

# Horizon 2020 - Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation (SEWP) Twinning Action

## What is the main aim of the SEWP?

The interim evaluation of FP7 (November 2010) identified that some Member States, mainly those that joined the EU after 2004, had **low participation rates** in FP7 projects. Widening actions under the Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation part of Horizon 2020 address the causes of low participation by fully exploiting the potential of Europe's talent pool. The main aim is to enhance economic growth and competitiveness in Low Research & Innovation (R&I) Performing Countries. It ensures that the benefits of an innovation-led economy are both maximized and widely distributed across the European Union. Synergies with European Structural and Investment funds are an important component.



## What is the scope of Twinning Action?

Twinning Action proposals should emphasize to;

- Enhance the scientific and technological capacity of the linked institutions with a principal focus on the university or research organization from the Widening Country
- Help raise the research profile of the institution from the Widening country as well as the research profile of its staff

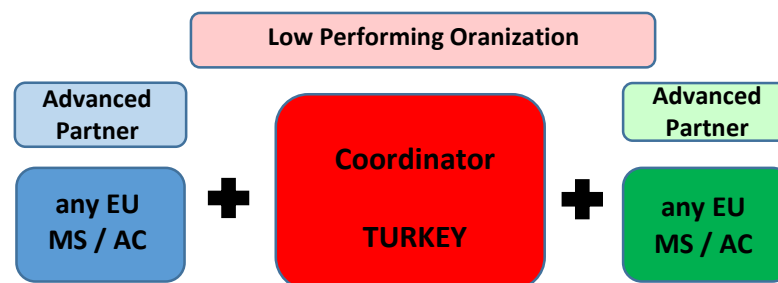
Twinning Action proposals should be based on networking for excellence;

- through;
- knowledge transfer
  - exchange of best practice
- between;
- research institutions of the widening countries
  - internationally leading counterparts

## Who can apply?

The coordinator of an eligible consortium can apply to Twinning Action via [Research Participant Portal](#). This consortium should be consisted of **at least three participants** in which;

- **the COORDINATOR:** **ONE** institution (a university or a research organization) located in a Low Research & Innovation (R&I) Performing Countries like **Turkey**.
- **the PARTNERS:** at least **TWO** additional partners (internationally leading universities or research organizations) from two different Member State or Associated Country other than the coordinator's country.



**Advanced partners are advised to be selected from the following countries;** Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, Israel.

**Important note:** As long as the minimum eligibility conditions are met, there is no maximum number of partners.

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## Twinning Action

### What are the 2018 call conditions?

<b>Type of action</b>	Coordination and support action (CSA)
<b>Deadline model</b>	single-stage
<b>Opening date</b>	15 May 2018
<b>Deadline</b>	15 November 2018
<b>Project budget</b>	max of EUR 0.8 million/project
<b>Call budget</b>	EUR 30 million
<b>Duration of a project</b>	up to 3 years

### How should be the structure of the proposal?

Proposals should focus on followings:

the scientific strategy for stepping up and stimulating scientific excellence and innovation capacity in a defined area of research

the scientific quality of the partners involved in the twinning exercise

promoting the involvement of **early stage researchers** in the coordinating institution from the Widening country

### What are the expected impacts?

- Increased research excellence of the coordinating institution
- Enhanced reputation, attractiveness and networking channels of the coordinating institution
- Improved capability to succeed in competitive research funding
- Illustrate quantitatively and qualitatively the expected potential impact of the twinning exercise within the coordinating institution (and possibly at regional/national level) based on indicators like expected future publications

in peer reviewed journals, collaboration agreements with businesses, intellectual property, new innovative products or services.

- It should be explained how the leading scientific institutions in the partnership will contribute in terms of provision of access to new research avenues, creativity and the development of new approaches, as well as acting as a source for increased mobility (inwards and outwards) of qualified scientists.
- The benefits for the internationally leading scientific institutions and the way they would materialize through the partnership should be substantiated.



### What sort of activities are supported in Twining Proposals?

- Short term staff exchanges
- Expert visits and short-term on-site or virtual training
- Workshops
- Conference attendance
- Organization of joint summer school type activities
- Dissemination and outreach activities

<u>Eligible costs</u>	<u>Ineligible costs</u>
Administration, networking, coordination, training, management, travel	Infrastructure costs, equipment, research costs (including consumables)

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