

<b>ANNEX C9: Standard Twinning - Publication of the Call for Proposals on the Internet</b>
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**TWINNING CALL FOR PROPOSALS  
issued by the European Commission**

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**1. Publication reference**

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**2. Programme and Financing source**

**Project title:** Enhancing the quality of the education system through strengthening core components of the learning process - PS 23 NDICI OT 01 26

**Programme title:** PEGASE: Direct Financial Support to the Palestinian Authority 2023 NDICI-GEO-MENA/2023/45457 – JAD.1283033 – ACT -61736 – Direct Management

**3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration**

**(a) Short description (5 lines) of planned objectives:**

Overall Objective: Enhanced quality, inclusiveness and resilience of the Palestinian education system, contributing to progress towards SDG4 and national education priorities.

Specific Objective: Improved quality and effectiveness of teaching and learning practices for Palestinian teachers and learners, supported by a more coherent teacher education system and enhanced professional development and career opportunities, as well as increased strategic use of EdTech.

**(b) Geographical area:**

Palestine<sup>1</sup>

**(c) Maximum project duration:**

The execution period will be 36 months (implementation period of 33 months plus 3 months of closure).

**4. Overall amount available for this Call for Proposals**

EUR 2,500,000

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<sup>1</sup> The designation of Palestine shall not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of the Member States.

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## 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.

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## PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

### 6. Provisional notification date of results of the award process

2 July 2026

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## 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.

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## APPLICATION FORMALITIES

### 8. Twinning proposal and details to be provided

Twining proposals must be submitted by the Lead Member State Administration to the **EU Member States National Contact Points for Twinning** following the instructions of the **Twining 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 National Contact Points to the Contracting Authority: **10 June 2026 at 14:00 Brussels time.**

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 the specific project Twinning Fiches, which are available at the European Union Member States **National Contact Points for Twinning.**

The tentative date(s) envisaged for starting the evaluation committee meetings is: **18 June 2026.**

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