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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/187959/DD/ACT/UA

2. Programme and Financing source

Project title: Enhancing the institutional capacity of the Economic Security Bureau of Ukraine in combating currency counterfeiting through the implementation of the International Convention for the Suppression of Counterfeiting Currency, signed in Geneva on 20 April 1929, and EU acquis.

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Programme title: C(2024)7879 Technical Cooperation Facility 2024, UAFACILITY/2024/ACT-62766 (top up decision 45870) amending C(2024)4604 on the financing of the Ukraine Facility pillar III for 2024, Technical Cooperation Facility for Ukraine 2024

3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration

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

The project will support the Economic Security Bureau of Ukraine (ESBU) in establishing the National Central Office (NCO) by providing necessary expertise on practical interaction of the NCO with the Europol national unit, NCO's of other jurisdictions, NAC and CNAC, which would also involve, where necessary, drafting amendments to national legislation and memorandums of cooperation/joint regulations of competent authorities to promote capacity building of the Ukrainian NCO and its functions in accordance with best European practices. Currency counterfeiting is criminalised under the Criminal Code of Ukraine and is one of the crimes that detectives of the ESBU should investigate according to the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine.

(b) Geographical area: Ukraine

(c) Maximum project duration: 24 months

4. Overall amount available for this Call for Proposals

EUR 1 500 000.00

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.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

6. Provisional notification date of results of the award process[1]

24 February 2027

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 Lead 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 National Contact Points to the Contracting Authority: **5th February 2027, 16:30 Brussels time (17:30 Kyiv time)**.

[1] "The Contracting Authority communicates the choice of the selected Twinning partner at the latest within two weeks after the date of the selection meetings", as per page 40 of the Twinning Manual.

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 envisaged for starting the evaluation committee meetings is: **10th February 2027**.

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