

**Belgium-Brussels: Study on competition and market outcomes in the telecoms sector**

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: European Commission, Directorate-General for Competition

Postal address: MADO

Town: Brussels

Postal code: 1049

Country: Belgium

E-mail: [comp-c1-tender@ec.europa.eu](mailto:comp-c1-tender@ec.europa.eu)**Internet address(es):**General address of the contracting authority: [http://ec.europa.eu/competition/index\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/competition/index_en.html)**Additional information can be obtained from:**

the abovementioned address

**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:**

the abovementioned address

**Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted:** Official name: European Commission, Directorate-General for Competition, Directorate C

Postal address: Office: MADO 27/048

Town: Brussels

Postal code: 1049

Country: Belgium

Internet address: [http://ec.europa.eu/competition/calls/tenders\\_open.html](http://ec.europa.eu/competition/calls/tenders_open.html)**I.2. Type of the contracting authority**

European institution/agency or international organisation

**I.3. Main activity**

General public services

**I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities**

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no

**Section II: Object of the contract**

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**II.1. Description****II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority**

Study on competition and market outcomes in the telecoms sector.

**II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery**

Services

Service category No 10: Market research and public opinion polling services

Main site or place of performance: The place of performance of the tasks shall be the contractor's premises or any other place indicated in the tender, with the exception of the Commission's premises. Meetings and presentations may take place in the Commission's premises.

NUTS code

### **II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The notice involves a public contract

### **II.1.4. Information about framework agreement**

### **II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

The purpose of the contract is to identify, quantify and explain, on the basis of sound economic theory and econometric techniques, the effects of competition, as proxied by different competition indicators, on market outcomes in the telecoms sector. The study will be divided into 2 phases: 1) first phase, to identify and test a methodology for the econometric analysis to be carried out; and 2) second phase, to identify, quantify and explain the causal relationship between competition and market outcomes, to be carried out by using the methodology identified in the first phase of the study.

### **II.1.6. CPV code(s)**

79310000 Market research services

### **II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

### **II.1.8. Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

### **II.1.9. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

## **II.2. Scope of the procurement**

### **II.2.1. Total quantity or scope**

The budget of the contract, including all costs (including the cost of data gathering), travel and incidental expenses, cannot exceed any of the following amounts:

— 415 000 EUR for its total duration,

— 100 000 EUR for the total duration of the first phase of the study,

— 315 000 EUR for the total duration of the second phase of the study.

The tenderer should however be aware that the contract will be awarded to the tender offering the best value for money.

### **II.2.2. Information about options**

Options: no

### **II.2.3. Information about renewals**

This contract is subject to renewal: no

## **II.3. Duration of the contract or time limit for completion**

Duration in months: 13 (from the award of the contract)

## **Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

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### **III.1. Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required**

Please refer to tender documents.

#### **III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them**

Please refer to tender documents.

#### **III.1.3. Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded**

#### **III.1.4. Contract performance conditions**

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: no

### **III.2. Conditions for participation**

#### **III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions: Please refer to tender documents.

#### **III.2.2. Economic and financial ability**

List and brief description of conditions: Please refer to tender documents.

#### **III.2.3. Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of conditions:

Please refer to tender documents.

#### **III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts**

### **III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts**

#### **III.3.1. Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

#### **III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract: yes

## **Section IV: Procedure**

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### **IV.1. Type of procedure**

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Open

#### **IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

#### **IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**

### **IV.2. Award criteria**

#### **IV.2.1. Award criteria**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction will be used: no

#### **IV.3. Administrative information**

##### **IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority**

COMP/2015/003.

##### **IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure**

no

##### **IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**

##### **IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

5.10.2015

##### **IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

##### **IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

Any EU official language

##### **IV.3.7. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

##### **IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date: 15.10.2015

Place:

European Commission, DG Competition, place Madou 1, 1210 Saint-Josse-ten-Noode, BELGIUM.

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: yes

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure: 1 representative of each tenderer may attend the opening of the tenders. Companies wishing to attend are requested to notify their intention by sending an e-mail at least 48 hours in advance to [comp-c1-tender@ec.europa.eu](mailto:comp-c1-tender@ec.europa.eu)

#### **Section VI: Complementary information**

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##### **VI.1. Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

##### **VI.2. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: no

##### **VI.3. Additional information**

Tender documents will be available for download at the address indicated under heading I.1.

The website will be updated regularly and it is the tenderers' responsibility to check for updates and modifications during the tendering period.

##### **VI.4. Procedures for review**

###### **VI.4.1. Review body**

Official name: General Court  
Postal address: rue du Fort Niedergrünewald  
Town: Luxembourg  
Postal code: 2925  
Country: Luxembourg  
E-mail: [generalcourt.registry@curia.europa.eu](mailto:generalcourt.registry@curia.europa.eu)  
Telephone: +352 4303-1  
Fax: +352 4303-2100  
Internet address: <http://curia.europa.eu>

#### **VI.4.2. Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: You may submit any observations concerning the award procedure to the contracting authority indicated under heading I.1. If you believe that there was maladministration, you may lodge a complaint to the European Ombudsman within 2 years of the date when you became aware of the facts on which the complaint is based (see <http://ombudsman.europa.eu>). Such complaint does not have as an effect either to suspend the time limit to launch an appeal or to open a new period for lodging an appeal. Within 2 months of the notification of the award decision you may lodge an appeal to the body referred to in VI.4.1.

#### **VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

#### **VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

16.7.2015