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### **Clarification No. 1**

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#### **Question 1:**

We would appreciate if you could please let us know if the following examples of references would match the selection criterion regarding the budget of the reference projects:

Example 1: The share of the candidate in a reference project is over 500,000 EUR in absolute figures, but as the total project budget is more than 1,000,000 EUR, the de facto share of the candidate is less than the required 50% of the project budget

Example 2: The overall budget of a reference project is 980,000 EUR and the candidate has performed 60 % of this budget (more than the required 50%), which represents more than 500,000 EUR.

#### **Answer 1:**

None of the examples given is correct. For the projects to be considered compliant with the Technical Capacity criterion they have to meet each and every sub-criterion as required in the Contract Notice:

- be "technical assistance projects"
- "should have dealt exclusively with support to a country's public procurement system, legislative framework, institutions and practices"
- be with a budget of "at least 1 million Euros"
- "where the proportion carried out by the candidate was at least 50%"
- "should have been completed during the 36 months prior to the deadline for submission of applications"

In case of ongoing project, the part completed shall meet all the sub-criteria as above.

#### **Question 2:**

Could you please confirm that the origin of funding of a technical assistance project will not be considered in defining the eligibility of the candidate? I.e., not only donor-funded technical assistance projects are eligible as references, but any TA project, irrespective of the origin of its funding.

#### **Answer 2:**

Yes, correct - The origin of funding is not an issue.