Dear Mr Wauters,

Subject: Open call for tenders MARKT/2013/110/B

After examination of the tenders received in response to the above-mentioned call for tenders relating to the "Estimating displacement rates of copyrighted content in the EU", we regret to inform you that your bid has not been selected. We very much appreciate, however, your having taken time to prepare and submit an offer.

The decision has been taken to award the contract to Ecorys Nederland BV for a total amount of EUR [REDACTED]. Ecorys Nederland BV's proposal was ranked the highest in the light of the quality award criteria, as well as offered the best relation quality-price.

You can find sufficient information on the grounds for our decision in the annexed evaluation form concerning your offer. We will not be signing the contract with the successful tenderer for 10 calendar days from the day following the date of this letter. Should it not be possible to conclude the contract with this tenderer or should he withdraw, we reserve the right to review our decision and to award the contract to another tenderer, to close the procedure or to abandon procurement.

Thank you for your interest in the work of the European Commission. We trust that it will be renewed in future procurement procedures.

Authorising Officer

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Annex: Deloitte Consulting’s evaluation form of tenderer.
Tenderer: Deloitte Consulting       Date offer: 30/09/2013

Following the examination of the financial offer from Deloitte Consulting (offer No 3) it became apparent that the offer was for a total of [redacted]. This amount is above the maximum amount of 450,000€ stipulated in section 1.2 of the Invitation to Tender, which reads (underline added)

"1.2 VOLUME OF THE MARKET
The maximum amount for the execution of all the tasks referred to in this call for tenders is EUR 450,000 including all charges and expenses, in particular the travel and subsistence expenses. No contract offer above this amount will be considered."

In accordance with the terms laid out in the invitation to tender, since this offer is above the maximum amount for the market stipulated in invitation to tender, the offer was not considered for further evaluation.