

Interreg - IPA CBC



Greece - Republic of North Macedonia

2nd Call for Project Proposals

ATTENTION: 2ND CALL: Revised Version & Extended Submission Deadline announced on March 3, 2020

3rd set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) (No. 18 – 30)

Question No18:

In the announcement of the 2nd Call as eligible partners are mentioned -among others- National Authorities.

We would like to inform us if a Church placed in the eligible area of the Programme, which is a body governed by public law, is eligible to participate as a partner in this Call.

Answer No18:

A legal entity must meet the conditions of the General requirements for all beneficiaries (§ 6.1 of the Call) and/or the Additional requirements for Lead beneficiaries (§ 6.2 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 No19:

I would like to ask if Management Authorities of Protected Areas (NATURA2000) of Greece, are considered Regional or Local Authorities, for Priority Axis 1-Thematic d. Encouraging tourism and cultural and natural heritage?

In many cases the extension of spatial competence of that Authorities are beyond one regional unit.

As an example i can mention Lake Kerkini Management Authority from Regional Unit of Serres, that has under its competence the lake Doirani, from Regional Unit of Kilkis.

Answer No19:

A legal entity must meet the conditions of the General requirements for all beneficiaries (§ 6.1 of the Call) and/or the Additional requirements for Lead beneficiaries (§ 6.2 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 No20:

In the guideline for this call it's written that for axes 1, beneficiaries can be:

- National and Regional Authorities;
- Centres for Development of the Planning Regions (for the Republic of North Macedonia);
- Universities, knowledge/research institutes;
- Business support structures, chambers, business associations.
- Civil Society Associations

Under the name "Civil Society Associations" do you understand that registered NGO's are available to apply on this axes or not?

Answer No20:

In the 2nd Call for project proposals (version with submission date extension, published on March 3, 2020), NGOs providing support and promotion to entrepreneurship are included in the eligible list of beneficiaries.

Question No21:

In the call for applications on page 5 in S.O.1.1 Create employment opportunities for educated graduates under Beneficiaries are specified:

- National and Regional Authorities;
- Centres for Development of the Planning Regions (for the Republic of North Macedonia);
- Universities, knowledge/research institutes;
- Business support structures, chambers, business associations.
- Civil Society Associations

While on page 13 in the table Beneficiaries Strictly Accepted (exhaustive list), under S.O.1.1 Create employment opportunities for educated graduates as beneficiaries are specified

- National Authorities
- Regional Authorities
- Centres for Development of the Planning Regions (for the Republic of North Macedonia);
- Universities, knowledge/research institutes;
- Business support structures, chambers, associations.

Civil Society Organizations are missing.

Which one is correct - page 5 or page 13. Can Civil Society Organizations participate in a project under S.O.1.1?

Answer No21:

Please consult the revised and extended version of the 2nd Call for Proposals (uploaded at the website on March 3, 2020). Under S.O. 1.1., "Civil Society Bodies whose major function (as



indicated in their establishment act) is clearly related to providing support and promotion to entrepreneurship (e.g. NGOs, Civil Non-Profit Bodies)" are eligible.

Question No 22:

File "State-Aid Assessment". At Page 18/22 of the call, a file "4. A State Aid Declaration (for Member State Partners)" is mentioned. Is this a different file from the uploaded one?

Answer No22:

The correct file to be submitted by the Member State partners is the State Aid Declaration. A new template has been uploaded in the Application Pack on March 3, 2020.

Question No 23:

At Page 18/22, for the eligibility documents there are two (2) options: A. In case the beneficiary is already participating in a project approved by the 1st call and are already registered in MIS, and B. For Beneficiaries not registered in the MIS. What about the beneficiaries that are already registered in MIS, but they do not participate in a project approved by the 1st call?

Answer No 23:

If a potential beneficiary is already registered in MIS, but does not participate in a 1st Call project of the Interreg IPA CBC Programme "Greece - Republic of North Macedonia 2014-2020", the documents proving its eligibility (section Bii. page 20 of the revised 2nd Call) must be submitted/uploaded.

Question No 24:

At Page 19/22 of the call it is written: "In addition to the above, the Lead Beneficiary from the Republic of North Macedonia must submit:..." Does this sentence mean: IF the Lead Beneficiary IS from the Republic of N.M. must submit...? Or does it mean that If we have two partners from Republic of N.M. in our scheme, only the leader between those two must submit...? However, we understand that the partnership must have one Lead beneficiary (LB, PP1) and that there is no distinction between the other partners which are mentioned just as PP2, PP3 and PP4. Please confirm that the documentation described in this section must be submitted only if the Lead Beneficiary is from the Republic on North Macedonia or other.

Answer No24:

Each project has one Lead Beneficiary. In case this Lead Beneficiary is from the Republic of North Macedonia must submit the Legal Entity Form and Financial Identification Form.

Question No 25:

The question is related to the following institutions:

- Public Institution Institute and Museum, from Prilep
- Public Institution Institute and Museum, from Veles and
- Public Scientific Institution Institute for Old Slavic Culture, Prilep

I would appreciate if you can tell me if these 3 institutions are eligible and if they are entering in the strict definition from the Guidelines: “National Authorities; Regional and Local Authorities (Municipalities and Municipal Companies); Centres for Development of the Planning Regions (for the Republic of North Macedonia); Business support structures and chambers, associations of tourism; civil society associations; NGOs.”

Answer No25:

A legal entity must meet the conditions of the General requirements for all beneficiaries (§6.1 of the Call) and/or the Additional requirements for Lead beneficiaries (§6.2 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 No 26:

The Technical Chamber of Greece / Section of Central Macedonia (TEE/TKM) intends to submit a proposal in the frame of the INTERREG Greece – Republic of North Macedonia, 2nd call for proposals, Priority Axis 2: Protection of Environment – Transportation, 2.4 Prevention, mitigation and management of natural disasters, risks and hazards.

The Technical Chamber of Greece (TEE) is the officially recognized professional body of all University graduates in engineering, with regional structure. The Technical Chamber of Greece / Section of Central Macedonia (TEE/TKM) is a regional branch, a Legal Entity of Public Law and operates autonomously with its own administrative and operational structure. Its members are qualified engineers of all specialties, graduates of highest educational institutions, who live and practice their professional activity within the region of Central Macedonia. As a regional branch, TEE/TKM implements the activities and serves the objectives of the TEE, among which is the role of the Technical Consultant to the Government (Law 1486/84, art. 4).

Consequently TEE/TKM is considered to be numbered among “Regional and National Authorities” in accord with the 2nd call’s specification about beneficiaries.

We kindly ask for your confirmation of our Organisation’s ability to submit a proposal.

Answer No26:

A legal entity must meet the conditions of the General requirements for all beneficiaries (§6.1 of the Call) and/or the Additional requirements for Lead beneficiaries (§6.2 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 No 27:

Question regarding eligibility of expenditures: in the call for proposal, for office and administration expenditures, it is noted that: “For this 2nd call the office and administration costs will be calculated automatically as a flat rate of the total beneficiary budget”. The question is, do we **MUST** calculate 4% of total budget for office and administration OR we can budget that deliverable **UP TO 4 %** (example 2.5% of total beneficiary budget)

Answer No27:

Office and administration costs may be up to 4% of the total of each beneficiary's budget.

Question No 28:

The Cross-Border Grant Application that downloads from the grant website contains only one tab - for the Detailed Project Description. Previous applications have contained multiple tabs for information on all aspects of the project. Are the tabs missing or is the information loaded into the MIS in some other way for this application?

Answer No28:

The file *Detailed Description of the AF. xls* (renamed on March 3, 2020) contains only one tab. All other information needed is depicted in MIS.

Question No 29:

On behalf of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki-Special Account for Research Funds, we would like to ask if the beneficiaries' signatures should all be placed in the same page of the partnership declaration or if it is possible for every beneficiary to sign on a separate page.

Answer No29:

It is not necessary for all beneficiaries' signatures to be placed in the same page of the Partnership Declaration.

Question No30:

A Logframe, or an Intervention Logic, can be easily and comprehensibly described using a well-known applied table, typical to the international bibliography. Are there any means to enter such a table in the Application.xls or we are forced to write down raw texts?

Answer No30:

The Logframe requested shall be described in field B.10 of the file Detailed Description of the AF. xls. Any other related document that adds value to the description may be submitted as a supporting document.

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