

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

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**1. Publication reference**

Prospect reference code: [164539](#)

**2. Programme and Financing source**

**Project title:**

Strengthening the capacity of the Albanian Road Authority in applying good governance practices for planning, managing, procuring, implementing and maintaining Road investments.

**Twinning reference:** "AL 16 IPA TR 01 19"

**Programme title:** [IPA 2016 - Annual Action Programme for Albania - objective 2](#)  
CRIS/NO 38-718, under Direct Management

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

**(a) Short description (5 lines) of planned objectives:** The specific objective of this project is to strengthen the Albanian Road Authority (**ARA**) capacity and its staff competences in their role as the main executive agency for planning and management of investments and maintenance of Albanian national road network in sustainable and effective way and in line with the EU standards and EU best practices.

**(b) Geographical area:** Albania

**(c) Maximum project duration:** 36 Months

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

EUR 1,300,000.00

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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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For British applicants: Please be aware that eligibility criteria must be complied with for the entire duration of the grant. If the United Kingdom withdraws from the EU during the grant period without concluding an agreement with the EU ensuring in particular that British applicants continue to be eligible, you will cease to receive EU funding (while continuing, where possible, to participate) or be required to leave the project on the basis of Article 12.2 of the General Conditions<sup>1</sup> to the grant agreement.

## PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

### 6. Provisional notification date of results of the award process<sup>1</sup>

July 2019

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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, Resident Twinning Adviser and Component Leaders 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 and Resident Twinning Adviser, the institutional setting and the capacity of the administration 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: Evaluation Grid Twinning Selections.

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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).

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

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<sup>1</sup> "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 section 2.4.3. of the Twinning Manual.

Deadline for submission of Twinning proposals by the National Contact Points to the Contracting Authority: **by 21 June 2019 23:59 at the latest** (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 in the specific project Twinning Fiche, which is available at the European Union Member States **National Contact Points for Twinning**.

The tentative date(s) envisaged for starting the evaluation committee meetings is: on **Friday 5 July 2019**.

For the selection meeting the Member State delegation should always include at least the proposed PL and RTA(s).