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| 91          | 19/10/2016        | Partner eligibility | <p>According to the Programme Manual for the 1st Call for Ordinary Project Proposals of the Cooperation Programme Interreg V-A "Greece-Italy 2014-2020" (p.8) a 'public law body' means any body governed by public law within the meaning of point 9 of Article 1 of Directive 2004/18/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (4) and any European grouping of territorial cooperation (EGTC) established in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1082/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council ( 5 ), regardless of whether the EGTC is considered to be a public law body or a private law body under the relevant national implementing provisions;</p> <p>According to the Call for Proposals(p.7) In principle to become a project beneficiary, an organisation has to be located (decisive is the legal address of the organisation) in the eligible area of the Programme. Organisations located outside the Programme's eligible area are encouraged to be involved in the projects as associated partners without allocated budget.<br/>However if a beneficiary is located outside the Programme area and has a local/regional subsidiary/branch office established in the programme area, it will receive full ERDF funding.</p> <p>Taking into account the above, could you confirm that a European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation(EGTC), whose headquarters are situated in Athens(Greece) but with some of its key Members located in the Programme eligible area, could be indeed eligible for co-funding either as Lead Beneficiary or as beneficiary in the running 1st Call for Proposals of the Cooperation Programme Interreg V/A Greece-Italy 2014-2020, provided of course that it opens a branch and all project activities are carried out in the Programme eligible area ?</p> | <p>The eligibility of a partnership is part of the 1st Phase of Evaluation. Additionally, the quality of a partnership will be assessed accordingly under the 2nd Phase of Evaluation. The MA/JS cannot comment on the eligibility of beneficiaries or the composition of partnerships as these form part of projects' assessment. It is the applicant's sole responsibility to determine its own status and eligibility so as to apply for funding. In art 7 of the 1st call for ordinary project proposals it is stated.....the existence of a branch within the Programme area is documented with at least one of the following documents to be electronically submitted through the MIS (digital version):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Official document for the establishment/registration of a branch issued by the competent Public Authority (e.g. Tax Service of the respective country)</li> <li>-Copy of the rental contract, submitted to and validated by the respective Public Authority (e.g. Tax Service of the respective country)</li> <li>- Payroll sheet, validated by the competent Public Authority (e.g. Ministry of Labour)</li> <li>- Operational costs bills (e.g. electricity, telephone etc.)</li> </ul> <p>For bodies governed by public law (of article 6.b above) that have been established by a Law or Presidential Decree, the submission of a copy of the respective Official Government Gazette where the establishment of the branch is being mentioned is sufficient.<br/>In any case, the documents above must provide evidence that the branch was established and in operation for the period required by the call under each type of beneficiary/category of beneficiary.<br/>Additionally, as it is stated in art. 6 of the 1st CALL FOR ORDINARY PROJECT PROPOSALS, "...The International Organizations as well as the private bodies cannot assume the Leadership of the projects..."</p> |
| 92          | 19/10/2016        | MIS issues          | <p>When I add a new partner at the partnership of an application form of a new proposal, I have to complete a field named "National Counterpart Type". This field has two options: National Pubic Funding or National Private Funding.<br/>I would like to ask you, if any rule is applied for each type (or country) of beneficiary in order to identify the type of its National Counterpart</p>  | <p>According to chapter 2.2.3. <i>Payments/cash flows of the Programme and project manual</i> ".For Greek Beneficiaries the national contribution (15%) will be granted through the Public Investments Programme. As far as the Italian co-financing is concerned, the latter is granted according to the Italian Law and in compliance with the national mechanisms and procedures. The Region Puglia - Mediterranean Department transfers to the Italian public beneficiaries only the due amount of national co-financing (15% of the total project's expenditure)..."</p>  |
| 93          | 21/10/2016        | Miscellaneous       | <p>Two services of the Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports intend to participate in two different partnership schemes in order to submit project proposals in the context of the 1st call for ordinary project proposals in the cooperation programme INTERREG V/A Greece-Italy 2014-2020.<br/>More specifically, the first case regards the Ephorate of Underwater Antiquities, a Special Regional Service of the Ministry, according to Presidential Decree 104/2014. The Ephorate of Underwater Antiquities operates as an independent Directorate under the General Directorate of Antiquities and Cultural Heritage based in Athens with panhellenic coverage.<br/>The second case regards the Directorate of Electronic Governance, a central Directorate of the Ministry, under the General Directorate of Administrative Support and Electronic Governance with panhellenic coverage as well, based in Athens (Presidential Decree 104/2014).<br/>Could these two services participate in the respective partnership schemes as project beneficiaries since they are services of the Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports, a national public authority?</p>  | <p>Bodies involved in a partnership must be separate and distinct legal personalities. Bodies like services that operates under the legal personality and the VAT number of a ministry and in order to participate as beneficiaries with separate legal personalities have also to be listed as central government authorities so that they can operate as independent contracting authorities. Its impossible for two beneficiarie that have the same legal personality, the same VAT number and the same contracting authority to participate in the same partnership.</p> <p>As it is foreseen in art 6 and 7 of the 1st Call for ordinary project proposals, national authorities don't need to have a branch office in the programme area in order to participate in a project proposal.<br/>Each applicant participates in a Project proposal on its own account. In any case, the eligibility check of a potential Partner is part of the 1st Phase of Evaluation. In the approved 1st Call for Ordinary Project Proposals you may find further details on eligibility of Partners and pre-conditions they must satisfy in order to be eligible. It is up to your entity to determine its legal status and see if it falls under categories a,b,c or d.</p>   |

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| 94 | 24/10/2016 | Partner eligibility | <p>with reference to beneficiaries' categories and eligibility of partner, we have the following request related to University of Milan-Bicocca.</p> <p>As "Politecnico di Bari" (project lead) we want to include among our partners the University of Milan-Bicocca.</p> <p>The University of Milan-Bicocca is based in Milan but it has a separate branch in Bari at Politecnico di Bari.</p> <p>In Bari office there are some post-doc researchers and one person of the administrative staff.</p> <p>At the moment, in the Bari office of University of Milan-Bicocca, there aren't full/associated professors or permanent researchers.</p> <p>The question is about project co-financing, we would like to know if it is needed that full/associate professors or permanent researchers, have to stay in Bari to contribute to project co-financing, or if they can participate to co-financing even if they stay in Milan.</p> <p>If the previous solution is not feasible, could it be possible for University of Milan-Bicocca co-financing the project relocating some of their professors at Bari office for the months considered in the co-financing plan?</p> | <p>According to chapter.2.1.5. <i>Project Partnership - Eligibility of Beneficiaries</i> of the <i>Programme and Project Manual</i> the limitation has to do with the location of beneficiaries. If a beneficiary is located outside the Programme area and has a local/regional subsidiary/branch office established in the programme area, it will receive full ERDF funding. there are specific instructions to prove the existence of a branch</p> <p>According to art. 6 of the 1st call for ordinary project proposals, "...For Bodies governed by public law (of article 6.b above) and for private organisations (of article 6.c above) the existence of a branch within the Programme area is documented with at least one of the following documents to be electronically submitted through the MIS (digital version):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Official document for the establishment/registration of a branch issued by the competent Public Authority (e.g. Tax Service of the respective country)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of the rental contract, submitted to and validated by the respective Public Authority (e.g. Tax Service of the respective country)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Payroll sheet, validated by the competent Public Authority (e.g. Ministry of Labour)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Operational costs bills (e.g. electricity, telephone etc.)..."</li> </ul> |
| 95 | 25/10/2016 | Call Documents      | <p>I am writing you from the Technological Educational Institute of Ionian Islands.</p> <p>According to the information you have given to us, the restriction by which "each applicant can participate as Lead beneficiary in no more than one project proposal per specific objective" is applicable per Department for the TEIs and Universities. Our question is in which field of the Electronic Submission Form should we mention the name of the Department, given that we have a specific Body Code for our TEI (as a whole) that is static and does not allow any additional information in the field of name such as the name of the Department. This question is linked to the remark in the page 10 of the 1st call document (ref no 300885/MA3598) according to which "inconsistencies (such as wrong name of beneficiaries, wrong project title [...]) will lead to the project proposal rejection [...]. Thank you in advance for your reply.</p>  | <p>The name of the department of a university or research institute must be indicated/written in the following documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the <i>Partnership Declaration</i> document (beside the main body title, the name of the department must be added ) and</li> <li>2. In the <i>Project detailed description</i> document.</li> </ol>   |
| 96 | 26/10/2016 | Partner eligibility | <p>I just read the answers of the 4th set of FAQ published on-line.</p> <p>Unfortunately, some answers does not fully clarify our previous questions, in detail:</p> <p>MIS Platform - Section D. Budget</p> <p>could you please confirm if the "Total Public Funding" shall consider both the ERDF and the National Public Co-financing or only the National Public Co-financing?</p> <p>The "Total Public Funding" shall be equal to the "Approved Public Funding", or otherwise could you please specify how to calculate the "Approved Public Funding"?</p> <p>No clarification on this is provided within the User Guide for completing the electronic application form.</p> <p>Concerning MIS Platform - Section C. Partnership, we had further mail exchanges with Dr. Gavrielides on this.</p> <p>The problem is that pressing on button "i" we do not display the information that should be retrieved from the core of MIS.</p> <p>This problem was partially solved for our proposal MIS code 5002609, but still occurs for our proposal MIS code 5002571.</p>  | <p>follow exactly the user guide and the printed sample,</p> <p>At this section the only thing is asked is the yearly foreseen of the completion of the project</p>  |
| 97 | 27/10/2016 | Budget & Financing  | <p>I want to ask if any restrictions are applied in the case that the real costs model is used for the calculation of staff costs and office and administration costs (as those applied in the case of flat rate cost model).</p> <p>Also is it possible to use different cost models for the calculation of different type of costs (e.g. staff costs and office and administration costs, as it is shown in the Table of page 56 of Program and Project Manual) or the cost model used must be the same for the calculation of the costs of all WPs?</p>   | <p>All restrictions are indicated in the <i>Summary Budget Limits for the Call_1.2</i> which is part of the 1st Call for Ordinary Project Proposals.</p> <p>As far as the staff costs, there is no ceiling in case a beneficiary chooses the real cost methodology.</p> <p>It's up to beneficiary to choose different methodology for different budget lines (staff costs, office and administration costs).</p> <p>The option selected applies on a beneficiary level for the entire project period.</p> <p>Each beneficiary should follow either the flat rate or the real costs calculation option which will remain unchanged through the entire project period.</p> <p>This must be declared in the Application form in the Partnership Section</p>   |
| 98 | 3/11/2016  | Call Documents      | <p>Please, can I ask you information about the first call of the Cooperation Programme Interreg V-A "Greece-Italy 2014-2020".</p> <p>how much is the co-funding of private organizations that are partners in the project?</p>   | <p>For all projects and all types of beneficiaries the co-funding rate of Cooperation Programme Interreg V-A "Greece-Italy 2014-2020" is 85% of their verified expenditures.</p>   |
| 99 | 3/11/2016  | Partner eligibility | <p>Please, can I ask you information about the first call of the Cooperation Programme Interreg V-A "Greece-Italy 2014-2020".</p> <p>We are partner in a project of the University of Salento where there is the possibility to enter the Local Action Group (Gal) which is a private non-profit entity with limited liability .</p> <p>Is it possible that this subject be a partner in this project? Should this subject co-found the project? Is it subject to de minimis rule?</p>   | <p>The eligibility of a partnership is part of the 1st Phase of Evaluation. Additionally, the quality of a partnership will be assessed accordingly under the 2nd Phase of Evaluation. The MA/JS cannot comment on the eligibility of beneficiaries or the composition of partnerships as these form part of projects' assessment. It is the applicant's sole responsibility to determine its own status and eligibility so as to apply for funding.</p>   |

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| 100 | 4/11/2016  | Partner eligibility | <p>Dear Managing Authority of European Cooperation Programmes - Interreg Greece-Italy,</p> <p>I would like to ask a question about the attachments that a Private Partner (those entities belonging to article 6.c of the 1st call ordinary GR-IT 2014_2020 document):</p> <p>for private organisations is asked to attach the digital version of the "Declaration for the non distribution of profits", but we have seen that this document is already asked at point 4 of the previous list of digital documents required for each private organisation.</p> <p>My question is: have the private organisation to provide 2 kinds of "Declaration for the non-distribution of profits"? Or one is enough?</p> <p>I would like also to kindly remind you my old F.A.Q. from which I have not answer:</p> <p>The Associated Partner must be located outside the eligible area or could be located also inside the eligible area? I would like to specify that in our case the Associated will generate good practices to the project we would like to realize.</p> | <p>1. There are not two kinds of the "Declaration for the non distribution of profits" document. Beneficiaries, according to their type, have to fill in, sign, stamp and upload the one document that is provided.</p> <p>2. The question was answered. (see FAQ number 82, 4th set).The are no geographical restriction for the participation of an Associated Partner.</p>   |
| 101 | 7/11/2016  | Project ideas       | <p>I would kindly like to ask whether it is possible for a participating beneficiary to cover the travel costs of an Associated Partner to an event.</p> <p>In this case, would these travel and accomodation costs have to be foreseen under External Expertise or under Travel and Accomodation?</p> <p>Is there something specific foreseen for Associated Partners?</p>   | <p>All costs related to travel and accomodation of the associated partner will be included in the budget line <i>External Expertise</i> of any other project beneficiary of the partnership.</p>  |
| 102 | 7/11/2016  | Partner eligibility | <p>Regarding document B6-PROJECT READINESS SHEET, shall it be filled per Tender? Could you provide us an example of how to fill in correctly READINESS SHEET?</p>   | <p>At document B6-PROJECT READINESS SHEET, the description of readiness comes per deliverable</p>   |
| 103 | 9/11/2016  | Miscellaneous       | <p>Shall Universities specify the participating department, by adding the name of the department beside the name of the main body in all the required documents (Partnership Declaration, Co-Fncancing, Declaration fo Not Generating Reveneues, Justification of Budget, Readiness Sheet and State-Aid)?</p>   | <p>The name of the department of a university or research institute must be indicated/written in the following documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the Partnership Declaration document (beside the main body title, the name of the department must be added ) and</li> <li>2. In the Project detailed descriptiondocument.</li> </ol>   |
| 104 | 9/11/2016  | Partner eligibility | <p>I am writing a project proposal on behalf of Municipality of Mesagne with 2 Associated Partner .</p> <p>I need just a clarification about the 20% that could be used outside the eligible area.</p> <p>It is not clear for me if i have to consider the 20% of the total project budget for example 1.000.000 euro or the 20% of ERDF such as the 85% of total project budget 850.000,00 .</p> <p>Could you please let me know ?</p>   | <p>According to chapter 2.1.5. <i>Project Partnership - Eligibility of Beneficiaries</i> of the <i>of the Programme and Project Manual</i>, "...the total amount allocated to activities located outside the Programme area shall not exceed 20% of the support from the ERDF at Programme level. The 20% threshold of ERDF at Programme level will be brought down to the project level..."</p>  |
| 105 | 17/11/2016 | MIS issues          | <p>The no. of the project is 5003004.</p> <p>The problem we are facing is as follows: The municipality of Paxon is the fifth partner in the partnership, but the MIS presents it as the 6th.</p> <p>While the data of the partner in question are uploaded onto the program, we can see only the word "null".</p> <p>What can we do about it?</p>   | <p>Regarding the data of the beneficiaries, which do not appear in the list of section C. Partnership we clarify that each beneficiary in the MIS NSRF is solely identified by its unique code. The full complement of the registry data to the list of beneficiaries in the standard form is not a reason for exclusion. Please, be also advised of the print-out data, in order to confirm the selection of the beneficiary code or the 'more info' button, next to each beneficiary's registration</p> <p>It is noted that the description of the beneficiaries, is derived from the fields of the excel of the application form, which was submitted for obtaining the body code, even of former requests from the previous programming period. Many times some of them that have been sent to the MIS, are not fully completed or may not have been timely updated .</p> |