

# Member States' licensing regimes in relation to access to scarce resources

## Open call for tenders

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1. **Awarding authority:** The European Commission, Directorate-General for Telecommunications, Information Market and Exploitation of Research, DG XIII/A, for the attention of Ms Alison Birkett, BU 31 3/58, rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200, B-1049 Bruxelles/Brussel.

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2. **Category of service and description:** Licensing has been as a key aspect of the future regulatory framework for telecommunications in an open environment. On 14.11.1995 the Commission adopted a proposal for a directive on a common framework for general authorizations and individual licences in the field of telecommunications services (COM (95) 545).

Access to scarce resources (radiofrequencies, public and private land, numbers, etc.) is an important issue with regard to the possibilities offered to new players to actually enter telecommunications markets. At the same time, the current regulatory situation in Member States with regard to management and allocation of resources like radiofrequencies and numbers, as well as with regard to access to public and private land, appears relatively unclear.

The purpose of the study is to provide the Commission with an overview of Member States' licensing regimes in relation to scarce resources.

3. **Place of delivery:** As in 1.

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6. **Variants:** Would not be acceptable.

7. **Time limit for completion of work:** The duration will be 6 months.

8. a) **Name and address of the service from which the terms of reference for the studies may be requested:** As in 1.

b) **Final date for making such requests:** 10. 7. 1996.

c) **Requests for the terms of reference for the studies may be made by facsimile or letter:** When requests are made by facsimile, they must be

conformed by letter dispatched before the expiry of the time limit referred to in 8 (b).

9. a) **Final date for submission of tenders:** 1. 8. 1996.

b) **Name and address of the service to which proposals must be sent:** As in 1.

10. a) **Persons authorized to be present at the opening of tenders:** Official representatives of the European Commission and 1 authorized representative of each tenderer.

b) **The opening will take place on:** 19. 8. 1996 (10.00). Address: The European Commission, Directorate-General for Telecommunications, Information Market and Exploitation of Research, avenue de Beaulieu 31, Meeting Room 02, 3rd floor, B-1160 Bruxelles.

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12. **Main terms concerning financing:** The study will receive 100 % funding.

13. **Legal form in the case of group bidders:** Proposals may be submitted individually or jointly. If 2 or more applicants submit a joint bid, 1 must be designated as the lead contractor and agent responsible.

14. **Information concerning the proposer's position:** The proposer will be required to provide economic and technical information for appraisal purpose. These requirements will be specified in the specifications.

15. **Validity period:** 8 months.

16. **Evaluation criteria:** Will be included in the terms of reference.

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19. **Date of dispatch of the notice:** 10. 6. 1996.

20. **Date of receipt by the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities:** 10. 6. 1996.

21. This procurement is covered by the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Government Procurement Agreement (GPA).