

Annex 9



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR JUSTICE, FREEDOM AND SECURITY

Directorate C: Civil Justice, Rights and Citizenship
The Director

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Subject: Open invitation to tender JLS/2007/C4/017 - a comparative study on adoption procedures in the Member States of the European Union, practical difficulties encountered in this area by European citizens in the context of a European area of justice in civil matters, and options available for resolving such difficulties and protecting children's rights.

Ref.: Your letter of 27 September 2007.

Dear Sir,

We confirm receipt of your letter dated 27 September 2007 in respect of the above-mentioned matter [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Please bear in mind that in terms of the timetable, the Commission is also working to strict deadlines. Furthermore, we consider that the 12 month period set for this study and also the budget allocated thereto are perfectly adequate and reasonable.

In terms of the experience and competencies requested, we consider that these are the minimum required in order to ensure the quality of the final result.

We therefore stand by the terms of reference in the call for tender and are reassured by the fact that we received a number of bids and have been able to select a winner. The award decision will be published, probably towards the end of November, on the web-site of the Official Journal of the European Union at the following address:

<http://ted.europa.eu/Exec?Template=TED/homepage.htm&DataFlow=hRead.dfl&hpt=ALL&StatLang=EN>

Yours faithfully,


Francisco Fonseca Morillo