





# **Twinning**

Workshop in Rovaniemi
Discussions regarding a potential Twinning project in the sector of tourism safety in Montenegro
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#### What is Twinning?

- Instrument for the cooperation between Public Administrations of EU Member States and of beneficiary countries.
- Beneficiaries include candidate countries and potential candidates to EU membership, as well as countries covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy.
- In the IPA region, Twinning aims to provide support for the transposition, implementation and enforcement of the EU legislation (the acquis).
- In the framework of the ENP Twinning aims to strenghten relations between the EU and its neighbours and to support the implementation of Action Plans and National Indicative Programmes
- Started in 1998

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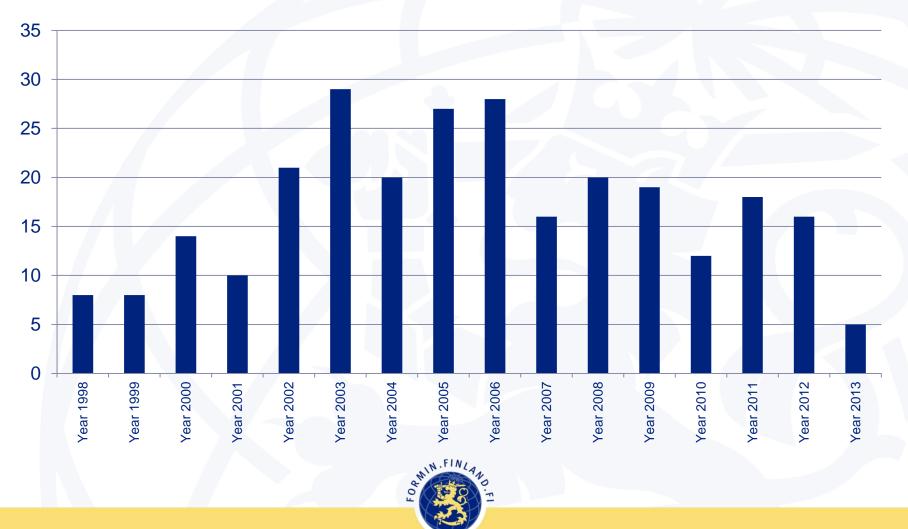
# Twinning and TAIEX beneficiary states **Enlargement Countries** under IPA Turkey, Iceland, Croatia, Kosovo, Serbia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Albania. **Eastern Neighbourhood ENPI** Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan **Southern Neighbourhood ENPI** Morocco, Algeria, Tunis, Libya, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Israel, Palestinian Authority.

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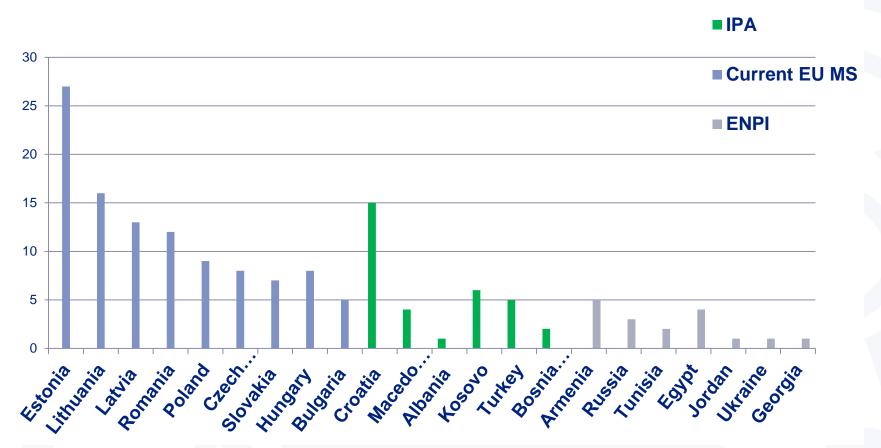
- Full Twinning projects last from 1 to 2.5 years
- Budget around EUR 1 million
- Twinning Light 6 months, budget around EUR 250 000, no RTA
- Funded by the EU External funding: IPA (Instrument for Pre-Accession) and ENPI (European Neigbourhood and Partnership Instrument) instruments



## Finland's proposals in 1998-2013

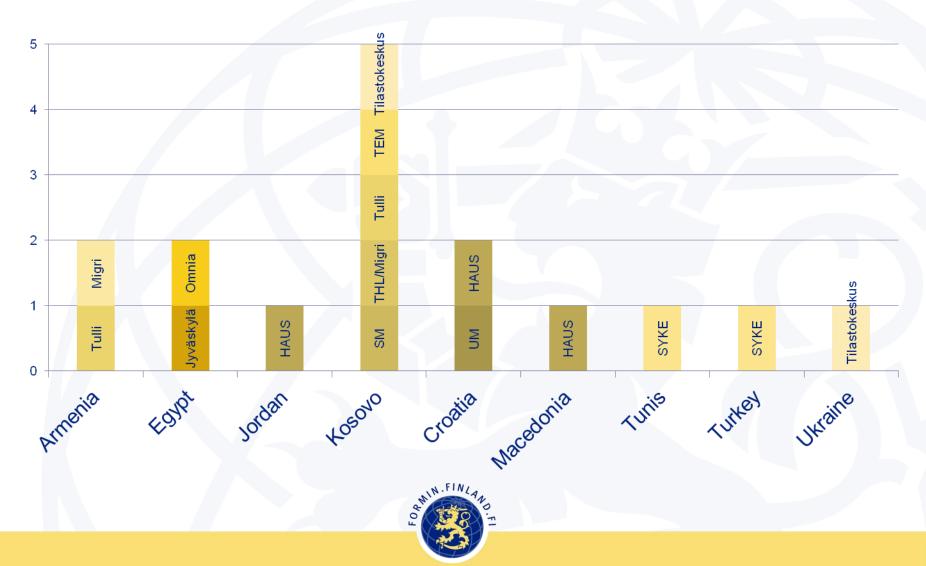


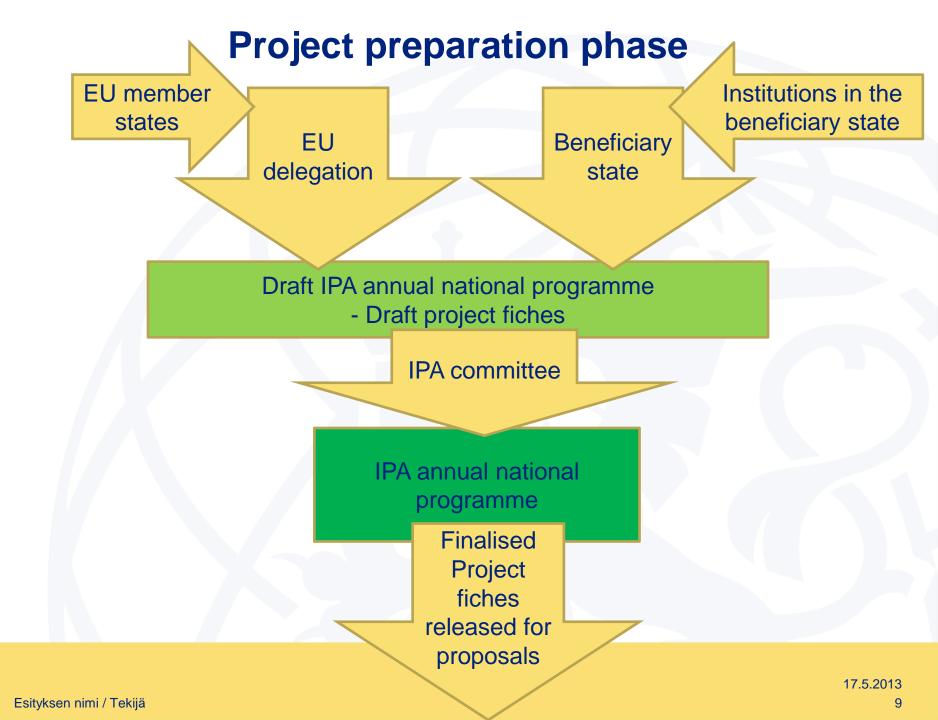
# Finland has implemented 155 Twinning Projects since 1998





### **Currently ongoing Twinning projects**





#### Call for proposals phase

Beneficiary state sends the project fiche in a call for proposals (deadline approx. 6-8 weeks)

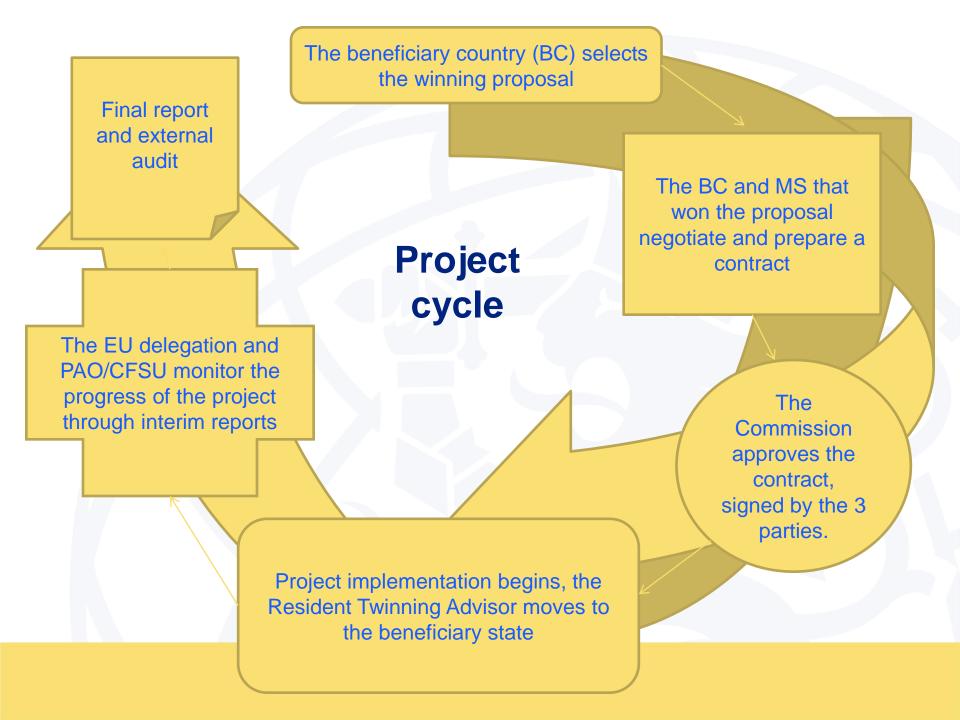
Member states prepare and submit proposals

2 weeks later

Beneficiary state has to **select** which proposal wins within 3 weeks of the selection meeting

Selection meeting at the beneficiary state capital, proposals presented (approx. 2 months after deadline for proposals)





# Ideas for a Twinning project in the safety of tourism

- Things to discuss:
  - Organisations involved
  - Project staff
  - Budget and duration
  - Results & Components/activities
  - Timetable
- How to proceed?



#### **Organisations involved**

- Twinning projects are launched for proposals
  - = Montenegro does not have to choose Finland

the **best** proposal will be chosen

- Montenegro
  - Which organisations?

- **Finland** 
  - MTI
  - Ministry of Interior?
  - Police college?
  - Ministry for **Employment and Economy?**
- Partners: Slovenia? Croatia? Sweden? Others?



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### **Project staff**

- Montenegro Project Leader
- RTA counterpart
- RTA civil servant that will move to Montenegro
  - RTA assistant
  - Language assistant? Translation?
- Project Leader high-raking civil servant
- Short-term experts



#### **Budget and duration**

- Minimum 12 months, maximum 36 months
- Minimum usually around 600 000 EUR
- Maximum usually 2 000 000 EUR
- Budget depends on what we want to achieve
- Is there a technical contract / service contract necessary?
  - Separate budget
  - Tender can be launched during the Twinning project



#### Results + Components/activities

- What do we want to achieve?
- What can you realistically hope to achieve in ~24 months?
- How do we do it?
- Splitting the project into components
- Study visits? Internships in Finland?



#### **Timetable**

- 2014 IPA national programme
  - = in the IPA committee September 2014
- Proposal can be circulated only after the money has been granted by the IPA committee
- 6-8 weeks months for proposals
- 2 weeks from submission of proposal to the selection meeting
- Montenegro has 3 weeks to make the selection
- 6 weeks time to prepare the contract from the selection
- Project starts when the RTA moves to Montenegro



#### How to proceed?

- The funding needs to be included in the IPA annual programme. Need to talk to:
  - Montenegro Ministry for Foreign Affairs and European Integration
    - Montenegro Twinning contact point: Mr Mitar Đurovic
  - EU Delegation in Podgorica
- Project fiche needs to be drafted
- Future visits? TAIEX?
- Minister Räsänen will visit Montenegro 24.5. with Ms Eija-Leena Linkola in the delegation

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