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| <p>ANNEX C9: Standard Twinning - Publication of the Call for Proposals on the Internet</p> |
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TWINNING CALL FOR PROPOSALS
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1. Publication reference

EuropeAid/160490/ID/ACT/RS

2. Programme and Financing source

Project title: “Protection and Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in Serbia”, **reference SR 16 IPA FI 01 18**

Programme title: Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance IPA 2016 (indirect management with ex-ante)

3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration

(a) **Short description (5 lines) of planned objectives:** The Overall Objective is to support the Republic of Serbia in aligning the standard of protection and enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights with EU Best Practice in order to effectively conduct accession negotiations and successfully manage overall EU integration and pre-accession assistance.

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

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

4. Overall amount available for this Call for Proposals

EUR 1.500.000

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.

"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 Conditions¹ to the grant agreement."

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

6. Provisional notification date of results of the award process

16 October 2018.

SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA

7. Selection and Award criteria

Selection criteria consider the **operational capacity of the Member State Project Leader and Short term 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 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, the institutional setting and the capacity of the administration 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: Evaluation Grid Twinning Selections.

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: **3 September 2018 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: 18 September 2018.

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