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Subject: SI/2/2021/AMF on the transparency of the EU portal for managing tenders for contracts awarded by EU institutions

Dear Ms O'Reilly,

Thank you for your letter dated 17 June and your interest in the TED website and for your valuable suggestions for improvement.

The Publications Office is very much committed to improving access to public procurement information, namely that of the European Institutions. Indeed, the Office has been publishing a list of the contracts awarded by EU institutions on the TED website since 2016. We have also been studying ways to display this information in a user-friendly manner. This depends heavily on the quality of the underlying published data, as data visualisations can make quality issues of received and published data more evident. As soon as we find a solution to this challenge, we will be glad to share the information published in TED in a graphical manner.

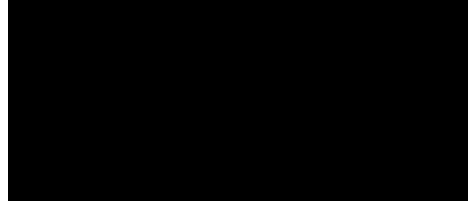
I would further like to inform you that in May 2021 the Publications Office launched a call for tenders in view of the development of a new TED website. The Office is also preparing a new call for tenders for the development of a new TED eTendering website. Both sites will include improvements aiming at providing better search and display of procurement information – and thus contribute to enhanced transparency and accountability of EU spending.

We also expect to make information on contracts awarded by different EU institutions more accessible to the wider public. I am particularly glad to hear your suggestion for a dedicated page on the TED site containing the relevant links to the lists of awarded contracts above 15 000 EUR that may exist and are published by EU institutions, as this is indeed in line with our own thoughts for features for the future sites.



I trust that the developments foreseen will meet the aspirations of the European Ombudsman. I would welcome any further suggestions that you may have.

Yours sincerely,



António Carneiro