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

1. Publication reference

PROSPECT 183660

2. Programme and Financing source

Project title: “Strengthening the Delivery of Early Childhood Education and Community Support for learning in Rwanda” - RW 22 NDICI SO 01 25

Programme title: “Increase access to and quality of early childhood development and education in Rwanda” / Commission Decision C(2022) 8738, under direct management, 2022

3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration

(a) Short description (5 lines) of planned objectives:

This Twinning aims to support the Ministry of Education in implementing the national Foundational Learning Strategy, namely in the field of pre-primary education. This action will support the Ministry of Education to deliver priority reforms and achieve the national targets for Early Childhood Education and Community Support for learning. It will enhance the quality and availability of Early Childhood Education programmes in Rwanda and children’s readiness to participate in primary education at the correct age.

(b) Geographical area: Rwanda

(c) Maximum project duration: 24 months

4. Overall amount available for this Call for Proposals

EUR 2 million

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.

***For UK applicants:** Please be aware that following the entry into force of the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement¹ 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 and to goods originating from an eligible country, as defined under Regulation (EU) No 236/2014² and Annex IV of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement³, are to be understood as including natural or legal persons residing or established in, and to goods originating from, the United Kingdom⁴. Those persons and goods are therefore eligible under this call.*

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

6. Provisional notification date of results of the award process⁵

Monday, the 10th of March, 2025

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.

¹ Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community.

² Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action.

³ Annex IV to the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, as revised by Decision 1/2014 of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers (OJ L196/40, 3.7.2014).

⁴ Including the Overseas Countries and Territories having special relations with the United Kingdom, as laid down in Part Four and Annex II of the TFEU.

⁵ "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.

APPLICATION FORMALITIES

8. Twinning proposal and details to be provided

Twinning 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 **Twinning 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 National Contact Points to the Contracting Authority: Monday, 5th of May / 12:00 + Brussels standard time (CET +1).

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: Monday, 19th of May / 12:00 + Brussels standard time (CET +1).

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