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Disclaimer:

Applicants will find below a series of questions which have been sent to Delegation-BIH-Procurement@eeas.europa.eu mailbox since the launch of the above-mentioned Call for Proposals.

In accordance with Guidelines for Applicants of the relevant Call for Proposals and its article 2.2.4 Further information for Concept Note:

"...In the interest of equal treatment of applicants, the European Commission cannot give a prior opinion on the eligibility of an applicant, a partner, an action or specific activities."

All eligibility related criteria are specified in **Sections 2.1.1 and 2.1.2** of the Guidelines for Grant Applicants.

In reference to **eligibility of an action**, please refer to Section 2.1.4. "Eligible actions: actions for which an application may be made" of the Guidelines for Grant Applicants, which clearly states all actions that could be considered eligible or ineligible.

Question 1:

Would you please clarify that public universities from EU are eligible to submit project proposals as applicants under the call – EuropeAid/136483/DD/ACT/BA.

Answer 1:

Please see the Disclaimer on page 1 of this document.
Also, please see Corrigendum No.1 concerning the eligibility criteria.

Question 2:

The eligibility criteria mention the following:

- “be established in a Member State of the European Union or candidates or potential candidates for accession as recognised by the EU or in a Member State of the European Economic Area. This obligation does not apply to international organisations“

However, according to the Common Implementation Rules for Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI), the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR), the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI), the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace, the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II) and the Partnership Instrument for cooperation with third countries, grants should be open also for organizations not established in the EU. Article 11 reads:

1. Without prejudice to the limitations inherent in the nature and objectives of the action as provided for in Article 8(7), participation in the award of procurement contracts or grants, as well as the recruitment of experts, shall be open without limitations under the EIDHR and the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace.

I therefore kindly ask you to clarify if I am misreading the regulations, or if the respective paragraph in the eligibility criteria appears in the guidelines by mistake.

Answer 2:

Please see Corrigendum No.1

Question 3:

While preparing the concept note I have worked on the Logical Framework.

In the logical Framework you speak about OVERALL OBJECTIVES (plural) and about SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE (singular).

The Logical Framework template is attached.

Is this a mistake? A project in normal conditions should have more specific objectives than overall objectives. An overall objective is usually specified by two or more specific objectives, so that it is hard to define only one specific objective for the action we want to propose.

Is it ok to propose more than one specific objective? In this case you should change the template of the Logical Framework, making possible to have one or more overall and one or more specific objectives.

Answer 3:

Please note that the Logical Framework template may be adapted in accordance with the respective project proposal.

Question 4:

a) In the call Guidelines, on page 6, the following link is not working:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/procedures/implementation/index_en.htm

b) In the grant application form, on page 10 of 48, the following link is not working:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/procedures/implementation/index_en.htm

c) In the grant application, on page 15 of 48, the following link is not working:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/reports//index_en.pdf

Answer 4:

Please see Corrigendum No.1.

Question 5:

I am in the process of drafting concept not for the public call of EIHDR, however I am in quandary regarding the number of co-applicant necessary for the call in question.

What I do see is that the number of co-applicant from BiH must be two, if the applicant is not an organization from BiH. However, if from BiH, what is the minimum and maximum number of organizations identified as co-applicant. You may also direct me on the section where it is clearly stated.

Answer 5:

If the applicant is from BiH, it must act with minimum one (1) co-applicant. Please see Corrigendum No.1