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

1. Publication reference

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2. Programme and Financing source

Project title: Strengthening of the institutional capacities of the National bank of Serbia (NBS) in the process of EU accession - **SR 14 IPA FI 02 17**

Programme title: Annual Action Programme for Serbia (2014)

3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration

(a) Short description (5 lines) of planned objectives: The overall project objective is to support the NBS in maintaining of sustainable macroeconomic and financial system stability through the harmonization of rules, policies and operations of the European System of Central Banks standards and best international practices.

(b) Geographical area: Republic of Serbia

(c) Maximum project duration: 24 months

4. Overall amount available for this Call for Proposals

EUR 800.000,00

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.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

6. Provisional notification date of results of the award process¹

11 April 2018

SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA

7. Selection and Award criteria

Selection criteria consider the **operational capacity of the** Member State Project Leader, Resident Twinning Adviser and Component Leaders 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 and Resident Twinning Adviser, 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 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 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

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 section 2.4.3. of the Twinning Manual.

9. Deadline for applications

Deadline for submission of Twinning proposals by the National Contact Points to the Contracting Authority: **28 February 2017 until 15:00 (CET)** at e-mail: twinning@mfin.gov.rs , with copy to NEAR-TWINNING@ec.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: 14 March 2018.

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