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

1. Publication reference

EuropeAid/185518/DD/ACT/RS

2. Programme and Financing source

Project title: Strengthening Capacities and introducing EU practices for sustainable operation and management of the BIO4 Campus

Project number: SR 22 IPA SO 02 25 TWL, PC-34896

Programme title: Annual Action Plan 2022 for Serbia, IPAI/2022/JAD.998125/AAP Serbia 2022, 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:

The project aims to support establishment of the BIO4 Campus, as a renowned hub for cutting-edge research, innovation and collaboration in the life sciences within the Southeast Europe (SEE) region. The goal is to strengthen capacities to operate and manage the BIO4 Campus and increase international visibility.

(b) Geographical area: Serbia.

(c) Maximum project duration: 8 + 3 months.

4. Overall amount available for this Call for Proposals

EUR 250 000.

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.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

6. Provisional notification date of results of the award process

16 February 2026

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 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.

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: **23 January 2026 (23:59)**, local time of the beneficiary country at the latest to the e-mail: DELEGATION-SERBIA-FCS@eeas.europa.eu with copy to NEAR-Twinning@ec.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 envisaged for starting the evaluation committee meetings is: **26 January 2026**.