

**Targeted consultation**  
**Business Europe/ EUROCHAMBRES – Summary**  
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The participants welcomed the Commission's work on an instrument addressing the distortive impacts of foreign subsidies in the internal market.

The importance of public procurement for their members was stressed. Public procurement is more relevant for SMEs in the supply chain.

Concerning the question of applicable thresholds, the participants expressed the view that it would be difficult to unify the different views, however an approach to find a balance between capturing the most significant subsidised bids and not overburdening the business side seems to be the right one.

Regarding potential compliance costs relating to notification measures and the follow-up to an investigation process, the feedback received from members of the participants' organisations was limited, due to the difficulties relating to this kind of assessment, e.g. variety of different cases and a lack of empirical data and of detail on envisaged procedures. Some main concerns include:

- obtaining, processing and transmitting data about foreign subsidies to contracting authorities for subcontractors or suppliers would increase time constraints, especially taking into consideration the wide range and complexity of modern supply chains;
- in case of investigations, the potential administrative burden would be different with a view to the complexity of the relevant case.

From the limited feedback provided, compliance costs seem to vary between two working days per tender for notification requirements and to three working days for investigation requirements.

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