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Subject: Twinning Coordination in DG Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations

With the setting up of the new Directorate General "Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations" DG NEAR, its Unit C3 "Institution Building, TAIEX, Twinning" has been entrusted with the coordination of Twinning activities in countries and beneficiaries of the enlargement and neighbourhood areas.

The Twinning Team in Unit C.3 is at the disposal of all Twinning stakeholders in order to provide coordination, support and clarification whenever necessary. It is also available to facilitate contacts between partners and communications with Commission Services, Member States, beneficiary administrations, etc. Paolo Gozzi, Twinning Team leader, can be contacted at paolo.gozzi@ec.europa.eu or by telephone +32.229.50755.

For the moment no change is introduced to implementation procedures as described in the Twinning Manual (including the differentiation of some approaches in the IPA and ENI regions) and operations can continue as foreseen. In order to ensure a speedy treatment of all communications, the functional mailbox <u>NEAR-TWINNING@ec.europa.eu</u> should be used in all cases.

Grateful if you can ensure that this information is forwarded to all those potentially concerned within your Services or Administrations.

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