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**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

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NOTE: The final decision concerning eligibility of an applicant, a partner, an action or specific activities will be made by the Evaluation Committee during the process of Evaluation of applications (subject to ex-ante control of the CFCA and Delegation of the EU).

NOTE: Questions may be sent by e-mail or by fax no later than 21 days before the deadline for the submission of applications. Final version of Q&A will be published no later than 11 days before the deadline for the submission of applications.

**QUESTIONS**

**ANSWERS**

**Date: 22 September 2011**

I have a question regarding the eligibility of one of our partners we would like to apply with. They're a **development agency** registered as a **company in Croatia**, but **non profit making**. Development agencies have been normally listed in various calls as acceptable partners, but this time they aren't.

Therefore, I would like to ask if they're eligible for applying as partners?

According to the *Guidelines for Applicants*, chapter 2.2.4. *Further information for Concept Note*, 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. Eligibility of the Applicants and Partners will be assessed by the Evaluation Committee during the evaluation process and it will be subject of *ex-ante* control performed by the EU Delegation. List of criteria that partners have to fulfil is stated in the *Guidelines for Applicants*, chapter 2.1.2 *Partnerships and eligibility of the partners*.

In case an applicant or a partner is a national of the Republic of Croatia, they will be required to prove that they are founded

	according to the relevant legal acts specified within the <i>Guidelines for Applicants</i> .
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<p>The institute which is a public research institute would participate in the project proposal as partner.</p> <p>Can the funds aimed for salaries (paid by the State Treasury, but recorded as liabilities and costs of the Institute) be used for the Institute`s participation in financing?</p> <p>For example, if the real salary of the person working on the project is 1,000 and it represents the total direct cost of the project (paid via Treasury or from the Institute`s own resources), IPA (European Commission) will reimburse only its percentage (e.g. 90%), and the remaining amount (10%) can be considered as the contribution of the Institute.</p>	<p>Any staff member of the partner institution foreseen for delivering any input should be presented in budget heading 1 (Human resources) and his/her salary, will be considered as co-financing.</p> <p>If the salary of a person working on the project is 1.000,00 EUR, the whole amount is considered as co-financing Also, as indicated in your question, each and every cost will be considered financed / co-financed in the established percentage.</p>