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TWINNING CALL FOR PROPOSALS
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1. Publication reference

EuropeAid/136-524/L/ACT/AM

2. Programme and Financing source

Project: Strengthening the investment promotion and investment policy institutional framework of Armenia. (Twinning Ref. AM14/ENP/FI/16).

Programme: ENPI - Framework programme in support of EU Armenia agreements (AAP 2011)

3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration

(a) The project overall objective is to contribute to higher rates of economic growth of Armenia, increased productive capacities of the economy, job creation, innovation and technology transfer through foreign direct investment.

The specific project purpose is to increase the volume of annual greenfield FDI inflow into Armenia by supporting Armenian Development Agency and Investment Policy Department of the Ministry of Economy in their efforts to become more effective investment promotion / investment policy bodies.

(b) Geographical area: Armenia (mainly Yerevan with periodic visits to regions).

(c) Maximum project duration: 16 months (duration of assignment) / 20 months (legal duration)

4. Overall amount available for this Call for Proposals

EUR 850,000

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.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

6. Provisional notification date of results of the award process

March 2015

AWARD CRITERIA

7. Award criteria

The selection of the twinning partner will be done in conformity with Article 3.5 of the Twinning Manual. Award criteria are mentioned in relevant Annexes of the Twinning Manual: Annex C6 - Administrative Compliance and Eligibility Grid and Annex C8 – Evaluation Grid Twinning Selections for ENPI.

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: **16 February 2015 at 16:00** local Armenian 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.

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 are: second half of November 2014, location: European Union Delegation to Armenia, 21 Frik Str, 0002 Yerevan, Armenia.