

Publication of the Twinning Call for Proposals on Internet

TWINNING CALL FOR PROPOSALS issued by the European Commission

1. Publication reference

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2. Programme and Financing source

Title of Twinning project; *Support for the Milli Mejlis (Parliament) of the Republic of Azerbaijan (Twinning ref. AZ08/PCA/JH/05)*

Title of Programme/Financing source: Tacis National Action Programme for Azerbaijan 2006

3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration

(a) Nature of activities

The overall objective is to contribute to the strengthening of democracy and the rule of law in the Republic of Azerbaijan in general and to contribute to the process of approximation of legislation, norms and standards of this country to those of the EU.

The purpose of the project is to improve tools and work methods in the parliament and in the law-drafting procedures between the parliament and the executive bodies, in order, i. a., to enhance and speed up the EU legal approximation in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

This will be achieved through:

- Supporting the EU approximation process (component I);
- Setting more effective cooperation links with executive bodies (component II);
- Developing methods for impact assessment (component III);
- Building up the knowledge of EU law (component IV)

(b) Geographical area: Azerbaijan

Beneficiary institution: The Milli Mejlis (Parliament) of the Republic of Azerbaijan

(c) Maximum project duration: 24 months

4. Overall amount available for this Call for Proposals

950 000 EUR

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 "Eligibility of potential Twinning partners" of the Twinning Manual.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

6. Provisional notification date of results of the award process

January 2009

AWARD CRITERIA

7. Award criteria

Selection criteria are mentioned in the Evaluation Grid included in the Reference Manual on Twinning Projects: See Annexes C6 & C8 on administrative compliance and eligibility grid and evaluation grid twinning selections.

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** (update 2007) 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 email of the National Contact Point.

9. Deadline for applications

Deadline for submission of Twinning proposals by the National Contact Points to the Contracting Authority EuropeAid Co-operation office:

31 October 2008 at 13:00h (Central European Time/Brussels).

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 preliminary envisaged for the evaluation committee meetings are: 24 -28 November 2008 (to be finalised on upon receipt of technical proposals). Location: *Baku, Azerbaijan*
