

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

### TWINNING CALL FOR PROPOSALS issued by the European Commission

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#### 1. Publication reference

**EuropeAid/187686/ID/ACT/MK**

#### 2. Programme and Financing source

**Project title:** MK 24 IPA TR 01 26 Alignment of national legislation and policies with EU Acquis for road infrastructure management together with capacity building

**Programme title:** Commission Implementing Decision C(2024) 5323 final on the financing of the multiannual action plan for an Operational Programme on transport in favour of the Republic of North Macedonia for 2024-2027 (OP Transport) under indirect management with ex-ante control ; (CRIS 2024 / 45-726)

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

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

##### Overall Objective(s):

To enhance regional economic development and social cohesion through a modern sustainable and well-integrated transport infrastructure in North Macedonia.

##### Specific objective:

To improve safety, efficiency, climate resilience, and sustainable connectivity of road transport infrastructure on sections of TEN-T Corridors X, Xd, and VIII

##### (b) Geographical area: North Macedonia

##### (c) Maximum project duration: 27 (24+3)

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

EUR 1 300 000

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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<sup>1</sup>

<end of December 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).

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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: **Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2026, 24:00 p.m** (local time of the beneficiary country).

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 organising/starting of oral presentations/selection meetings is: **Thursday, 17 November 2026**

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