



## Clarifications to invitation to tender COMP/2015/003

### Competition and market outcomes in the telecoms sector

#### Questions and answers

	<i>Question:</i>	<i>Answer:</i>
1.	<p>I would like to request the tender documents for the ‘Study on competition and market outcomes in the telecoms sector’ that you recently advertised in the Official Journal.</p>	<p><i>As mentioned in the contract notice, please consult the tender documents at the following address:</i></p> <p><a href="http://ec.europa.eu/competition/calls/tenders_open.html">http://ec.europa.eu/competition/calls/tenders_open.html</a>.</p>
2.	<p>Would it be possible to relax the restrictions on the balance of the budget limits of the two phases of the study as currently set out, and allow the budget for the first phase to be a greater proportion of the total budget?</p>	<p><i>We confirm the maximum amounts set out in the tender specifications for each of the two phases. These amounts reflect the Commission’s current estimations of the relative work effort and cost between the two phases. The second phase is considered as more work intensive by the Commission, also due to its requirements for extensive data collection. Exceeding the amounts set out for any of the two phases is not possible.</i></p>
3.	<p>We have downloaded the tender specification documents and complementary files available at the address: <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/competition/calls/tenders_open.html">http://ec.europa.eu/competition/calls/tenders_open.html</a>. We would like to receive any further documentation on this tender procedure. Please advise if written registration by regular post is necessary or registration can be done electronically by means of this email message or other.</p>	<p><i>All the relevant information of the call for tenders COMP/2015/003 "Competition and market outcomes in the telecoms sector", including the manner in which tenders have to be submitted, can be found in the same address which you indicate in your email (<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/competition/calls/tenders_open.html">http://ec.europa.eu/competition/calls/tenders_open.html</a>).</i></p>

<p>4.</p>	<p>In regards to the above invitation to tender and the specific wording below - could you please confirm whether the proposal needs to reach the EC office by 5th October <u>OR</u> if we need to prove that it left our offices by courier <u>on</u> 5th October (as evidenced by postmark/deposit slip)?</p> <p>“Tenderers shall submit tenders by letter:  a) either by post or by courier not later than 05/10/2015, in which case the evidence of the date of dispatch shall be constituted by the postmark or the date of the deposit slip, to the address indicated below.”</p>	<p><i>We can confirm that it is the second option that you indicate. You should need to prove that the tender left your offices by courier on 5th October (as evidenced by postmark/deposit slip).</i></p>
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