

Question No	Date of Spedition	FAQ Set No	Question Type	Question Text	MA/JS Answer
1	27/7/2016	1	Partner eligibility	We would like a clarification as to how the restriction that each applicant can participate as Lead beneficiary in no more than one project proposal per specific objective applies to Academic Institutions; Per department (as in Balkan Med) or centrally?	The answer to this question is being elaborated.
2	27/7/2016	1	Miscellaneous	We just got news about the announcement of ITALY GREECE first call for proposal. Please let us know if already is scheduled the INFO day	Yes, Info Days are already scheduled. Their time schedule and the agenda are available through the www.greece-italy.eu and www.interreg.gr sites. Please visit them regularly in order to be informed accordingly.
3	27/7/2016	1	Call Documents	I downloaded the Application Package from the Greece Italy Programme site, but the "Project Selection Criteria", the "Programme and Project Manual" and the "Summary Budget Limits for the Call" are missed	All relevant documentation is uploaded. Please check the Application Package again.
4	28/7/2016	1	Partner eligibility	<p>4.1 We would like to know if the Mountaineering Club of Ioannina could participate in the submission of project proposal, since its seat is based on Athens (art 2 of statue) but is consisted of members Associations (article 10 of statue) based on Ioannina . (article 1 of the statue available on http://www.orivatikos.gr/club/katastatiko)</p> <p>4.2. Can an individual enterprise participate as Partners or as Associated Partner?</p>	<p>4.1. According to the limitations set in the approved 1st Call for Ordinary Project Proposals (page 7) and the Programme and Project Manual (page 44) in order to become a project beneficiary, an organisation has to be located in the eligible area of the Programme (decisive is the legal address of the organization). Organizations located outside the Programme's eligible area are encouraged to be involved in the projects as associated partners without allocated budget. 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>4.2. According to approved 1st Call for Ordinary Project proposals (art. 6 Eligible Partnerships), eligible potential beneficiaries are the following :</p> <p>a. National, regional or local public authorities;</p> <p>b. bodies governed by public law , other than legal entities defined under paragraph a, established for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest (needs not having an industrial or commercial character) and which fulfil at least one of the following conditions:</p> <p>i. be financed, for the most part, by the national, regional or local authorities, or other bodies governed by public law, or;</p> <p>ii. be subject to management supervision by those bodies, or;</p> <p>iii. have an administrative, managerial or supervisory board, more than half of whose members are appointed by the national, regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed by public law;</p> <p>c. private organisations, non-profit organisations founded according to private law can be eligible under the following conditions as a whole:</p> <p>they are not established with the goal to obtain profit</p> <p>they do not distribute profits to the shareholders,</p> <p>they operate for at least one year before the launch of the specific call for proposals. This rule is also applicable for the local/regional subsidiary/branch offices.</p> <p>d. International organisations in compliance with article 43 of EC Delegated Regulation no. 1268/2012.</p> <p>It should be noted that private companies not falling under the above category c. are not eligible. The MA/JS cannot comment on the eligibility of a potential beneficiary. The eligibility of beneficiaries will be part of projects' assessment. It is the applicant's sole responsibility to determine its own status and eligibility to apply for funding. It should be noted that concerning Associated Partners the same categories of Beneficiaries (a,b,c and d) are eligible for participation. According to the approved 1st Call for Ordinary Project Proposals (art. 6) the maximum number of potential associated partners per project is two (2).</p>

5	28/7/2016	1	Partner eligibility	In the framework of the 1st Call for Ordinary Project Proposals for the Interreg V-A Greece-Italy 2014-2020, we would like to ask whether Social Cooperative Enterprises of Law 4019/2011 are eligible beneficiaries. Furthermore, we would like to ask, what are the eligibility criteria applying for Associated Partners and for how long should they be operational. We would like to thank you in advance for your response.	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. Concerning Associated Partners see answer to question 4.2 _FAQ Set No. 1
6	28/7/2016	1	Partner eligibility	We would like to know whether the University of Crete can submit a project Proposal under the Interreg Programmes Greece-Italy and Greece-Albania?	According to the approved 1st Call for Ordinary Project Proposals, art. 6 (Eligible Partnerships): " <i>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.</i> "
7	29/7/2016	1	Partner eligibility	According to the Terms of Reference of the 1st call for ordinary project proposals (page 6), "Each applicant can participate as Lead beneficiary in no more than one project proposal per specific objective". In case of universities and research centers, the abovementioned limitation is considered per department/directorate? Thank you in advance for your reply.	The answer to this question is being elaborated.
8	29/7/2016	1	Partner eligibility	Regarding the 1st Call for Ordinary Project Proposals for the Interreg V-A Greece-Italy 2014-2020, we would like to ask whether a private company can participate in a partnership as associated partner without budget	See answer to question 4.2 _FAQ Set No 1
9	1/8/2016	1	Budget & Financing	I have a question about the 1st Call for Ordinary Project Proposals of the "Cooperation Programme Interreg V-A "Greece-Italy 2014-2020":Is it necessary for applicants co-financing the project? If so, how much is the required co-financing?	As it is stated in the Programme and Project Manual p. 28, "The Greek national contribution is transferred from the Ministry of Economy, Development and Tourism to the beneficiaries. 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 Regione Puglia - Mediterranean Department transfers to the Italian public beneficiaries only the due amount of national co-financing (15% of the total project's expenditure). Italian private beneficiaries cannot benefit from national co-financing (15%) and to finance their participation to projects' implementation use their own resources."
10	5/8/2016	1	Call Documents	In the B5- JUSTIFICATION OF BUDGET COST.xlsx file, in the "Cover page" the applicants are requested to choose the Staff Costs Calculation method for the whole project. In this way, the selected method applies to all partners horizontally. I believe that this implementation is not practical enough since in a partnership scheme may exist bodies with different staff costs calculation methods and consequently different needs. I would like to kindly ask you to consider the option of moving this functionality to partner level. The calculation method selection option could be added in the partner details form. One more issue is that in the same file, the protection of the sheets is not working properly. For example a user can delete content in the "Cover page" sheet (titles, formulas etc) or rename sheets. I remain at your disposal if you need more clarifications.	An updated file will be uploaded. Please check the Application Package again.

11	5/8/2016	1	Call Documents	<p>We have noticed a bug in the following Call document B5- JUSTIFICATION OF BUDGET COST.xlsx</p> <p>The bug is located in the first sheet: Cover page, when selecting Priority Axis, option 3, the the only available Specific Objective is 4.1 and not the Specific Objectives of Priority Axis 3</p>	An updated file will be uploaded. Please check the Application Package again.
12	5/8/2016	1	Budget & Financing	<p>We would like to bring to your attention a question forwarded to us as a competent body by the Hellenic National Meteorological Service (HNMS), which is under the subordination of the Hellenic Ministry of National Defence (MoD), in view of the HNMS participation as a partner in a project proposal to be submitted under the Programme INTERREG V-A Greece Italy 2014-2020. The HNMS is an exclusive provider of meteorological support at National level as specified in the PD 161/1997. To this end, the HNMS operates a number of regional stations dispersed all over the country –including the Regions of Western Greece and Ionian Islands-providing both the personnel and the needed infrastructure.</p> <p>The question posed by HNMS, in view of the imminent preparation of potential partenariats, project proposals and project budgets, relates to the “flexibility rule” and the restriction it imposes so that the budget of partners originating from non eligible territories may not exceed 20% of the overall project budget.</p> <p>Does this restriction apply to the HNMS given that the central Service is located in Athens but the entirety of HNMS operational units is dispersed all over the country and in the eligible area of Western Greece?</p> <p>In case this restriction is applicable to the HNMS, does the same also apply for similar bodies/Services located in other European countries and in particular in Italy?</p>	<p>As indicated in the approved 1st Call for Ordinary Project Proposals (art. 6) and the Programme and Project Manual (Chapter 2.1.5), "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". As far as financing project activities is concerned the following rule applies:</p> <p><i>"In principle, all activities of a project should take place within the eligible Programme area. If a project plans to finance activities or events outside the eligible Programme area, expressly and clearly necessary in order to achieve the project results and in duly justified cases, this is possible in the context of cooperation Programmes having regard that Article 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013 is respected and 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."</i></p> <p>These restrictions equally apply to Greek and Italian beneficiaries.</p>
13	5/8/2016	1	Call Documents	<p>With reference to article n. 7 of the 1st CALL FOR ORDINARY PROJECT PROPOSALS Cooperation Programme Interreg V/A Greece-Italy (EL-IT) 2014-2020, and in particular to the paragraph here quoted:</p> <p>“ Infrastructure Projects (where infrastructure activities are foreseen in the AF) must include the relevant accompanying documents (licenses, approval of feasibility study or any other required approvals, construction permits, preliminary designs/studies, priced bill of quantities signed by the respective body, technical specifications, technical designs, a document certifying the land/building ownership or documentation of transferring the operation rights for the period of 5 years after the end of the project environmental impact assessment etc., where applicable), any other required approvals according to the National Legislation. The non submission of the above mentioned documentation, stamped and signed (where applicable) will lead to the project proposal rejection. “It is asked:</p> <p>To specify if the documents indicated in the above paragraph, shall all of them be submitted in attachment to the Application Form, or, if, instead, shall be submitted only those documents approved within the deadline of the project proposal submission (i.e. by the 15th of October 2016), approved by the competent Authorities according to the relevant laws in force of the respective countries.</p> <p>If otherwise, it is asked</p> <p>to indicate among the documents mentioned in the above paragraph, which documents are mandatory, the minimum required, for the approval of the project proposal. It is reminded that in Italy, the “Nuovo Codice degli Appalti” (New Procurement Code) approved on the 18/04/2016 with the Legislative Decree n. 50, at the article n. 23, states that, in order to formally begin the administrative procedure for the realization of a public infrastructure, it is foreseen the approval of a Feasibility Study (Progetto di Fattibilità) by the relevant competent authority.</p>	<p>The submission of documents that prove the readiness of project proposals with infrastructure interventions is mandatory as specified in the approved 1st Call for Ordinary Project Proposals (page 9). There is no limitation on how many and which documents shall be submitted per proposal because the degree of readiness may be different among projects. The degree of readiness will be a subject of Project Evaluation. For further information, please refer to the project selection criteria in the Application Package and in particular to criterion B. 2.3.2.</p>

14	8/8/2016	1	Partner eligibility	<p>I would like to ask you if a Panhellenic non-profit organization of the maritime transport industry with head offices in Piraeus, which is not in the program area but covers maritime transport activities all over Greece can participate in the programme. The same question applies for a respective non-profit organization in Italy.</p>	<p>According to the approved 1st Call for Ordinary Project Proposals, art.6 (Eligible Partnerships): "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. 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." These restrictions equally apply to Greek and Italian Beneficiaries.</p>
15	8/8/2016	1	Miscellaneous	<p>We would like to pose a number of questions in view of the preparation of a project proposal to be submitted under the Interreg Greece-Italy 1st call for proposals. In particular:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The project team (partenariat) is composed by : a) a Greek Region (either Ionian Islands or W. Greece), b) an Ionian Islands Institute c) an Achaia Institute d) an Italian Region and an Italian Institute. Is the composition of this partnership acceptable? Is it a problem if Greek institutes that belong to different Regions participate as partners? 2. Is it possible to have only one institute (University) participating on behalf of Italy or the participation of a second Italian partner, e.g. from an eligible Italian Region, is mandatory? 3. Is it possible to include in the project budget the expenses of restoration and re-use of a historic building? 4. Does the project budget need to be equally distributed between Greece and Italy? 5.1 How is it possible to have Researchers and Professors from the National Metsovion Polytechnic (NTUA) participating in the project budget, since NTUA is not located in the eligible territory? 5.2 Is this only possible if they participate as external experts under the budget line of external expertise and services? 5.3 Is there a restriction in the amount they may receive for their participation in the project? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 2. According to the approved 1st Call for Ordinary Project Proposals: "Project proposals must include beneficiaries from both countries participating in the Cooperation Programme. The total number of beneficiaries must not be less than three (3) and not exceed a maximum of five (5), including the Lead beneficiary ." 3. On the eligibility of expenditure please consult Chapter 2.1.6 of the Programme and Project Manual. 4. A project should have a budget with funding allocated to beneficiaries according to the activities they are carrying out (the budget split should reflect beneficiary responsibilities), as mentioned in chapter 2.1.5 of the Programme and Project Manual. The distribution of budget among project beneficiaries is part of the 2nd Phase of Evaluation. 5.1 See answer to Question 6 of FAQ Set No 1 5.2 & 5.3 It should be noted that the beneficiaries must be directly responsible for the implementation and management of the project activities they undertake and not function as intermediaries. In addition the managerial and operational capacity of a partnership forms part of the 2nd Phase of Evaluation, according to the approved Project Selection Criteria. <p>There is no upper % limit either per project budget or per partner budget that can be assigned as sub-contracting to external experts and services.</p>
16	12/8/2016	1	Project ideas	<p>In a project proposal we intend to submit under the 1st call for ordinary projects proposals " Interreg V/A Greece-Italy 2014-2020", we foresee the inclusion of an action that concerns the installation of projector, light and sound systems as well as art elements in small infrastructures , architecturally designed, that will be attached to specific buildings and sites in the selected areas of interest. All the abovementioned will be incorporated for permanent use in the existing infrastructures. You are kindly requested to confirm that the aforementioned proposal , based on the information provided above, satisfies the criteria for being characterised as an infrastructure project. We remain at your disposal for any further clarification or information required.</p>	<p>The MA/JS cannot comment on project development as this forms part of projects'assessment. It is the applicant's sole responsibility to determine the project content. In order to build your project idea please consult carefully the Programme document, Section "2.1.3. Project idea/proposal Development" of the Programme and Project Manual and all Call documents.</p> <p>Soft projects mainly focus on non material activities (both in terms of WPs/ Deliverables and budget) such as studies, workshops etc.</p> <p>Infrastructure projects mainly focus on material activities (both in terms of WPs/ Deliverables and budget) such as the construction or renovation of a building, installation of equipment in it etc.</p>
17	14/8/2016	1	Miscellaneous	<p>We just got news about the announcement of ITALY GREECE first call for proposal.Please let us know if already is scheduled the INFO day</p>	<p>See answer to question 2_FAQ Set No 1</p>

18	16/8/2016	1	Partner eligibility	<p>We would like to pose a question regarding the eligible beneficiaries in the Programme Interreg Greece-Italy 2014-2020.</p> <p>In page 7 of the 1st Call for Ordinary Project Proposals it is mentioned that: "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. 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>1.If it is correctly understood this means that Universities/companies outside the eligible Programme area cannot undertake part of a project budget unless they have a local branch in the eligible territory. Is that so? However in p.15 of the attached presentation on the "programme and project manual" it is mentioned that: "All activities implemented outside the Programme area should be described in a single dedicated WP in the Application form. Having regard that Article 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013 is respected and the total amount allocated to activities located outside the Programme area shall not exceed 20% of the support from the ERDF at Programme level"</p> <p>2. In the activities you mention above is it possible to have the participation of a University/company outside the eligible Programme area and allocate to them a part of the project budget up to 20%?</p> <p>3.In addition, is it possible to allocate a part of the proposed project budget to a private company outside the eligible territory?</p>	<p>1. According to the limitations set in the approved 1st Call for Ordinary Project Proposals (art.6)) in order to become a project beneficiary, an organisation has to be located in the eligible area of the Programme (decisive is the legal address of the organization). Organizations located outside the Programme's eligible area are encouraged to be involved in the projects as associated partners without allocated budget. 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>2. and 3.The threshold of 20% of the support from the ERDF applies only to activities outside the eligible Programme area implemented by beneficiaries located in the eligible Programme area</p>
19	22/8/2016	1	Project ideas	<p>the economic exploitation of new ideas and fostering the creation of new firms, including through business incubators', does the project proposals have to support the establishment of new business incubators on both sides of the Programme Area (that is one in Puglia AND another in Greece), or can the project partners decide to establish only one incubator in one of the eligible regions (in Puglia OR in Greece)?</p>	<p>See answer to Question 16 of FAQ Set No 1</p>
20	22/8/2016	1	Partner eligibility	<p>Can the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Body governed by public law) which is located outside the eligible Programme area participate in a project proposal as a project beneficiary (PB)?</p>	<p>See answer to question 6 of FAQ Set No 1</p>
21	22/8/2016	1	Miscellaneous	<p>In reference of the first call of the Programme Greece -Italy 2014 2020, I need some information.</p> <p>1) First question: 21.1 What do you mean by the term "Associated partners"? 21.2 What is the difference between "beneficiaries" and "associated partners"? 2) Second question: In reference to the specific objective 2.1 Valorisation of cultural heritage and natural resources as a territorial asset of the Programme Area, what do you mean by the term "Infrastructure"? 21.3What is the difference between "Soft projects" and "Infrastructure"?</p>	<p>21.1 According to approved 1st Call for Ordinary Project proposals (art. 6 Eligible Partnerships), Associated partners are those without an allocated budget. "Organisations located outside the Programme's eligible area are encouraged to be involved in the projects as associated partners without allocated budget".</p> <p>21.2 According to chapter 2.1.5.1.2. of the Programme and Project Manual, Project beneficiaries participate in designing and implementing the project by carrying out the activities assigned to them in the approved application, with an allocated budget. The expenses generated are eligible in the same way as those incurred by the Lead Beneficiary.They must therefore, satisfy the same eligibility criteria as the ones applicable for the Lead Beneficiary.</p> <p>21.3 For a distinction between "soft projects" and "infrastructure projects" see answer to question 16_FAQ Set No 1</p>