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Greece - Republic of North Macedonia

2nd Call for Project Proposals

1st set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) (No. 1 – 8)

Question No1:

Referring to a detail in the 2nd Call for Proposals, we would appreciate if you could clarify the following:

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Table Row 3 (S.O.2.4) / Column "Beneficiaries" / first line

"Regional and Authorities" means

1. Regional and Local Authorities?
2. Regional and National Authorities?
3. Regional, National and Local Authorities?

Answer No1:

We would like to inform you that the eligible Beneficiaries concerning S.O. 2.4 are distinctly defined in §3 Priorities and Specific Objectives (page 9) of the 2nd Call for Project Proposals, i.e. National and Regional Authorities.

Question No2:

In the frame of the 2nd call of the PROGRAMME INTERREG IPA CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME "GREECE - REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA 2014-2020"

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Priority Axis 1: Development and Support of Local Economy, Thematic priority: Promoting employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion across borders, Specific Objective : 1.1 Create employment opportunities for educated graduates by exploiting comparative advantages of the cross border area, preferably with the use of innovative tools and practices.

We read in page 13:

Specific Objective Beneficiaries Strictly Accepted (exhaustive list) S.O.1.1 Create employment opportunities for educated graduates by exploiting comparative advantages of the cross-border area, preferably with the use of innovative tools and practices-National Authorities - Regional Authorities-Centers for Development of the Planning Regions (for the Republic of North Macedonia);

-Universities, knowledge/research institutes; -Business support structures, chambers, associations

Our understanding is that NGOs that have proven capacity in the support of entrepreneurship and SME growth, hence employment creation, ARE ELIGIBLE to participate as indeed, in



essence, we are performing functions such as knowledge/research institutes, Business support structures, Business associations do. Please confirm our eligibility to participate, as we are already investing in preparing added value proposal respectively, capitalizing on previous EU initiatives we are engaged.

Answer No2

We would like to inform you that the eligibility check is part of the evaluation procedure. The eligible Beneficiaries are distinctly defined in §3 Priorities and Specific Objectives (pages 5, 7 & 9 respectively) of the 2nd Call for Project Proposals.

Question No3: [translated in English from the original national language]

In the framework of the 2nd Call of the Programme "Greece - Republic of North Macedonia 2014-2020" we would like to inquire as to our eligibility as potential Beneficiary for the S.O. 1.3 & 1.1. Our organization is a municipal enterprise

Answer No3:

We would like to inform you that the eligibility check is part of the evaluation procedure. The eligible Beneficiaries are distinctly defined in §3 Priorities and Specific Objectives (pages 5, 7 & 9 respectively) of the 2nd Call for Project Proposals.

Question No4:

- **Can the branch office of Italian NGO be the Lead partner in your Call CBC Greece- Republic of North Macedonia?**
- **Since 1999, we are registered and operate in Skopje and have a full responsibility in front of authorities in North Macedonia. We have tax number and every year we are obligated to present financial resume to Institution for taxes (UJP).**
- **Also branch office has a own PADOR number.**

Answer No4:

We would like to inform you that the eligible Beneficiaries are distinctly defined in §3 Priorities and Specific Objectives (pages 5, 7 & 9 respectively) of the 2nd Call for Project Proposals. In addition, given that your organization is based in Skopje, you should also take into consideration the conditions described in §7.1 General requirements for all beneficiaries & 7.2 Additional Requirements for Lead Beneficiaries.

However, please be aware that the eligibility check, overall, is part of the evaluation procedure.



Question No5: [translated in English from the original national language]

Specifically, for the submission of a proposal on Priority Axis 2, Specific Objective 2.4 Prevention, mitigation and management of natural disasters, risks and hazards, and given the fact that the Call states that "Each proposal submitted under this Specific Purpose is expected to contribute to the respective indicators, as follows: C020: 200,000 persons and / or C021: 270,000 persons", where the output indicators C020, C021 are defined as follows: "C020: Population benefiting from flood protection measures, C021: Population benefiting from forest fire protection measures", is there a possibility to participate in this Specific Objective with a proposal objective to assess seismic hazard (seismic risk assessment), that is, the natural hazard under study to be the earthquake and not floods or forest fires?

Answer No5:

A project proposal can be submitted under S.O. 2.4, provided its proposed actions are linked to prevention, mitigation and management of natural disasters, risks and hazards.

The output indicators C020 and C021 of S.O. 2.4 have been chosen to be included in this Call, according to the Programme's general performance and progress.

The 2nd targeted and restricted Call for Proposals is designed in a way that project proposals which show contribution to the output indicators of S.O. 2.4 (ie. C020 and C021) will be awarded in accordance to the quality assessment scale (related Call document No11: *Project Evaluation Procedure*). Therefore, the applicants are strongly encouraged and expected to prepare project proposals that contribute to these two output indicators or that can fulfil more than one output indicator.

Question No6:

I would like to ask if on your 2nd Call for Project proposals may appear a Foundation established by several local government legal entities. The Foundation is a separate association with a separate Board, board members, statute and the municipalities are part of the Foundation's.. My question is whether the founding municipalities of the foundation will be prevented from submitting 2 projects of measure 1.3, i.e whether the application by the founders will be considered as a third project.

Answer No6:

We would like to inform you that, according to the 2nd Call for Project Proposals - p. 21, "[...] Each potential Lead beneficiary/project beneficiary cannot participate in more than two (2) proposals in this Call.

Important Notice: The applications are counted per MIS Body Code.



Question No7:

Representing a Higher Education Institution (tertiary level – University) I am addressing to you in a quest to understand whether there's a technical error or universities are excluded in participation.

Several day ago we've been approached by a Greek partner with an offer to collaborate under this call for proposal. We've accepted the offer, since the objective is a challenging and a promising one.

However, while going through program/call's documents, I've noticed a thing that might present itself as a problem (if I read it right).

Page 13, of the 2nd CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS, INTERREG IPA CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME, "GREECE - REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA 2014-2020" states: Specific Objective Beneficiaries Strictly Accepted (exhaustive list)

S.O.1.3 Improve the attractiveness and promote tourism in the cross-border area to enhance employment in tourism

- National Authorities
- Regional and Local Authorities
- Centers for Development of the Planning Regions (for the Republic of North Macedonia);
- Business support structures and chambers, associations of tourism;
- NGOs

As indicated, Universities are nowhere to be identified (as is the case in the previous and the following SO).

Please advise, should we continue to consider ourselves as collaborators, or we should withdraw from partnership?

Answer No7:

In the 1. 2-nd Call for Applications, under the Thematic priority: d. Encouraging tourism and cultural and natural heritage within the Specific Objective 1.3 Improve the attractiveness and promote tourism in the cross-border area to enhance employment in tourism, at the page 7 is clearly stated (exhaustive list) what type of the beneficiaries can apply under the Specific Objective 1.3. We confirm that there is no error in the list of eligible beneficiaries.

Question No8:

In S.O. 2.4, eligible beneficiaries may be –among others- the "Universities, Educational/Research Institutions".

Can you please clarify and define the broad term "Educational Institutions"?

Answer No8:

In general, an Educational Institution provides education as its primary purpose. In the context of the 2nd Call for proposals and S.O. 2.4, the "Educational Institutions" type of potential beneficiaries must demonstrate that their operation and capacity are closely linked to the prevention, mitigation and management of natural disasters, risks and hazards.

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