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| 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

EuropeAid/169457/ID/ACT/RS

2. Programme and Financing source

Project title: “Improvement of forest management in Serbia as a contribution to climate change adaptation and mitigation”

Twinning reference: SR 16 IPA EN 02 20

Programme title: IPA 2016 Twinning Facility (indirect management with ex-ante)

3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration

(a) **Short description (5 lines) of planned objectives:** To strengthen capacities of forestry sector in Serbia to be able to implement obligations stemming from EU standards and regulations in the field of forestry and forestry related fields, including timber market, subsidies, NATURA 2000 and bio economy.

(b) **Geographical area:** Republic of Serbia

(c) **Maximum project duration:** 24+3 months

4. Overall amount available for this Call for Proposals

EUR 1.000.000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

5. Eligibility: Who may apply?

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

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

6. Provisional notification date of results of the award process

29 September 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 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 MS National Contact Points to the Contracting Authority: **1 September 2020 until 23:59 (CET)** at e-mail: twinning@mfin.gov.rs, with copy to NEAR-TWINNING@e.europa.eu and Tanja.CINCAR-KNEZEVIC@eeas.europa.eu.

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: 15 September 2020.

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