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/136559/DD/ACT/UA

2. **Programme and Financing source**

   Project title: Support to State Fiscal Service of Ukraine in reinforcing IBM elements in the area of customs matters

   Programme: ENPI Annual Action Programme for Ukraine 2011

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

   (a)   The project is aimed at facilitating the effective implementation of customs aspects of integrated border management that will establish greater security at international borders, diminish cross border crime and provide the correct balance between security and trade facilitation

   (b) Geographical area: Ukraine

   (c) Maximum project duration: 21 months (implementation period) / 24 months (legal duration)

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

   EUR 1,800,000

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.

6. Provisional notification date of results of the award process[1]

July 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 C8 of the Twinning Manual: Evaluation Grid Twinning Selections under ENPI

and annex C7 of the Twinning Manual: Selection Fact-sheet under IPA

APPLICATION FORMALITIES

8. Twinning proposal and details to be provided

Twinning proposals must be submitted 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).

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: **1 June 2015 at 17:00 Kyiv 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.

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[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.

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 the evaluation committee meetings is **16 June 2015**, location: the Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine (101, Volodymyrska Street, Ukraine 01033, Kyiv).

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