

ANNEX C9bis:

Twinning Light - 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**

EuropaAid/179648/DD/ACT/RS

**2. Programme and Financing source**

**Project title:** Further strengthening the capacity of the Serbian Audit Authority

**Project number :** SR 21 IPA FI 01 23 TWL, PC-31364

**Programme title:** Annual Action Plan 2021 for Serbia, IPA III/2021/ 043-652/1, European Integration Facility, Unallocated Envelope under Direct management.

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

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

Overall objective: contribute to enhance the capacities of the institutions in the Republic of Serbia to ensure accountable, effective and efficient management of EU pre-accession assistance.

Specific objective: support the Serbian Audit Authority to strengthen its capacities to ensure legality and regularity in the execution of EU budget assigned to Serbia under indirect management modality.

**(b) Geographical area:** Serbia.

**(c) Maximum project duration:** 8 months.

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

EUR 250 000.

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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 States may apply through European Union Member States' National Contact Points.

For projects financed by a basic act under the 2014-2020 or previous MFFs, 11th or previous EDF, until further notice please insert:

**For UK applicants:** Please be aware that following the entry into force of the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement<sup>1</sup> on 1 February 2020 and in particular Articles 127(6), 137 and 138, the references to natural or legal persons residing or established in a Member State of the European Union and to goods originating from an eligible country, as defined under Regulation (EU) No 236/2014<sup>2</sup> and Annex IV of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement<sup>3</sup>, are to be understood as including natural or legal persons residing or established in, and to goods originating from, the United Kingdom<sup>4</sup>. Those persons and goods are therefore eligible under this call.

## PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

6. Provisional notification date of results of the award process

**20 December 2023.**

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## SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA

### 7. Selection and Award criteria

**Selection criteria** consider the **operational capacity of the Member State Project Leader and Short term experts** mentioned in the proposal; 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

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<sup>1</sup> Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community.

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action.

<sup>3</sup> Annex IV to the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, as revised by Decision 1/2014 of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers (OJ L196/40, 3.7.2014)

<sup>4</sup> Including the Overseas Countries and Territories having special relations with the United Kingdom, as laid down in Part Four and Annex II of the TFEU.

Project Leader, the institutional setting and the capacity of the administration and the Member State presentation, etc.

See Annex C6bis of the Twinning Manual: Twinning Light Administrative compliance and Eligibility grid and Annex C8 of the Twinning Manual Twinning Light Selection Fact Sheet.

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## **APPLICATION FORMALITIES**

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

Twining proposals must be submitted by the 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 MS National Contact Points to the Contracting Authority: 05 December 2023 at midnight, 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 in the specific project Twinning Fiche, which is available at the European Union Member States **National Contact Points for Twinning**.

The tentative date envisaged for starting the evaluation committee meetings is:

**06 December 2023.**