

**Belgium-Brussels: Study on New Developments in Card-based Payment Markets, Including as Regards Relevant Aspects of the Application of the Interchange Fee Regulation**

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Contract award notice

Services

**Legal Basis:**

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: European Commission, Directorate-General for Competition (COMP)

Postal address: Madouplein 1

Town: Brussels

NUTS code: BE100 Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad

Postal code: 1049

Country: Belgium

E-mail: [comp-d1-mail@ec.europa.eu](mailto:comp-d1-mail@ec.europa.eu)**Internet address(es):**Main address: [https://ec.europa.eu/competition-policy/index\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/competition-policy/index_en)**I.4. Type of the contracting authority**

European institution/agency or international organisation

**I.5. Main activity**

General public services

**Section II: Object**

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**II.1. Scope of the procurement****II.1.1. Title**

Study on New Developments in Card-based Payment Markets, Including as Regards Relevant Aspects of the Application of the Interchange Fee Regulation

Reference number: COMP/2022/OP/0002

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

79300000 Market and economic research; polling and statistics

**II.1.3. Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4. Short description**

The subject of this call for tenders is a study on new market developments in card-based payment markets, including on digital solutions such as mobile wallets that rely on cards for payment transactions. The study will also provide a detailed assessment of key elements of the conclusions and recommendations of the Commission Report to the European Parliament and the Council of 29 June 2020 on the effects of the Interchange Fees Regulation, as identified below. The study shall provide the contracting authority with updated insights concerning the impact of the Regulation as regards the following topics:

- (a) payment market developments and trends;
- (b) fees and costs: merchant service charges (MSCs) and their components;
- (c) the prevalence of unblended fee schedules offered by acquirers;
- (d) co-badging for digital wallets or wearables and choice of application.

#### **II.1.6. Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

#### **II.1.7. Total value of the procurement**

Value excluding VAT: 500 000,00 EUR

### **II.2. Description**

#### **II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

79300000 Market and economic research; polling and statistics

#### **II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: BE100 Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad

Main site or place of performance: Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3).

#### **II.2.4. Description of the procurement**

Study on new developments in card-based payment markets, including as regards relevant aspects of the application of the Interchange Fee Regulation.

#### **II.2.5. Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality of the proposed methodology / Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: Access to data and research / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Organisation of the work / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Quality control measures / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 30

#### **II.2.11. Information about options**

Options: no

#### **II.2.13. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
yes

Identification of the project: Competition programme under Single market programme (SMP).

#### **II.2.14. Additional information**

Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3).

### **Section IV: Procedure**

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#### **IV.1. Description**

##### **IV.1.1. Type of procedure**

Open procedure

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

##### **IV.1.8. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

## **IV.2. Administrative information**

### **IV.2.1. Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number in the OJ S: [2022/S 070-181915](#)

### **IV.2.8. Information about termination of dynamic purchasing system**

### **IV.2.9. Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice**

## **Section V: Award of contract**

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**Contract No:** COMP/2022/OP/0002

**Title:**

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A contract/lot is awarded: yes

### **V.2. Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract**

17/10/2022

#### **V.2.2. Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: yes

#### **V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: VVA Brussels SPRL

Postal address: Avenue des Arts 11

Town: Brussels

NUTS code: BE100 Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad

Postal code: 1210

Country: Belgium

The contractor is an SME: yes

#### **V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: Global Data Collection Company B.V.

Postal address: Weena 734

Town: Rotterdam

NUTS code: NL4 Zuid-Nederland

Postal code: 3014 DA

Country: Netherlands

The contractor is an SME: yes

#### **V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 500 000,00 EUR

Total value of the contract/lot: 500 000,00 EUR

#### **V.2.5. Information about subcontracting**

## **Section VI: Complementary information**

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

Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3). In case of unavailability or disruptions in the functioning of the electronic means of communication provided in Section I.3) in the last five calendar days before the time limit for receipt indicated in Section IV.2.2), the contracting authority reserves the right to extend this time limit and publish the extension at the internet address provided in Section I.3), without a preceding publication of a corrigendum to this notice. Economic operators interested in this procurement are invited to subscribe to the call for tenders at the address in Section I.3) in order to get notified when new information or documents are published.

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

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

Official name: General Court of the European Union

Postal address: rue du Fort Niedergrünwald

Town: Luxembourg

Postal code: L-2925

Country: Luxembourg

Telephone: +352 4303-1

Internet address: <http://curia.europa.eu>

#### **VI.4.3. Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3).

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

28/10/2022