

Annex B.03 – Template Agreement between Lead Institution (LI) and End Beneficiary (EB)

# THE AGREEMENT

## BETWEEN

### THE LEAD INSTITUTION (LI)

### AND

### **END BENEFICIARY (EB)**

for

.....ACTION



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The Agreement

between

### Lead Institution (LI) (name of the relevant ministry to be inserted)

and

End Beneficiary (EB) (name of the relevant end beneficiary to be inserted)

for the management and implementation of action \*\*\*\* financed by the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance II (IPA II)



Parties:

The Lead Institution for the (name of relevant sector to be inserted) represented by the Ministry of (name of ministry), hereinafter referred as the "the LI";

and

End Beneficiary (name of end beneficiary)

Having regard to:

Framework Agreement of 11 February 2015 between The Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Commission of the European Communities on the Arrangements for Implementation of Union Financial Assistance to the Republic of Turkey Under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II) approved by the Council of Ministers Decree of 2015/8085 hereinafter referred as the FWA,

Prime MinisterialPresidential Circular No 20<u>19/20</u>15/(number to be inserted) of (date to be inserted) which describes the authorities in the implementation of the IPA II and their responsibilities.

Financing Agreements between the Government of Turkey and the Commission of the European Communities, specifying concrete terms and provisions for assistance, management of funds and disbursement of funds signed on (date to be inserted),

Have agreed as follows:

#### Article 1 Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement is to define clearly the rights and obligations of the parties regarding the duties and responsibilities defined in the FWA, Financing Agreement and Prime MinisterPresidential Circular for implementation and management of the Action\*\*\* ...

#### Article 2 Terms

Unless otherwise specified, the terms used in this Agreement shall bear the same meaning as attributed to them in the FWA, Financing Agreement and <u>Prime MinisterPresidential</u> Circular. If these references are amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time, the updated versions of them shall be valid.

#### Article 3 Responsibilities of the EB

The EB that is responsible for preparation of technical documents, for technical implementation of the Action, for information and visibility referred to in Articles 23 and 24 of the FwA, for monitoring and reporting of the Action in accordance with the principle of sound financial management and for ensuring the legality and regularity of the expenditure incurred during the technical implementation of the Action shall

a) deliver all the information, specified in the Annex I, in order to fulfil functions and responsibilities specified in the Annex II, in the format provided as attachments to Annex I and before or on the date specified,



- b) ensure that an authorized representative with sufficient senior level and appropriate numbers of qualified personnel are assigned to discharge the responsibilities, in an efficient manner, described in in this agreement,
- c) verify, annually not later than 15 of January, that the expenditure incurred, paid and declared to the LI complies with applicable Union and national law, the programme, the conditions for support of the action and the conditions of the contract, the goods or services have been delivered, and the payment requests by the recipient are correct.
- d) give right of access to the authorized NAO, NIPAC and LI staffs to its documents, information management system and on-site if deemed necessary, and assist them on monitoring on-the-spot checks visits,
- e) coordinate the other departments within his/her Ministry or Agency for the development and proper implementation of the Activity
- f) consult with the LI on any question relating to the execution or interpretation of the relevant Financing Agreements and/or this Agreement, and any other relevant NAO, NIPAC and Commission documentation related to the Activity,
- g) ensure the allocation of the national contribution for the Activity under the central administration budget, respecting the deadlines for the planning of the state budget, no later than 30 September, each year,
- h) monitor and control the overall technical implementation in order to ensure that the Activity is in progress in line with its objectives.
- i) ensure that the equipment and supplies procured in scope of the contracts are in use in line with the objectives of the activities,
- j) ensure the sustainability of the Activity, take the ownership of the equipment/supplies/buildings/plants etc. after the issuance of Provisional Acceptance, and maintain all written records relating to Activity for \*\*\* years from the date of final payment of the contracts,
- k) recover the IPA Funds paid to the recipients who were in any situation defined in article 7 of FA and referred to in Article 41 of the FWA and credit the recovered amounts to the related sub-accounts of the OS,
- provide necessary information as requested by the OS and or the NAO and NIPAC in case of financial adjustment, for the closure of the programme and any other subjects not specified in this agreement.

#### Article 4 Responsibilities of the LI

The LI that is responsible for preparation, implementation, information and visibility referred to in Articles 23 and 24 of the FwA, monitoring and reporting of programmes, and evaluation



thereof whenever relevant, in accordance with the principle of sound financial management and that is responsible for ensuring the legality and regularity of the expenditure incurred in the implementation of the programmes under its responsibility shall

- a) share any information that is relevant to the execution of the tasks allocated to the EB and to the technical implementation of Action,
- b) review and give comments if applicable to any documents prepared by the EB to be submitted to the NAO, the NIPAC and the Commission,
- c) guide/advise the EB in preparation technical documents, in nomination the staffs to the evaluation and acceptance committees, in technical implementation of the contract and in reaching the targets of the Action,

#### Article 5 Communication

The annexes and reporting issues concerning this agreement shall be sent by post and/or via email to the parties. Hardcopy of related documents shall be sent to the parties if requested. The documents and/or reports stated in the annexes and to be submitted to Commission shall be prepared in English.

The authorized representative of the EB, and if required, senior managers of the EB shall attend the regular and/or ad-hoc meetings in the chairmanship of the Operating Structure (OS) (composed of LI and the Central Finance and Contracts Unit) to discuss issues related to the effective implementation of the Action. In addition, in all level meetings shall be organised upon request of one of the parties.

#### Article 6 Amendments to the Agreement

This Agreement may only be amended in writing by common consent of the parties, yet the OS's decisions will always prevail in case of disagreement between the parties. However, annexes shall be subject to changes by the written letter of the OS, after consultation with the EB, if relevant.

This Agreement is issued in 3 (three) copies, and shall enter into force on the date on which it is signed by all parties and shall remain valid until the final closure of the IPA II Programme.

#### **End Beneficiary**

(Name and title)

**Lead Institution** (Name and title)

Date:

Date:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



**CFCU as Supporting Body** (Name and title)

Date:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

ANNEXES:

Annexes to this Agreement are integral part of this Agreement.

ANNEX I -FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CFCU

ANNEX II -FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LI

ANNEX III -FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EB



## Phase 1 Tender Preparation (From Commission's Approval Decision of the Programme till the Publication of the Contract Notice-CN for Procurement )

| No | Activities  | Activities Timing                                   |   |
|----|---|---|---|
| 1  | After receiving the Commission Approval Decision, sends LI the<br>templates to be used for preparation of the tender related<br>documents (e.g. Terms of Reference/Technical<br>Specifications/Works Dossiers/Guidelines for Grant<br>Applicants/Description of the Action & Budget for the Action) | 5 working days after the NIPAC's notification       | Templates of<br>tender documents<br>to LI/EB; |
| 2  | Reviews the tender related documents preparation plan of the LI<br>(prepared in the line with attachment of the Agreement signed<br>with the NAO), sends comments or consents to LI   |   |   |
| 3  | Receives and reviews the tender related documents from the LI in procedural, contractual, financial and quality terms 30 days   |   |   |
| 4  | Sends comments to LI on the tender related documents  | 2 working days after<br>completion of the<br>review | E-mail  |
| 5  | For the components that CN is not published yet, informs the LI (NAO and NIPAC in Cc), the tendering procedure has been cancelled and further step will be taken unless the LI takes, in writing, the administrative and financial risks.   |   |   |
| 6  | Submits the CN to the European Commission for publication   | On time   |   |
| 7  | Informs LI on publication of the CN On the same date when the publication date is received.   |   |   |
| 8  | Prepares monthly procurement plans and shares with the related parties Within one month after the entry into force of the respective Financing Agreement  |   | Template                                      |

| Phas | Phase 2 Tendering (From Publication of Contract Notice till the signature of the Contract)  |   |                                   |  |  |
|------|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| 1    | Updates monthly procurement plans and shares with the related parties   | 3rd day of each month   | Report                            |  |  |
| 2    | Sends letter to LI (EB in Cc) for nomination of the Shortlist<br>Panel/Evaluation Committee voting members  | Before 15 working dates to tender opening date  | Official<br>Letter/CV<br>template |  |  |
| 3    | Checks the composition of the Shortlist Panel/Evaluation<br>Committee voting members, proposed by the LI and sends<br>comments, if applicable.  | 3 working days after receiving the letter   |                                   |  |  |
| 4    | Appoints a non-voting chairperson and a non-voting secretary to<br>the Shortlist Panel/Evaluation Committee from the CFCU,<br>securing the respect of the procedures without any interference<br>in the technical decision of the voting members; | 0 1 1   |                                   |  |  |
| 5    | Communicates the clarifications/comments received from the EU on nomination of the Shortlist Panel/Evaluation Committee voting members with the LI  | 1 working day after the<br>comments to the<br>proposed Evaluation<br>Committee voting<br>members. | E-mail                            |  |  |

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| 6  | Receives the questions/clarifications of the potential tenderers/applicants, reviews them and request the explanations of the EB/LI regarding the technical clarifications | 2 working day after the<br>Deadline for requesting<br>any clarification from<br>the CA.                                   | E-mail                                   |
|----|--|---|--|
| 7  | Submits the answers for questions/qualifications of the potential tenderers/applicants to the European Commission for approval/endorsement                                 | On time (max days 10)   | Template                                 |
| 8  | Communicates the clarifications/comments received from the EU on the questions/clarifications of the potential tenderers/applicants with the LI/EB                         | As the comments are received  | E-mail                                   |
| 9  | Informs the EB (LI in Cc) on the continuous absence (minimum<br>two days) of the Evaluation Committee Members in order to<br>take necessary actions                        | On time   | Official letter                          |
| 10 | Transmit the Evaluation reports and Award Decision to the EU for approval/endorsement  | 1 working day after the<br>completion of approval<br>stage at the CFCU and<br>the signatures of all the<br>voting members | Evaluation Report<br>& Award<br>Decision |
| 11 | Communicates the clarifications/comments received from EU with the Evaluation Committee  | 2 working days after the comments are received.   | Evaluation<br>Committee<br>Meeting       |
| 12 | Manages the contract signature process   | After the Notification to the Successful Tenderer   | Contract                                 |
| 13 | Transmit the Contract Dossier to the EU for approval/<br>endorsement   | 1 working day after the completion of the task at the CFCU.   | Contract                                 |
| 14 | Communicates the clarifications/comments and any requirements/conditionality to be fulfilled by the LI received from the EU on the contract dossier with the LI            | 3 working days  |  |
| 15 | Sends the copy of the contract to the LI/EB upon the completion of the signature process   | 5 working days after<br>receiving the originally<br>signed copy.  | Official Letter &<br>Copy Contract       |
|    | For the grants;  |   |  |
| 16 | - Prepares and signs protocol to be signed with the LI regarding the recruitment of assessors;   | At least 2 months before<br>starting the evaluation<br>processes  |  |
|    | <ul> <li>Submits the timesheets and related documents to the LI as a basis to payments to the assessors;</li> <li>For the twinning or twinning light;</li> </ul>           | 15 days after the end of evaluation process   |  |
|    | <ul> <li>manages the tendering and contracting process according to<br/>the applicable rules and regulations specified in the relevant<br/>Twinning Manual;</li> </ul>     | In line with the applicable Twinning Manual   |  |
|    | Provides guidance and trainings concerning the tendering and<br>contracting of Twinning and Twinning Light Contracts, where<br>necessary;                                  | 5 days as of notification of selection results  |  |
| 17 | - Co-chairs the selection meeting of twinning projects;  |   |  |
| 17 | - Circulation of the detailed Twinning light project fiche;  | 5 days following the<br>receipt of Europeaid<br>number of the fiche<br>from the EUD                                       |  |
|    | - Dispatches the proposals of the Twinning Light project to the LI;  |   |  |
|    | - Chairs the selection meeting of Twinning Light projects;   | 15 days after the end<br>date of circulation<br>period  |  |



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| - | Issues the selection notification of the Twinning Light project;  | 15 days after the selection meeting                                |  |
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| - | Provides assistance in drafting Twinning and Twinning Light<br>Contract and annexes;  | 5 days as of notification of selection results                     |  |
| - | Assesses the proposed Twinning and Twinning Light contracts in procedural, contractual, financial and technical terms   |  |  |
| - | Signs the Twinning and Twinning Light Contracts, ensuring<br>compliance with the Commission's binding opinion upon the<br>relevance of the Work Plan of the Twinning project; |  |  |
| - | Issues notification letters for Twinning and Twinning Light contracts;  | Within the time limits<br>set in the applicable<br>Twinning Manual |  |

| Phase | <b>3</b> Contract Implementation (From signature of the contract  | till the end of disburseme  | nt deadline)    |
|-------|---|---|-----------------|
| 1     | Issues commencement orders and instructs the<br>Contractor/Grant Beneficiaries regarding the contractual<br>obligations   | Within 90 days after<br>signature of the contract<br>as per its provision   | Official Letter |
| 2     | Formalize the kick off meetings following the notification of the LI/EB   | On time   |                 |
| 3     | Receives payment requests/invoices, and checks the documents (report approval, certificate of origin documents, acceptance documents, guarantee letters etc.) related to the payment in accordance with the contract conditions   | Within the period specified in the contract   |                 |
| 4     | For the service, supply and works contracts, sends approval<br>letters for the invoices ("Read and Approved") to the EB (with<br>a copy to the LI), request the prior authorization on the<br>technical aspects from the EB (with a copy to the LI)   | Within 10 working days<br>after receiving the<br>payment documents  | Official Letter |
| 5     | Make payments to the Contractors/Grant Beneficiaries in line<br>with the EU procedures and according to contractual<br>provisions, subject to availability of funds (under the condition<br>that the necessary EU/TR funds have been timely received,)  | Within the period specified in the contract   |                 |
| 6     | Carries out verification to ensure that expenditures have<br>actually been incurred in accordance with the approvals and<br>the payment requests/invoices (and any other documents<br>related with the payment) submitted by the Contractors and<br>Beneficiaries are admissible;   | Within the period specified in the contract   |                 |
| 7     | Provides and maintains an accrual based accounting and<br>reporting system; keeps separate records for each Annual<br>Action Programme and adequate accounting recording all<br>payments registered by programme, project, contract, etc.;<br>operate financial accounts with all the standard checks and<br>reconciliations; provide a reporting system which includes<br>information about programme, project, component and<br>contract details, payments and payment forecasts and cost<br>recognition. | On time   |                 |
| 8     | Conducts monitoring visits/on-the-spot checks visits  | On time (before<br>issuance of<br>provisional/final<br>acceptance certificates<br>and approval of final<br>reports) |                 |
| 9     | Provides available reports/information to the NAO stated in the agreements signed with the NAO.   | On time   |                 |

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| 10 | Requests recovery amounts from or finalizes payments to the<br>Contractors/Grant Beneficiaries after the financial<br>checks/evaluation of payment requests and related documents.  | Within the period specified in the contract   |  |
|----|---|---|--|
| 11 | Limited to the assigned tasks and operations, sets up a system<br>for timely reporting of irregularities and for effective and<br>proportionate anti-fraud measures, taking into account the<br>risks identified and management of such system and measures;  | On time   |  |
| 12 | Notifies the LI from the reported irregularities (where required<br>providing details) in a timely manner and inform the other<br>party in a case of suspicion or irregularities occur concerning<br>the functions and responsibilities assigned to them so that<br>responsible party shall take necessary actions including the<br>reporting | On time   |  |
| 13 | Follows-up the actions taken for the irregularities and informs the LI in a timely manner.  | On time   |  |
| 14 | Provides a system which keeps the records of recovery<br>requests (including irregularities) and recovered amounts from<br>Contractors.   | On time   |  |
| 15 | Suspends the payment where required   |   |  |
| 16 | Requests and receives the LI/EB's comments/<br>agreement/approval to the changes/requests/experts/reports<br>etc. related to the contract   | On time   |  |
| 17 | Manages contract changes (administrative orders; side letters /work plan; minor/major changes /addendum) and use of Incidentals and Contingency Reserves  | On time (for twinning<br>contracts 10 days for<br>Work Plan; 20 days for<br>Addendum) |  |
| 18 | Approve the experts/reports in line with the contract provisions  | On time   |  |
| 19 | Communicates the clarifications/comments received from EU with the LI   | On time   |  |
| 20 | Informs the LI/EB regarding the need to complete the organising the provisional and final acceptance committee process.   | On time   |  |
| 21 | Review the provisional and final acceptance documents and sends comments to the LI/EB, if needed.   | On time   |  |
| 22 | Inform the EB to record the supplies into their inventory and if available, initiate the transfer agreement for vehicles.   | 5 working days<br>following the issuance<br>of Provisional<br>Acceptance Certificate  |  |
| 23 | Participates management /steering committee /ad-hoc meetings regarding the implementation of the contracts;   | On time   |  |
| 24 | Provides approval regarding the EU visibility rules in the project activities/outputs in line with the contract conditions  | On time   |  |
| 25 | Fulfils information publicity, transparency, visibility and communication requirements (limited to the tendering/management of the contracts) for the assigned functions.   | On time   |  |
| 26 | Provides consultation for the "Communication Plan" to be<br>prepared by the LI to outline how information and publicity<br>measures will be undertaken including aims and target groups,<br>communication strategies, the budget and those responsible for<br>the implementation.   | On time   |  |
| 27 | For Twinning and Twinning Light;  |   |  |

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|    | - Manages the implementation process as the Contracting<br>Authority as per the contract provisions and applicable laws<br>and regulations specified in the relevant Twinning Manual;   |         |  |
|----|---|---------|--|
|    | - Provides guidance and trainings concerning the implementation of Twinning and Twinning Light Contracts, where necessary;  |         |  |
|    | - Monitors the implementation of the Twinning and Twinning Light contracts, approval of amendments, quarterly reports and final report.   |         |  |
| 28 | Set up procedures and fulfils archiving requirements in<br>compliance with the Framework Agreement and related EU<br>rules (where applicable).  |         |  |
| 29 | Establishes and regularly informs the Internal Audit Unit on<br>the auditing requirements stated in the relevant agreements<br>(framework or financing)   | On time |  |
| 30 | Replies, communicating with the LI, the audit findings (EC,<br>Audit Authority, Internal Auditors, Sayıştay and others) in a<br>timely manner and prepares an action plan to take effective<br>actions in order to close the audit findings, and follows up the<br>action plan. | On time |  |

| Phas | se 4 Sustainability Period (From disbursement deadline till the  | closure of the programm | e) |
|------|--|-------------------------|----|
| 1    | Provides information to the LI/EB regarding the completion of the contract execution and reminds their role on sustainability. | On time                 |    |
| 2    | Delivers all necessary information to LI requested to successfully closing the programme.                                      | On time                 |    |
| 3    | Request recovery amount from Contractors/Grant Beneficiaries   | On time                 |    |
| 4    | Returns the recovered/remaining amount to the NF main accounts   | On time                 |    |



#### ANNEX II -FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LI

## Phase 1 Tender Preparation (From Commission's Approval Decision of the Programme till the Publication of the Contract Notice-CN for Procurement )

| No | Activities  | Timing  | Template<br>Documents              |
|----|---|---|------------------------------------|
| 1  | Signs Cooperation Agreements with each EBs in the action document   | In three months after<br>the Commission<br>Approval Decision  | Cooperation<br>Agreement           |
| 2  | Informs (and updates when necessary) the CFCU the names and<br>contact information of the people in the EB responsible for the<br>implementation of the Action Document   | 7 working days after<br>signature of the<br>agreement with EB   | Official Letter                    |
| 3  | After receiving template tender preparation documents from the CFCU organises a training programme and shares the documents with EBs  | In three months after<br>the Commission<br>Approval Decision  |                                    |
| 4  | Asks the EB to prepare a reasonably applicable timetable for<br>the submission of the tender documents and where required<br>updates the table  | 7 working days after<br>signature of the<br>agreement with EB   | · · · · · ·                        |
| 5  | Reviews and submits the timetable for the submission of the tender documents to the CFCU and where required updates the table   | 10 working days   |                                    |
| 6  | Follows up the timetable and sends the timetable to NAO monthly.  | In 10 working days of each months   | Template in agreement with the NAO |
| 7  | Receives the tender related documents from the EB and reviews<br>the documents according to their coherence with sector<br>priorities.  | On time   |                                    |
| 8  | Sends comments on tender/call for proposal related documents to the EB, if needed   | 15 working days   |                                    |
| 9  | Submits tender/call for proposal related documents to the CFCU  | 7 working days  |                                    |
| 10 | Submits the comments/clarifications of the CFCU to the EB   | 7 working days  |                                    |
| 11 | Submits the replies of the EB to the CFCU   | 7working days   |                                    |
| 12 | Provides necessary confirmation/consent to the final version of<br>the tender documents including the Clarifications and Changes<br>to the tender documents after receiving the<br>confirmation/consent of the EB | 7 working days  |                                    |
| 13 | Sends warnings letters or e-mails to the End Beneficiary to<br>provide the initial tender documents in mature conditions.   | Within 6 months<br>following the<br>ratification of the<br>related Financing<br>Agreement, especially<br>on last month. |                                    |
| 14 | Propose amendments for the programme, if needed.  | On time   |                                    |

| Phase | e 2 Tendering (From Publication of Contract Notice till the sign   | nature of the Contract)  |                           |
|-------|--|--|---------------------------|
| 1     | Guides and helps the EB on selection of the Shortlist<br>Panel/Evaluation Committee voting members   | Within 2 working days<br>after CFCU's official<br>Letter is received |                           |
| 2     | Informs the EB to take necessary actions when the CFCU gives<br>information on absence of the voting members, and makes high<br>level meetings in case of the absence continues. | 2 working days   | E-mail/Official<br>Letter |



| 3 | Asks the EB to provide necessary information concerning the<br>Shortlist Panel/Evaluation Committee voting members received<br>from CFCU/EU in a timely manner                  | When received  | E-mail |
|---|---|--|--------|
| 4 | Asks and helps the EB to provide necessary information<br>concerning the clarifications/comments received from the<br>prospective tenderers/applicants in a timely manner       | 2 working days   |        |
| 5 | Receives and files the signed contract.   | 3 working days   |        |
|   | For the grants;   |  |        |
| 6 | - Ensure that the EB signs the protocol regarding the recruitment of the assessors;   | In 7 days following<br>the notification by the<br>CFCU |        |
|   | - Ensure that the EB signs contracts with the assessors selected by the IA and in accordance with the applicable procedure;   | In 7 days after<br>communication by the<br>CFCU        |        |
|   | For the twinning or twinning light;   |  |        |
|   | - Signs Twinning Contracts, where required  | In 7 days following<br>the notification by<br>CFCU     |        |
| 7 | - Ensures that the twinning contracts are signed by the Authorized Person (if applicable) and the Project Leader  | In 7 days following<br>the notification by<br>CFCU     |        |
|   | - Ensures the proper fulfilment of tasks and responsibilities assigned to the 'Beneficiary Country' during the tendering and contracting phase in the relevant Twinning Manual. | In line with the deadlines set by the CFCU             |        |
| 8 | Propose amendments for the programme, if needed.  | On time  |        |

| Phase | e 3 Contract Implementation (From signature of the contract t   | ill the end of disbursement deadline)                            |
|-------|---|--|
| 1     | Ensures the EB to organise the kick off meeting and participates  | On time  |
| 2     | Ask the EB to fulfil any requirement/conditionality stated in the Action Documents/Agreements and to prepare necessary conditions for the contractor stated in the Contract in a timely manner.   | 7 working days   |
| 3     | For service, supply and works contracts, asks and guides the EB on the timely checking and approving the invoices of the Contractor provided by the CFCU before the relevant payment is executed by the CFCU ("Read and Approved" process). | Deadline given by the<br>CFCU                                    |
| 4     | For service contracts (especially in fee-based types), asks and guides the EB on the timely checking and approving the experts' timesheets submitted by the Contractor.   | On time  |
| 5     | Notifies the EB to inform the CFCU in case of any ineligible amount detected or any expenditure unapproved.   | On time  |
| 6     | For the service contracts, supervises the EB for checking the technical reports submitted by the Contractors and approving the reports in due time as per contract conditions.  | On time  |
| 7     | For the supply contracts, supervises the EB for sending the provisional and final acceptance certificates to the CFCU   | Deadline given by the<br>CFCU considering<br>contract conditions |
| 8     | For works contracts, supervises the EB for sending the taking-<br>over and performance certificates   | Deadline given by the<br>CFCU considering<br>contract conditions |

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| 9  | For grant contracts (standard grant contracts and/or direct grant<br>agreements with pillar assessed international organizations),<br>supervises the EB for controlling and approving of the<br>interim/final reports submitted by the Grant Beneficiaries in<br>terms of compatibility of the realized activities to the<br>description of actions | Deadline given by the<br>CFCU considering<br>contract conditions |          |
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| 10 | Fulfils the additional technical and physical checks for the actions to be implemented, where needed.   | On time  |          |
| 11 | Controls, in a timely manner, the proper fulfilment of tasks and<br>responsibilities assigned to the 'Beneficiary Country' during the<br>implementation phase in the relevant Twinning Manual   | On time  |          |
| 12 | Asks and guides EB to nominate members, to establish competent Acceptance Committees and to issue inspection and testing procedures for the provisional and final acceptances   | Deadline given by the<br>CFCU considering<br>contract conditions |          |
| 13 | Joins the acceptance committee meetings   | On time  |          |
| 14 | After the issuance of Provisional Acceptance, asks the EB to<br>undertaken the ownership of the equipment/supplies/<br>buildings/plants etc. and to make necessary accounting records.  | 7 working days   |          |
| 15 | Supervises the EB during the technical management of the contracts, except standard grant contracts   | On time  |          |
| 16 | For the grant contracts (standard grant contracts and/or direct grant agreements with pillar assessed international organizations); monitors the actions' execution through the programme priorities.   | On time  |          |
| 17 | Notifies the CFCU/EB about the possible change needs/deficiencies on contracts.   | On time  |          |
| 18 | Reviews and provides comments/agreement/approval to the changes/requests/experts/reports etc., where relevant, related to the contracts requested by EB or the CFCU   | On time  |          |
| 19 | Communicates the clarifications/comments received from EU/CFCU with the EB  | On time  |          |
| 20 | Sends NAO regularly the progress report on the implementation<br>of actions in line with the document attached to the Agreement<br>signed with the NAO.   | Quarterly  | Template |
| 21 | Organizes twice a year Sectoral Monitoring Committee (SMC) meetings to present and discuss the achievements of the OS   | Semi-Annually  |          |
| 22 | Prepares the minutes of the SMCs  | In 15 days following the SMC meeting                             |          |
| 23 | Follows-up the fulfilment of the recommendations of the SMCs  | In 15 days following the SMC meeting                             |          |
| 24 | Monitors the programmes/contracts   | On time  |          |
| 25 | Prepares a Communication Plan which reflects the fact that the<br>programme targets specific geographical areas and/or target<br>groups (as relevant) bearing in mind the different types of<br>project promoters that have relevance for the project<br>implementation.  | On time  |          |
| 26 | Implements the Communication Plan in a timely manner.   | On time  |          |
| 27 | Asks and guides EB to apply the visibility requirements.  | On time  |          |
| 28 | Prepares the monitoring plan and carries outs or participates the monitoring visits/site visits/on-the-spot checks in line with the Monitoring Plan.  | On time  |          |
| 29 | Supervises the EB to organise management/steering committee/ad-hoc meetings regarding the implementation of the   | On time  |          |



|    | contracts/programmes   |   |         |
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| 30 | Participates management /steering committee /ad-hoc meetings regarding the implementation of the contracts   |   |         |
| 31 | Notifies the CFCU for non-performance during contract implementation   | On time   |         |
| 32 | Timely reports the irregularities to the CFCU/NAO and takes<br>necessary anti-fraud measures, taking into account the risks<br>identified  | On time   |         |
| 33 | Asks the EB to timely report the irregularities to the CFCU/NAO in a case of suspicion or irregularities occur concerning the functions and responsibilities assigned to EB and to take necessary anti-fraud measures, taking into account the risks identified.                         |   | On time |
| 34 | Follows up the reported irregularities including those reported by the EB.   | On time   |         |
| 35 | Informs and supervises the EB to recovery the amount requested by the EU/CFCU/NAO.   | In 7 days following<br>the notification by<br>EU/CFCU/NAO |         |
| 36 | Delivers all necessary information to the NAO and the NIPAC<br>in compliance with the model attached to the Financing<br>Agreement/Agreements signed between the parties.  | On time   |         |
| 37 | Set up procedures and fulfils archiving requirements in compliance with the Framework Agreement and related EU rules (where applicable).   | On time   |         |
| 38 | Proposes amendments for the programme.   | On time   |         |
| 39 | Informs the Internal Audit Unit/function on the auditing<br>requirements stated in the relevant agreements (framework or<br>financing)   | On time   |         |
| 40 | Replies, communicating with the CFCU and EB, the audit<br>findings (EC, Audit Authority, Internal Auditors, Sayıştay and<br>others) in a timely manner and prepares an action plan to take<br>effective actions in order to close the audit findings, and<br>follows up the action plan. | On time   |         |

| Phase | e 4 Sustainability Period (From disbursement deadline till the  | closure of the programm                | ne)     |
|-------|---|--|---------|
| 1     | Asks and supervise the EB that the equipment and supplies<br>procured in scope of the contracts are in use in line with the<br>action objectives  |  | On time |
| 2     | Prepares the evaluation plan to be submitted to the NIPAC in compliance with Framework Agreement  | Annually (on 15<br>November each year) |         |
| 3     | Submits in a timely manner the evaluation Plan to the NIPAC and a copy to the CFCU.   | On time                                |         |
| 4     | Asks and supervises the EB, particularly for the monitoring and<br>sustainability of the projects (e.g. inventory records) to manage<br>the accounting system required by national legislation or, where<br>required by the National Fund, sets up a compliant accounting<br>system | On time                                |         |
| 5     | Monitors the action's outputs in order to ensure the sustainability of the action/programme   | On time                                |         |

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| 6  | Asks the EB to timely report the irregul<br>case of suspicion or irregularities<br>functions and responsibilities assigned<br>necessary anti-fraud measures, taking<br>identified. | occur concerning the d to EB and to take  |                    |  |
| 7  | Follows up the reported irregularities in by the EB.   | ncluding those reported   | On time            |  |

| 6 | functions and responsibilities assigned to EB and to take<br>necessary anti-fraud measures, taking into account the risks<br>identified.                                  |   |          |
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| 7 | Follows up the reported irregularities including those reported by the EB.  | On time   |          |
| 8 | Informs and supervises the EB to recovery the amount requested by the EU/CFCU/NAO.  | In 7 days following<br>the notification by<br>EU/CFCU/NAO |          |
| 9 | Delivers all necessary information to the NAO and the NIPAC<br>in compliance with the model attached to the Financing<br>Agreement/Agreements signed between the parties. |   | Template |



#### ANNEX III -FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EB

## Phase 1 Tender Preparation (From Commission's Approval Decision of the Programme till the Publication of the Contract Notice-CN for Procurement )

| No | Activities   | Timing  | Template<br>Documents              |
|----|--|---|------------------------------------|
| 1  | Signs Cooperation Agreements with LI for the sub-activities where the institution is defined as the End Beneficiary.   | In three months after the<br>Commission Approval<br>Decision  | Cooperation<br>Agreement           |
| 2  | Informs (and updates when necessary) the LI the names and contact information of the people responsible for the implementation of the sub-activity.                                | 7 working days after<br>signature of the<br>agreement with LI | Official Letter                    |
| 3  | After receiving template tender preparation documents from the EB, participates the training programme   | On time   |                                    |
| 4  | Prepares a reasonably applicable timetable for the submission of<br>the tender documents and where required updates the table  | 7 working days after<br>signature of the<br>agreement with LI |                                    |
| 5  | Submits the timetable for the submission of the tender documents to the LI and where required updates the table  | 7 working days  |                                    |
| 6  | Follows up the timetable and sends the timetable to LI monthly.  | In 10 days of each months                                     | Template in agreement with the NAO |
| 7  | Prepares and sends, in timely manner, the tender related documents to LI, updates them when requested.   | Within the time limit set<br>by the LI and/or CFCU            | Tender documents                   |
| 8  | Replies the comments on tender/call for proposal related documents   | Within the time limit set by the LI and/or CFCU               | E-Mail                             |
| 9  | Submits tender/call for proposal related documents to the CFCU/LI  | Within the time limit set<br>by the LI and/or CFCU            | E-Mail                             |
| 10 | Replies the comments/clarifications of the CFCU  | Within the time limit set<br>by the LI and/or CFCU            |                                    |
| 11 | Submits the replies to the CFCU (LI in Cc)   | Within the time limit set<br>by the LI and/or CFCU            | E-Mail                             |
| 12 | Provides necessary confirmation/consent to the final version of<br>the tender documents including the Clarifications and Changes<br>to the tender documents to the CFCU (LI in Cc) | Within the time limit set<br>by the LI and/or CFCU            | Official Letter                    |
| 13 | Propose amendments for the action documents, if needed.  | On time   |                                    |

| Phase 2 Tendering (From Publication of Contract Notice till the signature of the Contract) |  |  |                        |   |
|--|--|--|------------------------|---|
| 1  | Selects and proposes the Shortlist Panel/Evaluation Committee voting members upon the requests and sends related documents to CFCU/LI                          |  | Official letter<br>CVs | + |
| 2  | In case of absence of the voting members more than two days<br>takes necessary actions and organise a high level meetings in<br>case of the absence continues. | Within 2 working days<br>after the official<br>information is received<br>from the CFCU. |                        |   |

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| 3 | Replies the questions concerning the Shortlist Panel/Evaluation<br>Committee voting members received from CFCU/EU in a<br>timely manner                    | 2 working days in case<br>a deadline is not given<br>by the CFCU. | E-mail          |
|---|--|---|-----------------|
| 4 | Prepares necessary information concerning the clarifications/comments received from the prospective tenderers/applicants in a timely manner                | Within the deadline given by the CFCU.                            | E-mail          |
| 5 | Provides necessary information/confirmation, if applicable or<br>requested as regards any pre-conditionality for contract<br>signature in a timely manner. | Within the deadline specified by the CFCU                         | Official letter |
| 6 | Receives and files the signed contract.  | 3 working days  |                 |
|   | For the grants;  |   |                 |
| 7 | - signs the protocol regarding the recruitment of the assessors;   | 5 working days  |                 |
|   | - signs contracts with the assessors selected by the IA and in accordance with the applicable procedure;   | 3 working days<br>following start of<br>evaluation                |                 |
| 8 | Propose amendments for the action documents, if needed.  | On time   |                 |

| Phase 3 Contract Implementation (From signature of the contract till the end of disbursement deadline) |  |  |  |
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| 1  | Organises and participates the kick off meetings   | On time  |  |
| 2  | Fulfils any requirement/conditionality stated in the Action Documents/Agreements and prepares necessary conditions for the contractor stated in the Contract in a timely manner.   | On time  |  |
| 3  | For interim and final payments of the service, supply and works contracts, checks and approves in the timely manner the invoices/timesheets of the Contractor provided by the CFCU before the relevant payment is executed by the CFCU ("Read and Approved" process). For the service contracts (especially in fee-based types), checks and approves in the timely manner the timesheets of the Contractor provided by the CFCU (" <i>Read and Approved</i> ") process). | Deadline given by the<br>CFCU                                    |  |
| 4  | Informs the CFCU/LI in case of any ineligible amount detected or any expenditure unapproved.   | When necessary   |  |
| 5  | For the service contracts, checks the technical/inception/<br>interim/final etc. reports and outputs submitted by the<br>Contractors and approves the reports before the execution of the<br>payment or provides comments in due time as required by<br>contract conditions  | Deadline given by the<br>CFCU                                    |  |
| 6  | For the supply contracts, signs the provisional and final acceptance certificates  | Deadline given by the CFCU considering contract conditions       |  |
| 7  | For works contracts, signs the taking-over and performance certificates  | Deadline given by the<br>CFCU considering<br>contract conditions |  |



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| 8        | For grant contracts (standard grant contracts and/or direct grant<br>agreements with pillar assessed international organizations),<br>controls and approves of the interim/final reports submitted by<br>the Grant Beneficiaries in terms of compatibility of the realized<br>activities to the description of actions   | On time   |          |
| 9        | Fulfils the additional technical and physical checks for the actions to be implemented, where needed.  | On time   |          |
| 10       | Helps LI on controlling, in a timely manner, the proper<br>fulfilment of tasks and responsibilities assigned to the<br>'Beneficiary Country' during the implementation phase in the<br>relevant Twinning Manual  | On time   |          |
| 11       | Nominates members to establish competent Acceptance<br>Committees and completes inspection and testing procedures<br>for the provisional and final acceptances   | Deadline given by the CFCU considering contract conditions        |          |
| 12       | Carries out the acceptance committee meetings  | Deadline given by the<br>CFCU considering<br>contract conditions3 |          |
| 13       | After the issuance of Provisional Acceptance, undertakes the ownership of the equipment/supplies/buildings/plants etc. and makes necessary accounting records.   | On time   |          |
| 14       | Notifies the CFCU/LI about the possible change needs/deficiencies on contracts.  | On time   |          |
| 15       | Reviews and provides comments/agreement/approval to the changes/requests/experts/reports etc., where relevant, related to the contracts requested by LI or the CFCU  | Deadline given by the CFCU/LI                                     |          |
| 16       | Responses the clarifications/comments received from EU/CFCU  | Deadline given by the CFCU/LI                                     |          |
| 17       | Helps the LI for sending NAO regularly the progress report on<br>the implementation of actions in line with the document<br>attached to the Agreement signed with the NAO.   | Quarterly   | Template |
| 18       | Participates the Sectoral Monitoring Committee (SMC) meetings to present and discuss the achievements of the Action Document.  | On time   |          |
| 19       | Gives comments on the Minutes of the SMCs  | On time   |          |
| 20       | Helps LI on following-up the fulfilment of the recommendations of the SMCs   | On time   |          |
| 21       | Helps LI on preparation of the Communication Plan  | On time   |          |
| 22       | Applies the visibility requirements during the entire implementation of the Action Document  | On time   |          |
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| 23       | Carries outs or participates the monitoring visits/site visits/on-the-spot checks  | On time   |          |
| 23       |  | On time<br>On time  |          |
|          | the-spot checks<br>Participate or organise management/steering committee/ad-hoc  |   |          |
| 24       | the-spot checks<br>Participate or organise management/steering committee/ad-hoc<br>meetings regarding the implementation of the contracts<br>Notifies the CFCU/LI for non-performance during contract<br>implementation<br>Timely reports the irregularities to the CFCU/NAO and takes<br>necessary anti-fraud measures, taking into account the risks<br>identified | On time   |          |
| 24<br>25 | the-spot checks<br>Participate or organise management/steering committee/ad-hoc<br>meetings regarding the implementation of the contracts<br>Notifies the CFCU/LI for non-performance during contract<br>implementation<br>Timely reports the irregularities to the CFCU/NAO and takes<br>necessary anti-fraud measures, taking into account the risks               | On time<br>On time  |          |



| 28 | Takes necessary steps to recover the amount requested by the EU/CFCU/NAO.  | Within the time limit set<br>by the LI and/or CFCU |
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| 29 | Delivers all necessary information to the LI/CFCU for<br>submission reports to the NAO and the NIPAC in compliance<br>with the model attached to the Financing<br>Agreement/Agreements signed between the parties.   | On time  |
| 30 | Set up procedures and fulfils archiving requirements in<br>compliance with the Framework Agreement and related EU<br>rules (where applicable).   | On time  |
| 31 | Propose amendments for the action documents, if needed.  | On time  |
| 32 | Informs the Internal Audit Unit/function on the auditing<br>requirements stated in the relevant agreements (framework or<br>financing)   | On time  |
| 33 | Sends the responses to the CFCU and LI on the audit findings<br>(EC, Audit Authority, Internal Auditors, Sayıştay and others) in<br>a timely manner and helps them on preparation of an action plan<br>to take effective actions in order to close the audit findings, and<br>on the following up the action plan. | On time  |

| Phase 4 Sustainability Period (From disbursement deadline till the closure of the programme) |   |         |          |
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| 1  | Ensures sustainability of project results to be used in scope of<br>the contracts and in line with the action objectives  | On time |          |
| 2  | Helps the LI on preparation of the evaluation plan to be<br>submitted to the NIPAC in compliance with Framework<br>Agreement  | On time |          |
| 3  | Maintains or managed to be maintained an accounting system<br>required by national legislation or, where required by the<br>National Fund, particularly for the monitoring and sustainability<br>of the projects (e.g. inventory records) | On time |          |
| 4  | Helps LI for monitoring the action's outputs in order to ensure<br>the sustainability of the action/programme   | On time |          |
| 5  | Timely reports the irregularities to the LI/CFCU/NAO in a case<br>of suspicion or irregularities occur concerning the functions and<br>responsibilities assigned.   | On time |          |
| 6  | Follows up the reported irregularities including those reported by the LI.  | On time |          |
| 7  | Initiate the procedures to recovery the amount requested by the EU/CFCU/NAO.6   | On time |          |
| 8  | Helps LI on delivering all necessary information to the NAO<br>and the NIPAC in compliance with the model attached to the<br>Financing Agreement/Agreements signed between the parties.   | On time | Template |