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**Science and Innovation Investment Fund (SIIF) Grant Scheme,
2nd Call**

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Tender type: Grant

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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NOTE: In the interest of equal treatment of applicants, the CFCA as Contracting Authority cannot give a prior opinion on the eligibility of an applicant, a partner, an action or specific activities. The final decision concerning eligibility will be made by the Evaluation Committee during the process of evaluation of applications (subject to ex-ante control of the CFCA and EU Delegation).

Owing to the fact some of the questions submitted to the Contracting Authority by 30 September 2011 are rather lengthy and include project specific information, they have not been included in the table in their entirety, i.e. only the segments that may be considered relevant for other applicants have been included.

List of Abbreviations:

CFCA – Central Finance and Contracting Agency

GfA – Guidelines for Applicants

No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1.	<p>Ineligible costs, Section 2.1.4.: Operating costs—in the footnote number 12. an explanation describes how „operating costs, including rental costs may be eligible if they are exclusively related to the period of co-financing of the operation“ – if the case of period of operation is satisfied, what does „may be eligible“ mean? Does it mean that those costs have to be described in a special manner or that they have to be approved by the Contracting Agency on the occasion of budget clearing process or something else?</p>	<p>Operating costs, including rental costs, may be eligible if they are related to the period of co-financing of the operation, are in line with the list of eligible types of actions and activities (i.e. are not excluded with respect to the list of types of actions considered ineligible under particular Call), and generally comply with the principle of sound financial management, in particular value for money and cost-effectiveness. These costs have to be described and justified together with all other costs envisaged under a project (Action), in the Annex III <i>Budget for the Action</i>, Sheet 2: <i>Justification of the Budget</i>. In case the budget of the Action selected for financing by the Evaluation Committee contains such costs, no further requests for approval need to be submitted to the Contracting Authority/CFCA during budget clearing procedure.</p>

<p>2.</p>	<p>Ineligible costs, Section 2.1.4.: Fees for civil servants or other public employees of central or local administration of the beneficiary country, regardless of their administrative situation (civil servants or other public employees of central or local administration of the beneficiary country must not be engaged as experts by grant beneficiaries unless the prior approval of the Contracting Authority has been obtained) – What are the conditions for obtaining approval of the Contracting Authority and when it has to be requested for? Could it be applied in the case of a project coordinated by the institution whose employees applied for experts?</p>	<p>Explanation provided in the footnote under section 2.1.4 of Guidelines for Applicants, states as follows: <i>Please note that civil servants or other public employees of central or local administrations which participate under this Call for Proposals as applicant or partners may not receive fees for their contribution to the action other than their salaries in the respective institution. The salaries of the civil servants or other public employees of the central and local administrations may be presented as co-financing contribution of the applicant.</i></p> <p>Civil servants or other public employees of central or local administration of the beneficiary country (i.e. other than applicants’ or partners staff referred to above) also must not be engaged as experts, except in case of prior approval by the Contracting Authority. Bearing in mind that engagement of such experts requires prior approval, applicant is expected to provide written request for approval and corresponding reasoning behind request to engage such experts before being adversely affected by the Contracting Authority decision concerning eligibility of corresponding costs (e.g. in the course of budget clearing process preceding to conclusion of grant contract or before start of activities performed by such experts during the contract implementation). As example, justification of engagement of such experts may be authorized by exceptional nature of particular activity and corresponding exclusivity of required expertise on the market.</p> <p>In addition, in case civil servants or other public employees of central or local administration of the beneficiary country <u>coming from institutions not defined as applicant or partner institutions</u>, being engaged as experts on daily or hourly fee, they should not work in their working time paid by their original employer and should have consent of the employer. Their engagement should not go against any national law.</p> <p>Moreover, please note, if the grant beneficiary or, where applicable its partners, have to conclude contracts in order to carry out the Action, these may only cover a limited portion of the Action and must respect the contract-award procedures and rules of nationality and origin set out in Annex IV of this Contract.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Can you please clarify what is referred under Phase II of the tender under reference number EuropeAid/131720/D/SER/HR, since there was no Phase I, and the previous Call was cancelled?</p> <p>Can you please explain the following sentence: <i>The purpose of the project is to provide technical assistance to the grant beneficiaries (Higher Education Institutions and Public Research Organizations) under Science and</i></p>	<p>The CFCA published a tender and a contract forecast for a tender in 2011 referring to Science and Innovation Investment Fund Operation under Regional Competitiveness Operational Programme:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) EuropeAid/131720/D/SER/HR, <i>Science and Innovation Investment Fund</i> (Phase II), is intended to award a service contract to a selected tenderer for the purpose of providing consultancy services (technical assistance) to grant beneficiaries (Higher Education Institutions and Public Research

	<p><i>Innovation Investment Fund Grant Scheme (second call).</i></p> <p>Which Call is it specifically? Can we apply if our application was rejected under the Call that was cancelled?</p>	<p>Organizations) under Science and Innovation Investment Fund Grant Scheme (Second Call). Since a service contract <i>Science and Innovation Investment Fund</i> is currently under implementation (providing assistance to grant beneficiaries selected under the first Call of the <i>Science and Innovation Investment Fund</i> Grant Scheme), the term “phase II” has been included in order to differentiate between the two service contracts. Service contract (Phase II) is at the time of publishing of this document only being forecasted.</p> <p>http://www.safu.hr/en/tenders/view/322/science-and-innovation-investment-fund-phase-ii</p> <p>Moreover, The CFCA published the current (second) Call for proposals referring to Science and Innovation Investment Fund Operation under Regional Competitiveness Operational Programme:</p> <p>2) EuropeAid/131920/M/ACT/HR, <i>Science and Innovation Investment Fund</i> Grant Scheme (Second Call), is seeking proposals for projects that will contribute to sustainable regional development and industry competitiveness of high value added sectors of the economy and knowledge based SMEs by supporting innovation commercialization in public R&D sector in Croatia, with financial assistance from the Regional Competitiveness Operational Programme 2007 – 2011. All potential applicants meeting the eligibility criteria are free to apply under this second Call.</p> <p>http://www.safu.hr/en/tenders/view/332/science-and-innovation-investment-fund-grant-scheme-second-call</p>
4.	<p>Can one applicant (e.g. Faculty) be granted two projects under Lot 2, such that:</p> <p>a) one is interdisciplinary, applied for from the level of Faculty and involves several departments, e.g. Department A, B and C</p> <p>b) the other one is applied for from the level of the Department A and so only the Department A would receive the grant</p>	<p>Under section 2.1.3 of the GfA, <i>Number of applications and grants per applicant</i>; it is stated <u>an applicant may be awarded more than one grant per Lot 2 under this Call for Proposals but only under condition that same organisation unit (unit at the first lower level of applicant’s organisation, e.g. institute, department, division, section) within eligible institution does not receive more than one grant.</u></p>

5.	<p>Concerning Lot 2 we would like to ask who can be the applicant (holder); the Faculty has many departments, chairs and labs. For example, our Department consists of two chairs and three labs. The chairs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chair of Technical Thermodynamics, - Chair of Thermal and Process Engineering. <p>Please could you advise if the Chair of Technical Thermodynamics can be an applicant for one separate project (Lot 2), and the Chair of Thermal and Process Engineering for another separate project (lot 2) at the same time?</p>	<p>Point 2.1.1 <i>Eligibility of Applicants: who may apply?</i> defines "eligible applicants" as legal persons.</p> <p>Therefore; if Departments/ Chairs within the Faculty can act as separate legal persons, than they can apply as applicant, and implement the project with a minimum one partner (another legal person within the Faculty , or a different institution).</p> <p>However, in case the units within the Faculty do not have the power to act as separate legal persons, then the Faculty acts as a legal person (applicant) for the benefit of its units. In this case the Faculty may be awarded more than one grant for the benefit of <u>different units</u>. However, please note an applicant may be awarded more than one grant only under the condition the same organisation unit, defined as a unit at the <u>first lower level of applicant organisation</u>, does not receive more than one grant.</p> <p>In any case, a minimum of one partner will still be required. Please note partners must satisfy the eligibility criteria applicable to the applicant/grant beneficiary, i.e. partners must also be legal persons.</p>
6.	<p>We would like to propose a project for the priority issue (Lot) 2 within the SIIF call. The project will embrace two direction of activities: Preparation and implementation of R&D activities in cooperation with industry/business stakeholders/associates, resulting in potential commercial application and/or creation of relevant know-how; and Implementation of knowledge transfer activities based on existing R&D competence and capacity, on results of (basic and) industrial R&D projects, proof of concept development and industrial testing.</p> <p>In that regard, our plan is to include associates from industry/business sector. Question 1: could Associates be knowledge-driven SMEs from outside Croatia? Question 2: could those SMEs co-finance the project (e.g. could they finance part of the expected co-financing of the total accepted costs) and, if yes, could they in return participate in the expected commercialization of the innovation as possible shareholders in a newly founded company in Croatia?</p>	<p>Under section 2.1.2 <i>Partnership and eligibility of partners</i>, it is stated that although associates are not obligatory, they are desirable in the achievement of the objectives of the grant scheme, which relates particularly to the commercial associates (e.g. SMEs) and intermediary associates (e.g. industrial associations, business parks etc.) and that the level of their involvement in the action will be evaluated in the evaluation grids (see section 2.3, Concept Note Evaluation Grid, section 1.4). The GfA do not define the location of such associates, i.e. they do not have to meet the eligibility criteria referred to in section 2.1.1 of GfA.</p> <p>Section 1.3 <i>Financial allocation provided by the Contracting Authority</i> states that any grant requested under this Call for Proposal must be limited to 85% of the estimated total accepted costs and that the balance (i.e. the difference between the total cost of the action and the amount requested from the Contracting Authority) must be financed from applicant's or partner's own resources, or from sources other than the European Community budget; i.e. provided the condition concerning European Community budget is met, the source of co-financing is not specifically</p>

7.	<p>We would like to apply for Lot 2, together with our partners and associates. Since we plan to focus on the following activities: developing a prototype with the involvement of a commercialising partner and undertaking trials and testing with a commercialising partner, can you please clarify whether Associates can be companies outside Croatia.</p>	<p>defined.</p> <p>Ownership of, and title and intellectual and industrial property rights to the Action's results belong to the Beneficiary (reference to Article 7.1 of General Conditions), whereas further arrangements (i.e. arrangements after the implementation of a project) concerning particular prototype are out of the scope of this Call for Proposals.</p> <p>The project proposals will be evaluated in the context of the objectives of the Call, and in this case for the sector covered by Lot 2. (point 2.1.3 of GfA). Please also see answer ad 11.</p>
8.	<p>In the Concept note template under 1.2.1 you require the following:</p> <p><i>"Describe which particular expected results mentioned in the guidelines of the call will be addressed".</i> Since the Guidelines for grant applicants for this particular call do not mention any particular expected results, this requirement is unclear to me. Do you maybe refer here to particular mandated groups of activities and suggested particular activities mentioned in the Guidelines for different lots?</p>	<p>The GfA under this Call for Proposals prescribes objective and priorities of the Call. It is up to the applicant to develop an action (project) as set of activities leading to expected results corresponding to set objective and priorities.</p>
9.	<p>With regard to the Guidelines for Applicants for Science and Innovation Investment Fund, in order to be eligible applicants and partners have to prove that they are founded as Public Body according to the relevant Act.</p> <p>For applicants and partners in Croatia, please specify to which relevant Act the Guidelines refer to.</p>	<p>The relevant Act refers to a national Act on the basis of which an institution is established as a public body (on the national or regional/local level), as stipulated in Articles of association (Foundation Act) and/or Statute of the applicant or partner institution.</p> <p>If Croatia, public higher education institutions and public research organisations are founded according to the Scientific Activity and Higher Education Act (OG 123/03, 198/03, 105/04, 174/04, 2/07, 46/07, 45/09, 63/11) as <i>lex specialis</i> and Institutions Act (O.G. 76/93; 29/97, 47/99 and 35/08) as <i>lex generali</i>.</p>
10.	<p>In order to clarify eligibility of particular institution according to Guidelines for grant applicants, section 2.1.1. and 2.1.2, following clarification was asked:</p>	<p>1. Idea behind the requirement is to provide financing of actions of the applicants predominantly and continuously (i.e. estimated as average percentage over a period of three successive years - 2008, 2009 and 2010) relying on the state/local budget as main source of funding. For the purpose of this call, public</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What exactly is meant under condition that majority of applicant's budget (more than 50%) must be financed from public sources (footnote 4 on page 7), i.e. what funding sources are considered as public? Can income from public utility companies (for example HEP) and other public companies (for example JANAF, etc.) be considered as income from public sources? 2. Is income from foreign public utility companies considered as public? 3. Is income from European funding programs (like Intelligent Energy Europe Program, FP7, IPA, etc.) considered as public as well? 	<p>source is financing from state or local budget.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. For the purpose of this call, financing from foreign/domestic public utility companies cannot be considered as public source of financing. 3. EU funding programs can be considered as public source of financing.
11.	<p>In the Guidelines for applicants you mandate "All actions must take place in Croatia". Since also HEIs and PROs of nationality different than Croatian are eligible, how much, if at all, can some activities in the action funded through this grant be performed at these foreign institutions. E.g., under Lot2 can they perform some research work and have their own employee permanently at their institution -if it is vital for the action implementation and the partner has expertise that is missing in Croatia.</p>	<p>The specific objective of this Call for Proposals is to support innovation commercialization in public R&D sector in order to bridge the gap between the pre-commercial and commercial phases of R&D in Croatia, and thus create a productive environment where innovation capacity can grow and develop.</p> <p>Therefore, the activities presented for a particular action (project) should be in line with the objective above, i.e. it is required that all the results/outputs remain at disposal of the target groups and that the final beneficiaries in Croatia benefit from them.</p> <p>Please note the final decision concerning project proposals to be financed under this Call will be made by the Evaluation Committee, taking into consideration the financial and operational capacity of the applicant and partner(s), as well as relevance, methodology, sustainability, (cost)effectiveness and feasibility of the proposal in line with the Evaluation grids in the Guidelines for Applicants for Step 1: Opening and Administrative check and Concept note evaluation and Step 2 Evaluation of the Full Application.</p>
12.	<p>Our aim is to submit a proposal for Lot2. There is no specification of the sector that we have to focus our actions. Do we have to choose the sector/industry? Or we have to elaborate activities in order to cover all the important sectors in Croatia?</p>	<p>According to Guidelines for Applicants, Section 2.1.3, neither specific industry is preferred nor it is required from applicant to elaborate activities in order to cover all important sectors in Croatia.</p> <p>On the other hand, specific sectors or themes to which the actions must relate for Lot 2 are defined in GfA as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gearing research and development activities in HEIs and PROs towards industrial/business needs, enabling access to technology knowledge and facilitating industrial exploitation which could have high impact for development of competitive national economy. <p>Therefore, the Concept Note/Application submitted by the applicant under Lot 2 should demonstrate conformity with the above sector/theme defined.</p> <p>The relevance of the action (project) to any specific subthemes/sectors/areas and any</p>

		other specific requirements indicated in the guidelines of the call such as partnership, local ownership, etc. should be described in the Section 1.2.1. of the Concept Note.
13.	<p>1. There are two tables on pages 1 and 2 of the Grant Application Form which need to be filled by the applicant. Some of the information required in these tables should be also provided in the Checklist for Concept Note on page 7. The Checklist (page 7), the Declaration (page 9) and the Concept Note on max. 5 pages are the only documents that are mentioned as a requirement for submitting the Concept Note. Should the tables on pages 1 and 2 be also added to the Checklist, the Declaration and the Concept Note?</p> <p>2. The summary table should not exceed one page. Is it allowed to remove from the summary table the text with explanations in the 2nd and 3rd row? The text is as follows: - <i>Please tick the box corresponding to the specific lot for which you are applying:</i> and - <i>specify country(ies), region(s) that will benefit from the action</i> The titles of these two cells would then be: Lot: and Location(s) of the action: which should be enough. The reason why I ask this is because the removal of that unnecessary text reduces the sizes of these two cells and leaves more space for the content related to the description of project objectives, main results and activities.</p>	<p>1. The tables on pages 1 and 2 of the Grant application Form should also be included (especially bearing in mind that mentioned pages contain important information such as identification of the call, contact details of the applicant etc.).</p> <p>When submitting Concept Note to the CFCA, please make sure to include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Checklist for the Concept Note (Part A section 2 of the grant application form) - Declaration by the applicant for the Concept Note (Part A section 3 of the grant application form) <p>The Concept Note must be submitted in one original and three (3) copies in A4 size, each bound.</p> <p>They must also be submitted in electronic format (CD-Rom).</p> <p>2. Since the text only provides instructions on how to complete the table correctly, you may remove it in case it saves space for other content.</p>
14.	<p>To be able to develop a concept concerning passenger vessel, the project will start from R&D developing paper concept, and then it will develop prototype. This investment has to be done together with industrial partner. The questions are following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who has the IP right after developing such concept? Is this property of team applying to Call regulated by themselves, or is it property of EU fund which is providing finance for it? 2. Developed prototype together with commercial partner who will be in ownership of prototype and how that ownership can be transformed. If commercial partner is providing co-financing for the project he would like to know does he have right on prototype? On the other hand prototype is ballast for educational institution. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Such prototype would become property of grant beneficiary. The Article 7 <i>Ownership/Use of results and assets</i> of the General Conditions applicable to European Union-financed grant contracts for external actions (Annex II under this Call for Proposals) stipulate the following: 7.1. <i>Ownership of, and title and intellectual and industrial property rights to, the Action's results, reports and other documents relating to it shall be vested in the Beneficiary.</i> 7.2. <i>Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 7.1 and subject to Article 5, the Beneficiary grants the Contracting Authority (and the European Commission where it is not the Contracting Authority) the right to use freely and as it sees fit all documents deriving from the Action, other than those reports referred to in Article 2, whatever their form, provided it does not thereby breach existing industrial and intellectual property rights.</i>

		<p>2. As mentioned above, prototype would become property of grant beneficiary, whereas further arrangements (i.e. arrangements after the implementation of a project) concerning particular prototype are out of the scope of this Call for Proposals. Subsequently, the applicant and his partner/s are recommended to further arrange and define their mutual rights and obligations, at their own discretion, and in line with the provisions of the contract signed with the Contracting Authority/CFCA. However, regarding transfer of ownership with respect to intellectual and industrial property rights, the relevant legal framework of the Republic of Croatia should be consulted (however, no action by the applicant must go against the provisions of the contract signed with the Contracting Authority/CFCA).</p> <p>- Please note point 2.1.1. of the GfA, <i>Eligibility of applicants: who may apply?</i>, defines eligible applicants as legal, non-profit making institutions, either public higher education institutions or public research organizations; moreover, Article 2.1.2 of the GfA, <i>Partnerships and eligibility of partners</i>, further stipulates the partners must satisfy the eligibility criteria as applicable on the applicant/grant beneficiary himself. Consequently, if a “commercial partner” from the second question implies an industrial partner, then the question of partner’s eligibility is imposed.</p>
15.	<p>The main goal of our project is rising of competitiveness as well as efficiency of the Croatian SME-s which deal with product development (metal, polymer, ceramic) and production as well as with design in general. Therefore we would like to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Educate as much as possible SMEs from mentioned areas regarding Additive Manufacturing (AM) 2. Establish Centre for Additive Manufacturing 3. Realise a pilot project with target group of SMEs <p><i>1. Can we subcontract the Associates from the project consortium for specific education from the AM field?</i> In this case we have to organize several seminars and workshops for SMEs education, as well as the education of new employees in Centre. Some of our Associates are the companies that represent most frequently used AM technologies in Croatia and have a specific knowledge from this field.</p> <p><i>2. Is it possible for the Associates to apply on public procurement tender for purchasing of the equipment/material under the project? What if some of the</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Section 2.1.2 <i>Partnership and eligibility of partners</i> of the GfA defines associates as other organisations that may be involved in the action (i.e. associates are not considered partners and do not have to sign the partnership statements, nor do they have to meet eligibility criteria referred to in section 2.1.1). Associates play a real role in the action but may not receive funding from the grant with the exception of per diem or travel costs; they have to be mentioned in Part B section 5 - “<i>Associates of the Applicant participating in the Action</i>” of the Grant Application Form. During implementation of the project, the grant beneficiaries have the possibility to award contracts. <u>Contractors are neither partners nor associates</u>, and are subject to the procurement rules set out in Annex IV to the standard grant contract. Therefore, in line with the provisions of the GfA, associates cannot take over specific roles and tasks of either partners or contractors. 2. No, such contract should not be awarded to associate. As stated above, <u>Contractors are neither partners nor associates</u>, and are subject to the procurement rules set out in Annex IV to the standard grant contract.

	<p>Associates can provide us with unique equipment/material we would like to purchase – can we go under these circumstances to direct purchasing?</p> <p>3. Are there any restrictions regarding legal entity status of the Centre? Can faculty establish Centre as non-profit organisation for the project purpose, and after finishing the project re-register it to profit organisation?</p>	<p>3. Article 17.3 of the of the General Conditions applicable to European Union-financed grant contracts for external actions stipulates the following: <i>The Beneficiary accepts that the grant can under no circumstances result in a profit for itself and that it must be limited to the amount required to balance income and expenditure for the Action. Profit shall be defined as:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>In the case of a grant for an Action, a surplus of actual receipts over the actual costs of the Action in question when the request is made for payment of the balance.</i> <p>Further arrangements concerning establishment of “Centre” are out of the scope of this Call for Proposals.</p>
16.	Can we as a private company apply for a grant under this Call, and have as partners the County and a few higher education institutions?	<p>With respect to provisions of the GfA stating: In the interest of equal treatment of applicants, the Contracting Authority cannot give a prior opinion on the eligibility of an applicant, a partner, an action or specific activities, the CFCA cannot provide direct answer concerning eligibility of applicants or type of activities since this will be a matter to be concluded by the Evaluation Committee.</p> <p>However, as stated under point 2.1.1. of the GfA, <i>Eligibility of applicants: who may apply?</i>, applicants have to be <u>legal, non-profit making institutions, and be either a public higher education institution or a public research organization.</u></p> <p>Furthermore, if Croatian, both public Higher Education Institutions and Public Research Organisations are <u>founded by the Republic of Croatia</u> and are listed in the Registry of Higher Education Institutions or the Registry of Scientific Organizations under the authority of the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports.</p> <p>For applicants being established in the Republic of Croatia, for additional information, please refer to answer No.9.</p> <p>During the evaluation and selection process step (3), Verification of Eligibility of the Applicants and Partners, the applicants who have been provisionally selected or listed</p>
17.	According to the point 2.1.1. of the Eligibility of applicant, is Public Higher Education institution founded and financed by local authority (the Town), listed in the Registry of Higher Education Institution acceptable Applicant?	
18.	Can Clinical hospital be included as a partner in a project? As "Guidelines for applicants" state, partner must be funded 51+ % from public budget and must be in MSES register of scientific organizations. Both conditions have been verified and it has been established that hospital is indeed in MSES register of scientific organizations under the category of "other scientific organizations".	
19.	<p>Could you please clarify the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can one of project activities be directed towards establishing solar power plant that could be used for energy, thus reducing costs for a group of high schools? 2. Can high schools apply to this Call (specifically, a technical high school running a programme in energetics)? 	
20.	Of what rank medical educational institution have to be in order to be eligible for application as a partner in Lot2 project type e.g. if the clinical hospitals (as the places where undergraduate, postgraduate and residency education and practice is conducted and majority of our laboratory activities is planned to be done there) are eligible project partners?	

21.	In order to be eligible for the grant, notably Lot 2, is it possible for the partner to be SME?	<p>under the reserve list will be requested to supply the supporting documents (in line with section 2.4 of the GfA) in order to allow the Contracting Authority to verify the eligibility of the applicants and their partners.</p> <p>Furthermore, please note partners must satisfy the eligibility criteria as applicable on the applicant/grant beneficiary himself.</p>
22.	Can you please clarify whether a public institution can participate in the project as a partner, or does it have to participate as an associate? The question refers specifically to entity which is financed from the State budget, but is not registered in the Registry of Scientific Organisations.	
23.	With respect to the entity established as a private institute (registered in the Registry of Scientific Organisations) but is not (even in minimum percentage) financed from the state budget, can you please clarify whether our application is to be accepted and evaluated?	