

TWINNING CALL FOR PROPOSALS
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2. Programme and Financing source

Title of Twinning project: "Support to the State Maritime Administration to Improve Liability in Maritime Transport in the Republic of Azerbaijan (AZ/14/ENP/TP/34)

Title of Programme/Financing source: ENPI National Annual Action Programme 2011 for the Republic of Azerbaijan

3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration

(a) Nature of activities

Overall objective of the project is to improve liability issues in maritime safety, security and environment protection. Project purpose is highlighted as to ensure a proper implementation and enforcement of maritime liability procedures foreseen in the international conventions on maritime safety, security and the prevention of the marine pollution in the related EU acquis.

The maritime safety performance of Azerbaijan constitutes one of the areas that need to be addressed in the short run. Despite that the Republic of Azerbaijan ratified the major International Maritime Organization (IMO) and a number of International Labour Organizations (ILO) Conventions, many conventions are not transposed into the Azerbaijan legislation. The majority of IMO Conventions related to liability and compensation has not been signed so far:

- the sanctioning system for infringements and offences is not compliant to IMO requirements and EU acquis;
- the legal certainty on administrative procedures taken for different offences cases against the Maritime Traffic regulations is not ensured;

The following three Mandatory Results are to be achieved by the end of the project:

MR 1 Primary legislation on administrative liability (Administrative Offences Code and relevant parts of other legislation in force) in the shipping sector and relevant parts of the Criminal Code and Civil Code reviewed, amended and/or new legislation collaborated in line with the International Conventions and EU acquis on liability and compensation, maritime safety, maritime security and the prevention of marine pollution and submitted for further approval by the relevant authority

MR 2 Secondary legislation on administrative procedures applicable to the determination of infringements of the MSC and its subsidiary regulations provisions reviewed, updated and/or elaborated in order to ensure implementation on the Primary legislation developed/amended under Result 1

MR 3 Capacity, knowledge and skills of the SMA on EU acquis and International Conventions, civil liability matters, administrative infringements as well as criminal

offences produced in the maritime sector and procedures applied for sanctions, increased

(b) Geographical area: Azerbaijan

Beneficiary institution: State Maritime Administration of the Republic of Azerbaijan (SMA)

(c) Maximum project duration: 24 months (+ 3 months for the start-up and closure of the project)

4. **Overall amount available for this Call for Proposals** €1,200,000.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

5. Eligibility: Who may apply

Only public administrations and mandated bodies of EU Member States may apply through EU Member State's National Contact Points. Please refer to section 3.3. "Public Administrations and Mandated Bodies" of the Twinning manual of the European Commission (Revision 2012) for further detail.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

6. Provisional notification date of results of the award process

30 March 2015

AWARD CRITERIA

7. Award criteria

Selection and award criteria are mentioned in the evaluation grids annexed to the Twinning manual. See administrative compliance and eligibility grid (annex C6) and evaluation grid (annex C8):

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/overview/documents/contract_annexes_2012_en.pdf

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** (revision of 2012) 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** is sent by the e-mail of the National Contact Point.

9. Deadline for applications

Deadline for submission of Twinning proposals by the National Contact Points to the Contracting Authority, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Azerbaijan:

10 February 2015, 5 pm (Azerbaijan Standard Time – CET+3)

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

The dates envisaged for the evaluation committee meetings are: **10-11 March 2015** (to be finalised upon receipt of technical proposals). Location: *Baku, Azerbaijan*.
