

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

1. Publication reference

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2. Programme and Financing source

Project title: EU 4 Fight against Cybercrime in BiH
(Twinning Reference: BA 17 IPA JH 02 20)

Programme title: Country Action Programme for Bosnia and Herzegovina 2017

3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration

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

Assist competent law enforcement authorities in fulfilling their commitments with regard to Justice and Home Affairs policies. Enhanced cooperation between BiH and EU shall notably aim at fostering the functioning of the police and other law enforcement bodies and their capacities, providing adequate training in fighting corruption and organized crime, including cooperation on cybercrime. The project is structured in two components. First component is the capacity building part (training on cybercrime) and the second component is supporting the development of relevant rules and legislation.

(b) Geographical area: Bosnia and Herzegovina

(c) Maximum project duration: 18 months (implementation) + 3 months

4. Overall amount available for this Call for Proposals

EUR 1,000,000.00

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.

For UK applicants: Please be aware that following the entry into force of the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement* 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 are to be understood as including natural or legal persons residing or established in the United Kingdom. UK residents and entities are therefore eligible to participate under this call.

*Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

6. Provisional notification date of results of the award process

November 2020

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 etc.

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

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:

30 October 2020, 12:00 CET (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 envisaged for starting the evaluation committee meetings is:

3 November 2020

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

Please note that, depending on COVID-19 situation, selection meeting may be organised via video conferencing system.