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| **Application for Technical Assistance**  **Digital Future Sector**  Date: <date>  ***This box is filled by the CONNECTA 2 TA***   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Request number** | **CONNECTA2-DIG-XX-XX-XX-XX** | |
| ***Request to be filled by the submitter***   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Title of the request** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Beneficiary**  (in charge of the assignment) |  | |  |  | | **Requesting institution**  (in case this is different from the beneficiary, justification to be provided) |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **IFI(s)**  (involvement and role) |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Co-financing**  (where relevant) for the investment project, including loans and grants |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Linked WBIF project**  (if any) |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Geographical location/coverage– Western Balkans** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Project Cycle status and available documentation**  (please comment on adequacy of documentation where relevant to CONNECTA 2’s intended work) |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Project description**  (description of requested technical assistance) |  | | **Results to be achieved by the TA, with preliminary timeline** |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Indicative TA budget** |  | EUR | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Indicative Total Investment** |  | EUR | |

***Eligibility Criteria***

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| **Sub-sector** | Digital future  Infrastructure/Government/Skills/Business |

***Points to consider when applying for CONNECTA 2 assistance***

|  | | | **Yes** | **No** |
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| **1** | **Beneficiaries (specific target groups)** | |  |  |
|  | 1.1 | National authorities/administrations in charge of digital infrastructure |  |  |
|  | 1.2 | Public utilities in charge of operating and maintaining the infrastructure |  |  |
|  | 1.3 | Private companies who may enter into public-private partnerships in the framework of the infrastructure projects to be supported and implemented |  |  |
|  | 1.4 | Regional and international organisations |  |  |
|  | 1.5 | Western Balkans´ inhabitants, with a special focus on minorities and vulnerable groups |  |  |
| **2** | **Project identified/associated within an Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans** | |  |  |
| **3** | **Project existing in WBIF pipeline** | |  |  |
| **4** | **Project included in national SPPs / agreed by NICs** | |  |  |
| **5** | **Reference to EU-Western Balkans Summits/ Western Balkans Digital Summits** | |  |  |
| **6** | **Reference to CRM Action Plans** | |  |  |
| **7** | **Complementary to other EU-funded technical assistance contracts** | |  |  |
|  | 7.1 | WBIF´s IPFs |  |  |
|  | 7.2 | PPFs |  |  |
|  | 7.3 | JASPERS |  |  |
| 7.4 | Others (please specify) |  |  |
| 8 | **Reference to Digital Europe Programme** | |  |  |
| **9** | **Reference to Digital Decade** | |  |  |
|  | 9.1 | Infrastructure |  |  |
|  | 9.2 | Government |  |  |
|  | 9.3 | Skills |  |  |
|  | 9.4 | Business |  |  |
| **10** | **Reference to the Reform and Growth Facility (Growth Plan)** | |  |  |
| **11** | **Gender and/or human rights aspects including contribution to closing identified gaps** | |  |  |
| **12** | **Reference to Sustainable transport or Clean energy** | |  |  |

**SCREENING**

**max. 2 weeks allowed for comments from each stakeholder below from the moment of receipt of application**

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| CONNECTA 2 TA comments |  |
| IFI comments (if relevant) |  |
| NIPAC / NIC comments |  |
| EU Delegation/EU Office comments |  |

**SCREENING CONCLUSION (EC DG ENEST)**

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