

ANNEX C9

Publication of the Twinning Call for Proposals in the Internet

TWINNING CALL FOR PROPOSALS issued by the European Commission

1. Publication reference: EuropeAid/ 136-966/IH/ACT/TR

2. Programme and Financing source

Project title: Enhancement of Administrative and Technical Capacity of Customs Laboratories (TR 12 IB JH 03)

Programme title: Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) 2012 (Indirect management)

3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration

(a) **Short description (5 lines) of planned objectives:** The overall objective of the project is modernization of customs legislation and practice in line with the EU standards for proper and effective implementation of the Union Customs Code (former Modernized Customs Code). (b) **Geographical area:** Turkey

(c) **Maximum project duration:** 21 months

4. Overall amount available for this Call for Proposals

EUR 1,425,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

5. Eligibility: Who may apply

Only Public Administrations and Mandated bodies as per Twinning Manual of European Union MS may apply through European Union MSs' National Contact Points.

See section 3 of the Twinning Manual: Submission and selection of proposals.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

6. Provisional notification date of results of the award process¹

February 2015

SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA

7. Selection and Award criteria

Selection criteria consider the **operational capacity of the key 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 MS organization 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 organization in co-operation projects and the MS presentation. etc.

See annex C6 of the Twinning Manual: Administrative compliance and Eligibility grid and annex C7 of the Twinning Manual: Selection Fact-sheet under IPA.

APPLICATION FORMALITIES

8. Twinning proposal and details to be provided

Twining proposals must be submitted 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).

National Contact Points for Twinning will then select one Twinning proposal and submit it to the Contracting Authority within the deadline for applications.

For each application, **one copy** should be sent by the email address of the National Contact Point.

9. Deadline for applications

Deadline for submission of Twinning proposals by the National Contact Points to the Contracting Authority: **Friday 22 May 2015 at the latest (deadline 24:00 local time of the beneficiary country)**

The deadline for submission of Twinning proposals by the EU Member State Public

¹ "The Contracting Authority communicates the choice of the selected Twinning partner at the latest within three weeks after the date of the selection meetings". Page 40 of the Twining Manual.

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 fiches, which are available at the European Union Member States **National Contact Points for Twinning**.

The date(s) envisaged for starting the evaluation committee meetings is: Tuesday 9 June 2015.

The MS delegation should always include the proposed Project Leader and RTA(s).