



Twinning Reform

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Unit C3, Institution Building, TAIEX, Twinning

What we want to achieve

*One key-word: **simplification***

But also:

- Acceleration
- Reduction of red-tape
- Transfer of responsibility
- Same rules for IPA and ENI

The Twinning Fiche

- *Will be drafted using a (partially) new template*
- *Prepared "at the last minute"*
- *'Realistic' (requirements, indicators, etc.)*
- *Concentrate on results; can mention some (few) activities*
- *Construed for alternative approaches*
- *Is submitted to the HQ Steering Committee*

The Selection

- *Final decision on proposals (submitted using new template) for the BC, with the endorsement of the contracting authority/EUD*
- *Rapid decision following selection meeting and rapid notification of results*
- *Well justified evaluation sheet*

Contract Preparation and Signature

- *CA contacts selected MS immediately after notification of selection*
- *Work-plan and budget at component level*
- *Contract to be signed ASAP – indicates date of arrival of RTA*
- *No more preparatory costs (no more months-long drafting)*

Project Implementation

- *Implementation starts with the arrival of the RTA, shortly after contract signature*
- *The first month is considered an "inception period" to be used to draft details of the work-plan (OSL)*
- *Changes not requiring an addendum decided by the two PL and only communicated to CA/EUD*

Reporting

- *Project Steering Committee still quarterly, but interim reports submitted every second StC*
- *(No Expenditure Verification Report)*

Entry into Force of the Reform

- *Plan was to issue the new Manual at the beginning of 2016*
- *Delays look now probable*
- *Discussions with Legal team and DG BUDG ongoing*



Thank you