

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

1. Publication reference

MA04/AA/EN/03

2. Programme and Financing source

Project title: Support to the Ministry of Land Management, Water and Environment for integrated Environment management, harmonisation of the national environmental legal framework and convergence with EU environmental legislation.

Financing source: Programme to Support the implementation of the Association Agreement under MEDA.

3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration

(a) Capacity building component

- Ensuring better policy and legislation planning in the field of environment and water, taking into account institutional, legal and financial aspects
- Strengthening the administrative capacity for the development of environmental policies and legislation

Legal aspects component

- Ensuring the internal harmonisation of the Moroccan environmental legal framework, in order to improve its implementation
- Developing plans for convergence with EU environmental legislation taking into account institutional, legal and financial aspects

(b) Geographical area: Morocco

(c) Maximum project duration: 18 months

4. Overall amount available for this Call for Proposals

EUR 700.000

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.

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

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

6. Provisional notification date of results of the award process

Wednesday, 8 June 2005

It is brought to the attention of the Member States Administrations that the contracting deadline of 31 December 2005 fixed by the Financing Agreement must be respected. Therefore, the twinning contract should be signed before that date and a first draft should be ready on 8 September 2005 at the latest (3 months after notification of results according to the Twinning Manual).

AWARD CRITERIA

7. Award criteria

According to the Twinning Manual section 3.5 "Selection of twinning partners" and annexes C1 and C2 of this Manual (cf. version available at the following Web page: http://www.delmar.cec.eu.int/fr/ue_maroc/paaa.htm).

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 signed original and five copies** must be supplied by the applicant by mail. However, the proposal can be sent first by email (see instruction in the Twinning Manual).

9. Deadline for applications

Deadline for submission of Twinning proposals by the National Contact Points to the Contracting Authority: **Monday, 25 April 2005, 17h00 local time (GMT)**.

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 fiche, which are available at the European Union Member States **National Contact Points for Twinning**.

Information about the Programme to Support the implementation of the Association Agreement in Morocco can be obtained through the Internet Web page of the European Commission Delegation in Morocco at the following address: http://www.delmar.cec.eu.int/fr/ue_maroc/paaa.htm

Any questions regarding this Call for Proposals should be sent by e-mail to the Programme Management Unit (including the Publication Reference of this Call for Proposals shown in item 1) at the following address: ugpaaa@menara.ma .

The date envisaged for the evaluation committee meeting is : **Friday, 3 June 2005**, location: Project Management Unit office in Rabat - Morocco
