***Invitation to expression of interest for candidate entities to be entrusted with the implementation of IPA 2021 support in the sector of energy: “EU4Energy:***

***Component 1 - Implementation of energy efficiency projects/programmes in the public sector*** ***and Component 2 - Implementation of sustainable energy projects/programmes in local communities***

**Clarification No 1 - Call for expression of interest - "EU4 Energy – Components 1 and 2” IPA 2021**

**Q: Description of related tasks for Component 1 says: Pilot projects, such as the Pilot project for future Europe House that is located in the “Vječna Vatra” building in Sarajevo will be implemented at a local level. Project documentation with all necessary permits and consents from competent entities related to reconstruction of the facade, exterior joinery and roof of future Europe House that will be located in the “Vječna Vatra” building will be available and delivered to the implementing partner.**

**Could you please provide further information:**

**Q1: About estimated costs of the reconstruction of the facade, exterior joinery and roof of future Europe House**

*A1: Costs of the reconstruction of the facade, exterior joinery and roof of future Europe House that is located in the “Vječna Vatra” building in Sarajevo are to be estimated by the candidate entity in the proposal, as the estimation could not have been done by the EU Delegation at the time of the action programming.*

**Q2: If all of the estimated costs are to be covered from Component 1.**

*A2: All of the estimated costs are to be covered from Component 1, as it is foreseen that each component will be implemented through a separate agreement.*

**Q3: As per existing EU and donor practice, investments in EE and RES require co-financing from beneficiaries. Do you anticipate co-financing from beneficiaries and in what percentage?**

*A3: Contribution from the EU will be 100% in the form of grant to the entrusted entity. The entity is encouraged to propose the activities based on their knowledge related to social acceptability, technical acceptability and feasibility. In particular activities to implement energy efficiency projects/programmes in the public sector under existing and new innovative, scalable financing mechanisms. The organisation shall present the proposals to the EU for its assessment.*

**Q4: If EU co-financing is lower than 50%, do you anticipate seeking exemption from the Law on Public Procurement?**

*A4: Procedures to be launched in the framework of the contribution agreement shall follow the procurement rules and procedures of the Entrusted entity positively Assessed by the European Union.*

**Q5: Could you please clarify deadline for your response?**

*A5: The information should be sent by email to the following e-mail address: DELEGATION- BOSNIA-AND-HERZEGOVINA-CFP@eeas.europa.eu, by 10th of July 2023, 24:00 o'clock, CET, the latest. All additional questions related to this Letter should be addressed to the EU Delegation not later than 3rd of July 2023 12:00 o'clock, CET.*

*All replies to the questions related to this Expression of Interest received within the deadline specified above, will be published on the website of the Delegation of the European Union to Bosnia and Herzegovina, section "Tenders and funding", sub-section "EU Delegation tenders" under the link to this Expression of Interest on 5th July. Interested entities are invited to submit expressions of interest by 10th of July.*