



European Ombudsman

Emily O'Reilly
European Ombudsman

Mr Jonathan Tennant

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Strasbourg, 26/07/2018

Complaint 1233/2018/EA

Dear Mr Tennant,

On 5 July 2018, you submitted a complaint to my office concerning alleged irregularities in a European Commission decision to award a contract and in the selection of a sub-contractor.

I am sorry to have to tell you that, for the reasons set out below, I am unable to deal with your complaint at this stage.

In dealing with complaints, I have to follow certain rules¹. One of these rules² is that the complainant must first have contacted the EU body concerned with a view to resolving the problem, before complaining to the Ombudsman. In this way, the EU body in question will have an opportunity to deal with the problem at an early stage and without the need to involve the Ombudsman.

It appears from the information you have sent us that you have not yet tried to resolve the problem with the Commission. Unfortunately, this means that I cannot deal with your complaint at this stage³.

If you wish to pursue the matter further, I suggest that you contact the Commission, in particular the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation as the contracting authority, in order to set out your complaint and the solution you are seeking. I take note that the contract award notice⁴ includes the following e-mail address: RTD-PROCUREMENTS-AWARD@ec.europa.eu

If you do not receive a satisfactory response from the Commission within a reasonable time, you may make a new complaint to the Ombudsman.

¹ These are set out in the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and in the Statute of the European Ombudsman.

² Set out in Article 2(4) of the Statute of the European Ombudsman.

³ Information on the review procedure can be found on the Ombudsman's website:

<http://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/en/resources/otherdocument.faces/en/70669/html.bookmark>.

⁴ <https://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:22173-2018:TEXT:EN:HTML>



Thank you for having contacted the European Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emily O'Reilly".

Emily O'Reilly
European Ombudsman