

## **Clarifications Nr. 2 for CfP EuropeAid/154390/DD/ACT/MULTI**

Q22) In case we want to have as associate an institution (for example school), can they be the final beneficiary of the supplies/equipment which shall be bought and used during the implementation? Meanwhile the funds shall be managed by the lead applicant.

A22) According the Guidelines for applicants, Art. 2.1.3 *Such associates play a real role in the operation but may not receive funding from the grant, with the exception of per diem or travel costs.* The answer is "No", the Associates cannot be the final beneficiary of the supplies/equipment.

Q23) Could you please define what type of an organization falls under the legal person classification?

A23) Please refer to national legislation, for instance a company is a legal person in opposite to physical persons.

Q24) Can a local tourist organization registered in Prishtina, but applying for a project in one of the relevant municipalities, i.e. Prizren, be considered as an eligible lead applicant for the purposes of this call for proposal?

A24) Applicants must be registered in Albania or Kosovo, not necessarily in the eligible areas. Activities must be implemented in the eligible areas.

Q25) Could you please explain the condition: "be non-profit making for the purposes of this call?"

A25) Any activity under this call can be carried out based on the cost only, with no-profit making.

Q26) Could you explain possible co-financing modalities?

A26) Co-financing means financial contribution from the beneficiary, which must be minimum 15% of the total eligible costs of the operation.

Q27) If the project activities generate profit, can that be considered as co-financing?

A27) If the project activities generate profit, the action is completely non-eligible under this call.

Q28) What is the bank guarantee condition pertaining to this CfP?

A28) Please refer to the *General conditions of the grant contract Art. 15.8 Financial guarantee.*

Q29) Which one of the applicants is responsible for co-financing, and how is the co-financing structured throughout the Programme? Could the co-applicant do the bulk of the co-financing?

A29) The lead applicant is responsible for the whole part of the co-financing. In the Application Form there is no need that the co-financing is structured between the lead applicant and co-applicants.

Q30) Could you please explain the following part of the guidelines?

- *In addition, the following costs are not eligible either:*
  - *consultant fees between the beneficiaries for services or work carried out within the project;*
  - *remuneration of any kind for staff of any of the beneficiaries being hired as external experts or freelance consultants.*

Do the guidelines preclude the project from engaging consultants pertinent to development of relevant activities?

A30) The Guidelines don't preclude the project from engaging consultants pertinent to development of relevant activities. If consultants pertinent to development of relevant activities are hired, this must be properly justified.

Q31) Within the indicated priorities, it says:

*'PRIORITY B: Encouraging tourism and cultural and natural heritage'* and on p. 15 under 'Types of Activities' it says: *Priority 1 Encouraging tourism, culture and national heritage'*  
Could you please clarify if it should say 'national' or 'natural'?

A31) It should say 'natural heritage'.

Q32) Guidelines for applicants, page 7, *Maximum amount of EU funded grant, size of grant = 500.000 €*. Is this the total amount for both countries together or per country?

A32) 500,000.00 EUR is the maximum amount of EU funded grant per 1 grant contract, implemented in Albania or in Kosovo or in both countries.

Q33) Related to the Priority 1, is there a definition of what you call tourism according to this call for proposal?

A33) Please refer to list of indicative activities – page 15 of the Guidelines for applicants.

Q34) Do we need to make the same identical activities on both sides of the border?

A34) No, there is no condition to make the same or identical activities on both sides of the border.

Q35) What % of the total budget can be used for equipment?

A35) There is no limit established in % of the total budget that can be used for purchase of equipment. However, any purchase of equipment must be properly justified and should not represent the bulk (main part) of the budget of the action.

Q36) Can “in kind” contribution be considered as co-financing?

A36) No, in-kind contributions cannot be considered as co-financing.

Q37) In this CfP, is the EU Delegation giving priority to public institutions during evaluation of proposals?

A37) No priority will be given to public institutions. All applicants fulfilling the eligibility criteria will be assessed with the principles of objectivity and equal treatment.

Q38) Is there any criteria which determines the number of organizations that can apply from each of the partner countries, so how many from Albania and how many from Kosovo?

A38) No, there are no limits in numbers of organizations that can apply per country. Please refer to the Guidelines for applicants – Art. 2.1.1 Eligibility of applicants: *The number of partners and the composition of the partnership should be coherent with the envisaged objectives and anyway cannot be lower than 2 (two) and cannot exceed 5 (five) including the Applicant.*

Q39) Are international organizations eligible to apply?

A39) International organizations are eligible to apply under the condition that they fulfill the eligibility criteria for applicants. Please refer to Guidelines for applicants - Art. 2.1.1 "Eligibility of applicants".