



Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation in Horizon 2020

TWINNING

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A graphic for Horizon 2020 featuring a glowing blue background with a horizon line. A small globe of the Earth is positioned in the center, with light rays emanating from it. The word "HORIZON 2020" is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the image.

HORIZON 2020



Twinning

What?

Strengthening a defined field of research of a knowledge institution in a low performing Member State or region through linking with at least two internationally-leading counterparts in Europe.

How?

Proposals: Will have to outline the scientific strategy for stepping up and stimulating scientific excellence and innovation capacity in a defined area of research as well as the scientific quality of the partners involved in the twinning exercise

WHEN?

2 calls (2015 and 2018)



Twinning (2)

The Partners

- **ONE** institution located in a Low Performing MS/region (**COORDINATOR**)
- A minimum of **TWO** additional partners from two different Member States or Associated Countries.

Call 2015 Details:

Budget: ~ € 64 M

Call Opening date: 2 July 2014

Call deadline: 7 May 2015 (to be confirmed)

Project Size: €1 M per proposal

Project Duration: 3 years

Type of action: Coordination and Support Action

Total Budget for Twinning in H2020: ~ € 100 M

Twinning (3)

Eligible Costs

Funding for:

- expert visits and short-term on-site or virtual training;
- workshops & conference attendance;
- organisation of joint summer school type activities;
- dissemination and outreach activities.

Equipment & researchers' salaries will NOT be funded.

Twinning (4)

Examples from FP7-Research Potential (REGPOT)

- **OPENGENE (REGPOT-2009)**: the Estonian Genome Center of Tartu (Estonia) has built successful networks with key partnering organisations on genomics from UK, the Netherlands, Finland and Germany.
 - **STRONGER (REGPOT-2011)**: the Pasteur Institute of French Guiana strengthened transdisciplinary research on infectious diseases. Partnerships with France, UK, USA, Brazil.
- ✧ FP7 REGPOT eligibility – **Convergence** Regions only

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