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Delegation of the European Union to Bosnia and Herzegovina

## Support to coordination and implementation of public administration reform (PAR) in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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## Question:

Related to the forecast of the IPA funding project Support to coordination and implementation of public administration reform (PAR) in Bosnia and Herzegovina, publication reference EuropeAid/132748/C/SER/BA, we are interested to know would the award of the abovementioned project lead a company to be non-eligible for the applications published by the PAR funded projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as the Beneficiary of this Project (PARCO) is the institution that is managing the PAR funds.

To be more specific, after submitting an application to the abovementioned Project and hypothetically, after being awarded the same, will we be able to submit future applications for projects provided under the PARCO managed PAR funds?

## Answer:

Indeed, there is a potential conflict between the insight that the future technical assistance might have into the dealings of the PAR Fund and applying for that Fund in future. The award of this IPA contract cannot prevent a tenderer from applying to the PAR Fund. It is up to the PAR Fund authorities to decide on the potential exclusion of the implementor of this IPA project, but one might expect, in case of award of this IPA contract, to be requested to refrain from PAR Fund tenders for the duration of this project.

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