

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/174247/DD/ACT/AZ

2. Programme and Financing source

Project title: Increasing Road Safety in Azerbaijan

Programme title: Multiannual Action Programme 2019-2020 for Azerbaijan, Partnership Priorities Facility, ENI/2020/42185

3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration

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

Result 1: National road safety legislation and technical regulations aligned with EU directives and the requirements of international conventions

Result 2: Organizational set-up of transport sector institutions in charge of road safety improved for implementing the legislation and technical requirements as well as better coordination and management of road safety measures

Result 3: Planning and follow up as well as co-ordination and co-operation between all the relevant partners in charge for road safety improved

Result 4: Road Accidents Prevention mechanism improved in line with international best practices

Result 5: Road safety measurement and reporting system improved

Result 6: Establishment of an effective single traffic and accidents database and data management system facilitated

Result 7: Knowledge and skills of the Ministry of Digital Development and Transport as well as other state authorities in charge for the road safety on EU acquis and best practices as well as International Conventions increased

Result 8: Strengthening road safety education in general education and pre-school education institutions supported

Result 9: Countrywide traffic safety awareness-rising and communication strategy prepared and implementation supported

(b) Geographical area: Republic of Azerbaijan

(c) Maximum project duration: 27 months (24 months implementation period + 3

months closure period)

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

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 to the grant agreement.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

6. Provisional notification date of results of the award process¹

1 July 2022

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

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 page 40 of the Twinning Manual.

experience of the proposed RTA and PL, the experience of the administration in cooperation projects and the Member State presentation.

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 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 Twining 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 Twining proposals by the National Contact Points to the Contracting Authority: **20/06/2022, 14:00h CET**.

The deadline for submission of Twining 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 Twining Manual and the specific project Twining Fiches, which are available at the European Union Member States **National Contact Points for Twinning**.

The tentative date(s) envisaged for starting the evaluation committee meetings is: **28-29/06/2022 (video conference)**.

The Member State delegation should always include the proposed PL and RTA(s).