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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).

QUESTIONS

ANSWERS

Date: 12 May 2014

1. It is clear that an organization cannot receive 2 grants as applicant, however, if an organization is an applicant on one project proposal and co-applicant on another project proposal, can an organization be awarded 1 grant as applicant and 1 as co-applicant? If not, what happens in that case with the project in which an organization is a co-applicant if both projects (in which an organization is applicant and in which organization is a co-applicant) are awarded high scores and a possibility of signing a contract?

1. The provisions from the point 2.1.4. of Guidelines for Applicants you are referring to (*Number of applications and grants per applicants*) clearly state that *in case an applicant submitted more than one application, only the application that received a higher score (among those submitted by the same applicant) may be recommended for financing*, meaning: only in cases where two (or more) applications where the same legal person has applied as an applicant will be subjected to the mentioned provision. The same applies for co-applicants/affiliated entities.

Where one legal person has submitted two applications, once as an applicant and once as a co-applicant, it may be awarded with grant contracts in both applications, since one

	<p>legal person may receive two grant contracts in the framework of this Call for Proposals, in different status; once as an applicant and once as a co-applicant.</p>
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<p>2. What precisely natural resources mean in context of this call? We were planning to deal in our project with urban planning and maritime domain concessions. Or to put the question in another way: are space (for building or agriculture) and maritime domain recognised as natural resources?</p>	<p>2. The global objective of this Call for Proposals is to ensure open governance and transparency in managing public goods and natural resources in the Republic of Croatia. The Call for Proposals refers to the Aarhus convention which, within its definition on “environmental information”, recognizes elements of the environment, such as air and atmosphere, water, soil, land, landscape and natural sites, biological diversity and its components.</p> <p>Also, under the Act on Environment Protection, Official Gazette 80/13, natural good is a part of nature that is exclusively, or simultaneously a natural public good, natural source or a natural value.</p> <p>Under the Act on Nature Protection, Official Gazette 80/13, nature is the total biodiversity, landscape diversity and geological diversity. Nature and parts of nature are of interest to the Republic of Croatia, and enjoy its special attention.</p> <p>Conclusively, the Call for Proposals also mentions public good, which is also in the focus of the Call (an object that is in general use; that can be used by everyone; is widely accessible). Therefore, without prejudice to the quality of actual proposals received under this Call, generally the topics of urban planning and maritime domain might be considered relevant to this Call, provided they fall within the objectives related to the insurance of open governance and transparency in their management.</p>
<p>3. We are planning to cooperate with several local government units</p>	<p>3. Regarding co-financing, please be informed that, in</p>

<p>(cities and municipalities), whose employees would over several months spend one day in a week, i.e. 20 percent of their paid time, on project related activities. Could that be recognised as project co-financing?</p>	<p>accordance with point 1.3. of the Guidelines for Applicants 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 sources other than the European Union Budget.</p> <p>Further to above mentioned, co-financing from local government can be recognized as a co-financing of the project.</p>
<p>Date: 5 June 2014</p>	
<p>4. If the president of the association is the project leader, who signs the project documentation in that case?</p>	<p>4. In accordance with points 2.2.2. and 2.2.6. of the Guidelines for Applicants and points 3 and 8 of the Application Form, the person signing the documentation is a representative of the applicant - their authorized signatory, as evident in the Extract from the Register of Associations administered by the Ministry of Public Administration.</p>
<p>5. Since we are non-governmental organization, how could we raise 5% of the budget?</p>	<p>5. Please be informed that in line with point 1.3 of the Guidelines for Applicants, any grant requested under this Call for Proposals must fall between 50 % (minimum percentage) and 95% (maximum percentage) of the total eligible costs of the action. 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 sources other than the European Union Budget.</p>
<p>6. Clarification request: in the Guidelines nowhere is stated that the applicant/co-applicant has to be registered at least one year (or any other time) before of the call. Is it correct that there are no restrictions regarding the "age" of a CSO</p>	<p>6. There is no restriction in the Guidelines for Applicants pertaining to the date of registration of the applicant/co-applicant.</p>

<p>required as a condition to participate in the above mentioned call?</p>	<p>However, please take into consideration that financial and operational capacity of actors in the proposal is evaluated and scored in technical evaluation. In that respect, the Application form in Point 3.3.3. <i>Resources</i> requests filling in the Financial data for the previous financial year as well as two years before that (if applicable) on the basis of the profit and loss account and balance sheet of your organization. Furthermore, there is a table where information on the Financing sources is to be put in for the previous financial year as well as two years before that (if applicable).</p> <p>Furthermore, supporting documents which must be submitted in order to allow the Contracting Authority to verify the eligibility of the applicant, of the co-applicant(s) and (if any) of their affiliated entity(ies) are listed in point 2.4 of the Guidelines for Applicants. In the case some of the requested documents cannot be provided, it is the responsibility of the applicants to provide justification in such cases.</p>
<p>7. Assuming that a concept note with a "young",i.e. this year registered CSO as applicant has been selected to submit for the full proposal within the same year as the CSO has been registered;</p> <p>how can this CSO comply with section 2.4. point 2. to submit "a copy of the applicant's latest accounts (the profit and loss account and the balance sheet for the last financial year for which the accounts have been closed)" ?</p>	<p>7. Please refer to answer No.6.</p>

8. Reference number of the Call for Proposals.

8. Please note that in the published call for proposals by omission a mistake in the reference number occurred.

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It should read:

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Please use the correct reference number for submission of Concept Notes.