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**Subject: Your complaint** **regarding Elsevier and the Open Science Monitor**

**Reference: Your email of 26 July 2018 (internal reference Ares(2018)3970686) and   
 my letter of 28 August 2018 (internal reference Ares(2018)4420518)**

Dear Mr. Tennant,

I would like to thank you for your email of 26 July 2018 in which you have made a number of requests for information regarding the open call for tenders ‘Open science: monitoring trends and drivers’ (ref. PP-05622-2017) and the implementation of the subsequently awarded service contract.

I would like to emphasise that the contract between European Commission and the consortium composed of the Lisbon Council (leader), the Fundacion ESADE and the University of Leiden was awarded according to the rules in force concerning open calls for tenders. The above-mentioned consortium provided the best offer in accordance with the price/quality ratio as set out in the tender specifications published in etendering[[1]](#footnote-1). The call for tenders was organised in accordance with the public procurement rules applicable, that the procedure was fully transparent and that all the public procurement principles, such as proportionality and equal treatment were respected.

We hope that the information provided in the annex answers your questions.

Yours sincerely,

Jean-Eric Paquet

Annex

1. <https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=2356> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)