

**Belgium-Brussels: Study on Sustainability Ratings and Research**  
**OJ S 248/2019 24/12/2019**  
**Contract award notice**  
**Services**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

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**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: European Commission — Directorate General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union

Postal address: SPA2 07/020

Town: Brussels

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

Postal code: 1049

Country: Belgium

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**Internet address(es):**

Main address: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/departments/financial-stability-financial-services-and-capital-markets-union\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/departments/financial-stability-financial-services-and-capital-markets-union_en)

**I.4. Type of the contracting authority**

European institution/agency or international organisation

**I.5. Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1. Title**

Study on Sustainability Ratings and Research

Reference number: FISMA/2019/046/C

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

79310000 Market research services

**II.1.3. Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4. Short description**

This study will

(i) provide a state of play of the sustainability-related products and services market;

(ii) establish an inventory and classification of actors and sustainability products/services available in the market;

(iii) explore the use and quality of sustainability-related products and services; and

(iv) provide the European Commission with recommendations and best practices to stimulate demand and improve the quality of supply.

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

This contract is divided into lots: no

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

Value excluding VAT: 250 000,00 EUR

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

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

73200000 Research and development consultancy services

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

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

Main site or place of performance: The tasks are to be performed at the premises of the contractor. A maximum of 6 meetings can take place in Brussels and/or Paris (see tender specifications).

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

The study shall:

- describe the state of play in the sustainability-related products and services market, from an economic and legal standpoint,
- identify and classify sustainability-related products and services and their providers and explore their business models per category of providers,
- analyse the source and type of data used by sustainability-related products and services providers,
- analyse the data assessment process and transparency of methodologies of ESG ratings,
- analyse the use of sustainability-related products and services by both investors and corporate companies,
- provide the European Commission with some recommendations and best practices in relation to the above-mentioned sections of the study.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Four award criteria to assess the technical offers (max. points 100) /

Weighting: 70

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:

no

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

### **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: [2019/S 153-375819](#)

##### **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:** FISMA/2019/046/C3/ST/OP

**Title:**

Study on Sustainability Ratings and Research

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

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

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

16/12/2019

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

Number of tenders received: 8

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

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

Official name: SustainAbilty Ltd

Town: London

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Country: United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME: yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 250 000,00 EUR

Total value of the contract/lot: 224 026,00 EUR

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

The contract is likely to be subcontracted Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties Proportion: 74 % Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted:

Execution and anlysis of the survey, legal aspects, classification of products and producers

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

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

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

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

Official name: General Court of the Court of Justice of the European Union

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.4.3. Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

Within 2 months of the notification given to the plaintiff or, in the absence thereof, from the day it came to knowledge. A complaint to the European Ombudsman does not have as an effect either to suspend, nor to open a new period for lodging appeals.

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

17/12/2019