ANNEX C9: Standard Twinning - Publication of the Call for Proposals on the Internet

TWINNING CALL FOR PROPOSALS
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1. Publication reference

EuropeAid/170795/ID/ACT/RS

2. Programme and Financing source

Project title: ”Reinforcement of consumer protection in Serbia as a response to the new market challenges”
- Twinning reference: SR 18 IPA HE 02 20

Programme title: IPA 2018 - EU Integration Facility (indirect management with ex-ante)

3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration

(a) Short description (5 lines) of planned objectives: Overall Objective is to improve institutional and administrative capacities of the relevant Serbian stakeholders in the area of the consumer protection for the access to the Single market. Specific objective is to adequately respond both to the obligations rising from the EU membership and the challenges of the modern market through administrative and institutional empowerment in the field of consumer protection in Serbia.

(b) Geographical area: Republic of Serbia

(c) Maximum project duration: 24+3 months

4. Overall amount available for this Call for Proposals

EUR 1.500.000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

5. Eligibility: Who may apply?

Only Public Administrations and Mandated bodies as per Twinning Manual of European Union Member State may apply through European Union Member States' National Contact Points.

For British applicants: Please be aware that eligibility criteria must be complied with for the entire duration of the grant. If the United Kingdom withdraws from the EU during the grant period without concluding an agreement with the EU ensuring in particular that British applicants continue to be eligible, you will cease to receive EU funding (while continuing, where possible, to participate) or be required to leave the project on the basis of Article 12.2 of the General Conditions to the grant agreement.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

6. Provisional notification date of results of the award process

8th March 2021

SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA

7. Selection and Award criteria

Selection criteria consider the operational capacity of the Component leaders mentioned in the proposal: Member State Project Leader, Resident Twinning Adviser and Component Leaders; the assessment is expressed on a Yes/No basis and a single negative evaluation of one criterion disqualifies the proposal.

Award criteria consider the merit of the main qualifying aspects of the proposal and are evaluated applying a scoring system (1 to 5):

Selection and award of the Member State will be based on an evaluation of several qualitative aspects including but not limited to the proposed methodology, the experience of the proposed RTA and PL, the experience of the administration in cooperation projects and the Member State presentation.

See Annex C6 of the Twinning Manual: Administrative compliance and Eligibility grid and Annex C7 of the Twinning Manual.

APPLICATION FORMALITIES

8. Twinning proposal and details to be provided

Twinning proposals must be submitted by the Member State Administration to the **EU**

Member States National Contact Points for Twinning following the instructions of the **Twinning Manual** which must be strictly observed (including the use of the template).

Only one Twinning proposal for Member State can be submitted by the **Member State National Contact Points for Twinning** to the Contracting Authority within the deadline for applications.

The MS application should be submitted to the Contracting Authority via the email address of Member State National Contact Points for Twinning.

9. Deadline for applications

Deadline for submission of twinning proposals by the MS National Contact Points to the Contracting Authority: **8th February 2021. until 23:59 (CET)** at e-mail: twinning@mfin.gov.rs, with copy to NEAR-TWINNING@e.europa.eu and Tanja.CINCAR-KNEZEVIC@eeas.europa.eu .

The deadline for submission of Twinning proposals by the EU Member State Public Administrations to the corresponding National Contact Point, is decided by the latter.

Any application received by the Contracting Authority after this deadline will not be considered.

10. Detailed information

Detailed information on this Call for Proposals is contained in the Twinning Manual and in the specific project Twinning fiche, which is available at the European Union Member States **National Contact Points for Twinning**.

The tentative date(s) envisaged for starting the evaluation committee meetings is: 23rd February 2021.

The Member State delegation should always include the proposed PL and RTA(s).