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**TWINNING CALL FOR PROPOSALS  
issued by the European Commission**

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**1. Publication reference**

EuropeAid/172216/ID/ACT/ME

**2. Programme and Financing source**

**Project title:**

Establishment of the European Union's own resources management system in Montenegro,  
Twinning reference: MN 17 IPA FI 01 21 TWL

**Programme title:**

Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance perspective 2014-2020, IPA 2017/040-216.01/ME/EU Integration Facility, Management Mode: Indirect management with ex-ante control

Financing Agreement concerning the Country Action Programme for Montenegro for the year 2017 of 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018;

Decision on Adoption of the Annual Action Programme for Montenegro for 2017; C (2017) 6313 28 September 2017; Financing Decision Reference: 040-216.

**3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration**

(a) **Short description (5 lines) of planned objectives:** Proposed action will support Montenegro in establishing an effective co-ordination and management structure of EU own resources in line with the EU acquis and requirements under negotiation Chapter 33 (Financial and Budgetary Provisions). In more specific terms the action shall contribute to setting up a proper correction mechanisms, precise rules and regulations of own resources, collection and availability of the traditional own resources, payment of the VAT and GNI based resources, setting up of a co-ordination structure and reporting to the EU.

- (b) **Geographical area:** Montenegro
- (c) **Maximum project duration:** 8 months

**4. Overall amount available for this Call for Proposals**

EUR 225,000.

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**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 UK applicants: Please be aware that following the entry into force of the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement\*<sup>1</sup> on 1 February 2020 and in particular Articles 127(6), 137 and 138, the references to natural or legal persons residing or established in a Member State of the European Union are to be understood as including natural or legal persons residing or established in the United Kingdom. UK residents and entities are therefore eligible to participate under this call.*

**PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE**

**6. Provisional notification date of results of the award process**

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

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**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)**:

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<sup>1</sup> Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community

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 C6bis of the Twinning Manual: Twinning Light Administrative compliance and Eligibility grid and Annex C8 of the Twinning Manual Twinning Light Selection Fact Sheet

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## 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 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 MS National Contact Points to the Contracting Authority: **08<sup>th</sup> November 2021 by 23:59 hrs local time**.

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 in the specific project Twining Fiche, which is available at the European Union Member States **National Contact Points for Twinning**.

The tentative date envisaged for starting the evaluation committee meetings is: 09<sup>th</sup> November 2021.