

Interreg - IPA CBC



Greece - Republic of North Macedonia

2nd Call for Project Proposals

2nd set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) (No. 9 – 17)

Question No9:

Regarding the Decision of the governing/designated body that is needed to be included in a project proposal (p.18 of the call), please inform us whether for the projects which are going to be implemented at a departmental level (for example the academic department of Business Administration of the University of Macedonia) a decision of the Research Committee – the designated management body of our institution – is considered to be enough or if a departmental decision is needed as well.

Answer No9:

The designated body of each project partner is derived from its internal rules/statute or the national legislation. When a decision for participating in a project is submitted by the governing/designated body, then no other additional decision is needed by the JS/MA, unless otherwise stated in the partner's legal entity documents.

Question No10:

Please be so kind to inform us whether the Development Agencies of Local/Regional/National Authorities are considered as Eligible Beneficiaries of the 2nd Call of Interreg Greece-Republic of North Macedonia. More specifically, we are interested to know about their eligibility to participate under the following Thematic Priority: "a. Promoting employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion across borders".

Answer No10

A legal entity must meet the conditions of the *General requirements for all beneficiaries* (p. 12-14 of the Call) and/or the *Additional requirements for Lead beneficiaries* (§7.2 of the Call). However, a final decision on eligibility shall be taken following the evaluation, on a case by case basis, depending on the supporting documents.



Question No11:

Regarding the eligibility of an beneficiary for the S.O.1.1 of the 2nd call for proposals, we would like to ask whether a "Culture and Development Public Benefit Corporation" of a Greek Municipality can be included in the eligible category "Civil Society Associations".

Answer No11:

A legal entity must meet the conditions of the *General requirements for all beneficiaries* (p. 12-14 of the Call) and/or the *Additional requirements for Lead beneficiaries* (§7.2 of the Call). However, a final decision on eligibility shall be taken following the evaluation, on a case by case basis, depending on the supporting documents.

Question No12:

We have a partner without Body code, so do they need to apply for one? What steps should be initiated in order they to obtain Body code?

Answer No12:

The partner, who doesn't have a Body code yet, has to submit filled Body Code Request to the Joint Secretariat at the email address jts-ipa-cbc@mou.gr, in order appropriate further administrative steps to be initiated.

The project applicants can find the relevant forms and guides at the Programme website http://www.ipa-cbc-programme.eu/com/17_Documents-for-Project-implementation;

Question No13:

According to the call "Beneficiaries located outside the eligible area within the two countries are eligible under the condition that their activities are in benefit of the eligible area and their budget will not exceed 20% of the total project budget." What does this mean for national public authorities? A ministry is located in the capital of the country and not in the programme eligible area but its activities are for the benefit of the eligible area. Does the budget restriction apply in that case?

Answer No13:

The JS/MA cannot comment on the eligibility of specific beneficiaries and on their status as potential partners. Entities registered outside the eligible area are generally subject to the 20% budget restriction (par. 7.1 of the Call). Exceptions may be granted (i.e. if a potential partner outside the eligible area has the mandate to cover with its activities the entire country or the Programme Area). This will be determined during the assessment of the proposals. Nonetheless, the capacity building of local actors of the eligible area is one key goal of the Programme.



Question No14:

Regarding your 2ND Call for Project Proposals for the Programme " Greece-Republic of North Macedonia 2014-2020", S.O.1.1. and S.O.2.4 I would like to ask if elementary, secondary school and public companies can apply for.

Answer No14:

A legal entity must meet the conditions of the *General requirements for all beneficiaries* (p. 12-14 of the Call) and/or the *Additional requirements for Lead beneficiaries* (§7.2 of the Call). However, a final decision on eligibility shall be taken following the evaluation, on a case by case basis, depending on the supporting documents.

Question No15:

In the announcement of the 2nd CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS, INTERREG IPA CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME, "GREECE - REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA 2014-2020", as eligible partners for participating - among others - National and Regional Authorities are mentioned.

Egnatia Odos SA belongs to the General Government bodies (Φορέας Γενικής Κυβέρνησης) [Law 4270/2014, Article 14], is a body supervised by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport and has participated in cross-border programs as a body governed by public law. I also attach the relevant excel file from the Hellenic Statistical Authority (sheet S1311).

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We would like you to confirm us that Egnatia Odos S.A. is eligible to participate as a partner.

Answer No15:

A legal entity must meet the conditions of the *General requirements for all beneficiaries* (p. 12-14 of the Call) and/or the *Additional requirements for Lead beneficiaries* (§7.2 of the Call). However, a final decision on eligibility shall be taken following the evaluation, on a case by case basis, depending on the supporting documents.

Furthermore, the classification under the General Government bodies is not necessarily relevant to the eligibility of the legal entity in question under this targeted and restricted 2nd Call for proposals and its respective open Specific Objectives.



Question No16:

In the announcement of the 2nd CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS, INTERREG IPA CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME, "GREECE - REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA 2014-2020" and especially under Specific Objective (S.O.) 1.3 "Improve the attractiveness and promote tourism in the cross-border area to enhance employment in tourism" , as eligible partners the following are mentioned:

- 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

Regarding NGOs and as our company according to its Statute (Καταστατικό) is a Civil Non Profit Company (Αστική Εταιρεία Μη Κερδοσκοπικού Χαρακτήρα) established by article 741 of Civil Code (Αστικός Κώδικας), we would like you to confirm us that such companies are eligible to participate under the general description of NGOs mentioned in the announcement.

Answer No16:

In general, Civil Non Profit Companies as well as NGOs are all part of civil society. A legal entity must meet the conditions of the *General requirements for all beneficiaries* (p. 12-14 of the Call) and/or the *Additional requirements for Lead beneficiaries* (§7.2 of the Call). However, a final decision on eligibility shall be taken following the evaluation, on a case by case basis, depending on the supporting documents.

Question No17:

Is there any provision to include preparation costs in the applications of the 2nd Call?

Please refer to 2.2.4.7 *Special Categories of costs and budget limits, Preparation Costs* on page 31 of the published [Project Implementation Manual](#)

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