIBM strongly supports:

- the inclusion of "direct payment" of subcontractors by the contracting authority
- no further reduction on time limits to express interest

In particular to "direct payments", BIBM believes that without a mandatory regulation in the present EU Directive, national authorities will fail to include this principle into their national law.

BIBM believes that the imposition of electronic publication of bids will remove barriers to access and it will successfully reduce cost. However, BIBM agrees that the whole procedure of public procurement cannot be done electronically.

Finally, BIBM strongly support the innovation partnership, the new procedure for the purchase of innovative products, works and services and believes that **fostering innovation** is one of main driver to achieve Europe 2020 targets.

BIBM (from the French acronym "Bureau International du Béton Manufacturé") is the European Federation of Precast Concrete Industry, established in 1954, represents the interest of precast concrete industry of 17 European countries with a combined industry turnover of 26 billion Euro, directly employing approximately 210,000 European citizens.