ANNEX C9: Standard Twinning - Publication of the Call for Proposals on the Internet

TWINNING CALL FOR PROPOSALS
issued by the European Commission

1. Publication reference

EuropeAid/168-711/ACT/GE

2. Programme and Financing source

Project title: Support to approximation of Georgian legal and institutional framework to the Union Acquis in the field of railway transport
GE 18 ENI TR 04 19

3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration

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

The overall objective of the project is to support the approximation of Georgian Railway sector with the relevant EU standards and regulations and to strengthen and empower the railway regulatory environment of Georgia.

The specific objective of the project is to upgrade national railway transport legislation and to strengthen national institutional capacities, inter alia, through the approximation of Georgian legislation to the relevant Union acquis to meet the commitments undertaken by Georgia under the EU-Georgia Association Agreement.

The components of the project are the followings:

Component 1: National regulatory framework on railway transport revised and upgraded in accordance with the respective Union acquis

Component 2: A well-organized, nationally regulated railway market/sector established

Component 3: Capacity of relevant rail authorities and other key stakeholders strengthened

(b) Geographical area: Georgia
(c) **Maximum project duration: 27 months** (implementation period 24 months + 3 months).

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

EUR 1,250,000.

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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 State may apply through European Union Member States’ National Contact Points.

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**PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE**

6. **Provisional notification date of results of the award process**

August 2020

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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.


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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 section 2.4.3 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: 22 June 2020, 16:00 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(s) envisaged for starting the evaluation committee meetings is: 6 July 2020.

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