

Interreg - IPA CBC



Greece - Republic of North Macedonia

2nd Call for Project Proposals

ATTENTION:Submission Deadline extended until May 29, 2020

5th set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) (No. 41 – 49)

Question No 41a:

7. Eligibility documents

A. In case the beneficiary is already participating in a project approved by the 1st call and are already registered in MIS

i) A statement indicating the BODY CODE of the Beneficiary and that no changes in their institution has affected their eligibility

ii) A statement indicating the BODY CODE and the list of documents that are amended

We have prepared 2 samples to be more understood

1st case: If we have no changes affecting our eligibility we will use the sample no changes.

For example: the municipality of has a new mayor but this change does not affect their eligibility so we will use the sample no changes attached declaring that

e.g “the BODY CODE of our organization is and that no changes in our institution has affected our eligibility”

2nd case: Our body has a change in its name so we will use the sample changes attached declaring that.

e.g. “the BODY CODE of our organization is The body has changes that don't affect our eligibility.



list of documents that are amended ;

1. Statute”

Should we upload the new statute with the name changed?

Answer No 41a:

1st case: Your understanding is correct, provided that the new Mayor's (legal representative) name is already updated in the MIS

2nd case: You should upload the new Statute.

Question No 41b:

Regarding point 7 B.

B. For Beneficiaries not registered in the MIS

i) Register in MIS and acquire a BODY CODE (for instructions and registration follow the link http://www.ipa-cbc-programme.eu/com/17_Documents-for-Project-implementation)

Question: Do we have to prepare a body code statement and for this case

e.g. the body participates first time in a call of INTERREG IPA CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME “GREECE - REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA 2014-2020” and his body code is

Or

We can upload the email from the MIS with the codes we will get

Or

just the uploading of the necessary documents in point 7b ii) is enough

Answer No41b:

The uploading of the necessary documents in point 7b ii) will be sufficient



Question No 42:

- a) What are the conditions for an International Organization to participate in a proposal as a partner?
- b) Would an entity registered in another country (e.g. Portugal) that will implement activities in the eligible area, be eligible to participate?
- c) For an entity, *established in another country* (e.g. France) that is *registered (not established) in the eligible area, has a tax registration number (VAT number) in North Macedonia and operates for more than a year before the launch of the Call in the eligible area, and it will implement activities in the eligible area, in case of approved proposal: Would such entity be eligible to participate?*

Answer No 42:

- a) Please refer to the exhaustive list of beneficiaries strictly accepted under every Specific Objective
- b) Please read in section 6.1, page 12 of the Call; “All Project Beneficiaries in general must be located or have a subsidiary within either one of the participating countries”
- c) Same as answer 42b above.

Question No 43:**[Question posed by a Greek Municipality]**

As referred in the "call of proposal", point 5 p.19, it is mentioned that is required a "Decision of the governing/designated body of each project partner (Regional Council, Municipal Council, Board of Directors etc.) stating its agreement for participation in a particular project, according to the internal rules/statute of each partner or the national legislation", based on the latest law N 4674/2020 - FEK 53/A/11-3-2020, Paragraph 2-article 117, the economic commission provides this decision from now on.

Please let us know what kind of document-decision you expect to be uploaded in the submission stage.

AnswerNo 43:

The Decisions should be issued by the competent body authorized to take decisions that legally bind the potential beneficiary.

The Greek law N.4674/2020 – Presidential Decree 53/A/11.03.2020 was issued amidst the publication of the Open Call.

If a Greek Municipality either the Decision from the Economic Commission or the Decision of the Municipal Council at the application procedure, it will be sufficient.

However, in a case that a project is selected for funding, both Decisions will definitely be required in order to sign the Subsidy contract.



Question No 44:

Concerning the Partnership Declaration document, supposing that the point 3 is checked "in case the activities in the project are economic/ market oriented, the organisation I represent applies for funding by the Programme under the De minimis Regulation", we should fill in the point 4. In the Annex below, we have to fill in the De Minimis funding for "the fiscal year in progress and in the two previous fiscal years". In case there is no official submission for balance sheet for the year 2019, should we fill in the data for years 2018, 2017, and 2016?

Answer No 44:

The potential beneficiary will fill-in the data for the last three years that official submissions of Balance Sheets have occurred.

Question No 45:

I kindly ask you to clarify the meaning of the verbs located / established listed on page 12 of 2nd call.

Specifically, it is stated:

6) Eligible Partnerships

6.1 General requirements for all beneficiaries

Project proposals must include:

- **at least one** beneficiary from Greece, located/established inside the eligible Programme area
- **at least one** beneficiary from the Republic of North Macedonia, located/established inside the eligible Programme area
- All Project Beneficiaries in general must be located or have a subsidiary within either one of the participating countries
- 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.

The total number of beneficiaries must not exceed four (4), including the Lead Beneficiary.

My question is whether the term 'established' refers to the location of the head office, while the term 'located' refers to the location of any subsidiaries?

Moreover, please let me know if a partnership containing exclusively two (2) partners from Greece (or from Republic of North Macedonia) that operate subsidiary companies in the eligible areas are acceptable under the terms of the call.



Answer No 45:

All Project Beneficiaries in general must be located or have a subsidiary within either one of the participating countries. In addition, the Lead beneficiary of the consortium must meet the conditions of section 6.2, page 15 of the Call.

The operationality of the subsidiary must be at least 12 months before the launch of this Call. The applicants must submit relevant supporting documents proving their operationality in the country or the eligible area in accordance with the section 6.1, page 12 of the Call.

Question No 46:

In our proposal we intend to use vouchers for the participants. Can we use these vouchers to subsidize businesses in order to start operating in the sector we consider to develop or the vouchers can be used only for subsidizing the trainees who are going to work in this sector?

Answer No 46:

In general, training fees for participants who attend a vocational training programme - issued by competent bodies- are eligible costs. However, please be aware that certain conditions and legislation (including De minimis rule) may apply in every country (eg. in Greece, trainees should be unemployed graduates, training services shall be offered by certified bodies etc.)

The case where a profit-making business company employs an individual, whose salary is paid (often for a 6-months period of time) by the voucher and not the employer, is deemed small lines of credit provided to companies to “purchase” employment services in their business operations, therefore not eligible under this Call for proposals.

Question No 47:

Do we have to upload the decision of the designated body translated in English or only in our national language or we can send a summary of the decision in English with the original decision in the national language.

Answer No 47:

The decisions of the designated body of each project partner can be in a national language of the Programme's participating countries (and not English) (see also Question 40 – 4th set of FAQs)

Question No 48:

In our proposal we intend to include a Letter of Support (LoS) and intention of cooperation (but not by signing a contract or being an official partner of the proposal) from a specific Department of a University. The University has already been a partner to two proposals that are under submitting in the same Call. Is this LoS considered as participation of the University in a third proposal and could cause the rejection of both the proposals?

Answer No 48:

The Letter of Support will not be regarded as participation in any project proposal.

Question No 49:

I would like to ask for a clarification regarding the Document 3 Partnership Declaration- Co financing

In page 3 of the Partnership Declaration- Co financing it is written that the official stamp of the Lead Partner should be put in Beneficiary 2, Beneficiary 3 etc.

It seems to be wrong to that the Lead Beneficiary stamp should be put in the place where the Partners sign the PA and the correct seems to be the (official Stamp of the Partner 2, 3, etc)

Answer No 49:

Yes indeed, the correct is that each Beneficiary's stamp is placed

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