

Standard Twinning

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TWINNING CALL FOR PROPOSALS issued by the European Commission

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Project title: Strengthening Capacities of the Georgian National Energy and Water Supply regulatory Commission (GNERC) in Regulatory Cost Audit and Market Monitoring (GE/23)

Programme title: Framework Programme in Support of EU-Georgia Agreements (Phase-3)

3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration

(a) Short description of planned objectives:

The purpose of this Twinning Project is to develop the institutional framework for the implementation of regulation of Georgia's energy market in line with EU *acquis*.

The project aims to strengthen the capabilities of GNERC as the independent national regulatory authority through the development of tools and mechanisms based on best-EU practice regarding regulatory cost audit and market monitoring within the electricity sector.

The mandatory results to be achieved by the end of the Project are as follows:

Result 1 - The enabling environment within GNERC to begin development work towards the implementation of regulatory cost audits and market monitoring is established.

Result 2 - The draft Rules for Regulatory Cost Audit according to the EU regulations are prepared as well as the knowledge and skills of GNERC management and staff in respect of collection of regulatory data, regulatory cost allocation, and cost audit techniques.

Result 3 - The draft Rules for Monitoring of the Electricity Market according to the EU best practices have been prepared, as well as the knowledge and skills of GNERC management and staff in market monitoring are strengthened.

(b) Geographical area: Georgia

(c) **Maximum project duration:** The legal duration of the Twinning Contract, including periods for start-up and completion of activities is 24 months in accordance with the Twinning Manual 2012 (update 2013-2014). The implementation period will be 21 months.

4. Overall amount available for this Call for Proposals

EUR 1,000,000.00

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

5. Eligibility: Who may apply

Only 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 process¹

Second half of June 2015

SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA

7. Selection and Award criteria

Selection criteria consider the **operational capacity of the key 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)**.

Selection and award of the MS organization will be based on an evaluation of several qualitative aspects including but not limited to the proposed methodology, the experience of the proposed RTA and PL, the experience of the organization in co-operation projects and the MS presentation, etc.

See annex C6 of the Twinning Manual: Administrative compliance and Eligibility grid and annex C8 of the Twinning Manual: Evaluation Grid Twinning Selections under ENPI

¹ "The Contracting Authority communicates the choice of the selected Twinning partner at the latest within three weeks after the date of the selection meetings". Page 40 of the Twinning Manual.

Suspension clause: the award of the project is dependent on the adoption of the respective financial decision of the commission.

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: 27 May 2015 at 16:30 Local Georgian 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 **tentative** date(s) envisaged for the evaluation committee meetings are: 17 June 2015. Location: Delegation of the EU to Georgia, 38 Nino Chkheidze street, 0102 Tbilisi, Georgia

The MS delegation should always include the proposed Project Leader and RTA(s).