

**Invitation to Tender No: 11/PP/ENT/GMES/10/311– Questions and Answers (#06)**

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#	Ref. §	Page	Reference Sentences	Question	Answer
14	4.2.5 and 4.2.7	29 and 30	<p><a href="http://www.myair.eu.org">http://www.myair.eu.org</a> (planned for June 2010)</p> <p>and</p> <p><a href="http://genesis-fp7.eu/">http://genesis-fp7.eu/</a></p>	<p>In response to invitation to tender No. 11/PP/ENT/GMES/10/311 for GMES pilot services in the atmosphere and maritime areas, we would like to request to postpone the deadline for submission for above mentioned tender.</p> <p>Justification: In one of our request for clarifications we asked why the web site <a href="http://genesis-fp7.eu">http://genesis-fp7.eu</a> was suspended. This is a vital source of information for our offering. For equality of opportunities, we feel disadvantaged for not being able to access the site. In addition, another important site <a href="http://www.myair.eu.org">www.myair.eu.org</a> was not accessible to our organisation.</p> <p>This has delayed substantially our proposal preparation process. I therefore require an extension to the deadline for submission of responses to the current call so we can find (or you provide) alternative sources of information. We would expect at least a 2 week period derogation.</p>	<p>After careful consideration of the request, the Commission will not extend the deadline for the following reasons.</p> <p>Firstly, the links provided to the websites in question are only a part of the background information provided in the specification document already. This information can only help drafting an offer, but it's absence would not prevent from drafting an offer.</p> <p>Secondly, the unavailability of the website regarding GENESIS was answered already on 10/8/2010 (Q&amp;A #12) and an alternative has been provided to potential bidders, providing sufficient time before the deadline, to use this information.</p> <p>Thirdly, the link to a MYAIR related website was specified already as tentative in the specification (being under planning only), and an alternative is already given in the specification document. The problem has been brought to our attention only on 18/08/2010. The fact that an alternative source of information was already provided in the specification clearly shows that there was a possibility soon after the beginning to get sufficient background information on this subject to integrate it in an offer.</p> <p>As a consequence, considering that the nature of the information does not prevent the drafting of a valid offer in a timely manner, and that alternative equivalent information were made available in a timely manner to all tenderers, it has been decided not to extend the deadline for submission of offers.</p> <p>Such an extension would not be in full respect of equal treatment as all tenderers were in the same situation regarding the information provided, and secondly such an extension could jeopardise the timely execution of the decisional steps that would lead to the award of this contract.</p>