

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

## Call for proposals VP/2018/012

### "EaSI-Progress: Activities in the field of undeclared work"

#### Question 1:

Are national Chambers of Commerce/Unions of national Chambers of Commerce eligible for this call? Or similar questions such as "could you please confirm the eligibility of "organisation X" as an eligible applicant for the VP/2018/012"?

#### Answer 1:

As indicated in section 13 of the call document, in order to ensure equal treatment of all potential applicants, the Commission will not give at this stage a prior opinion on the eligibility of potential applicants. As you will understand, such an assessment can only be made on the basis of the documentation submitted with each application. We kindly invite you to consult the call text, in particular section 6. Eligibility Criteria, 6.1. Eligibility of the applicants (lead and co-applicants) and affiliated entities.

#### Question 2:

Is it possible to send a project proposal as single applicant? Does the single applicant have to have special criteria?

#### Answer 2:

Section 6. of the call text, Eligibility Criteria, 6.1. b) refers as well to single applicants and indicates the type of eligible entities and the specific requirements.

#### Question 3:

For social partners, what do you mean with "Social partner organisations may be single or lead applicant if officially entitled by law or institutional agreements to carry out enforcement tasks"

#### Answer 3:

Section 2 of the call text states that "The priority is to co-finance actions fostering joint activities and cross-border projects of enforcement authorities improving their technical capacity in the field of preventing and deterrence of undeclared work". Similar to public enforcement authorities – see section 6.1.b) - social partner organisations may be single or lead applicant if officially entitled by law or institutional agreements to carry out enforcement tasks in the area of undeclared work. To this end, social partner organisations have to provide an extract of respective national legislations/agreements

#### Question 4:

Can candidate countries apply to this call as lead or sole applicant? Or the applicants from candidate countries can only apply to this call as co-applicants?

#### Answer 4:

Please read the answer to question 1 in the published Q/A document and the entire chapter 6 (eligibility criteria) of the call specifications. Section 6.1.a) place of establishment spells out

the countries from which properly established and registered legal entities are eligible as lead applicant and co-applicants. As potential applicants from other EaSI participating countries - Albania, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey - are not officially appointed to the European Platform tackling undeclared work – see section 6.1.b) – they cannot present a letter of support issued by the respective senior representative in the Platform and are therefore only eligible as co-applicant.

Question 5:

Are International Organizations established in one EU Member State considered eligible to apply in the call.

Answer 5:

Please read the answer to question 1 in the published Q/A document and the entire chapter 6 (eligibility criteria) of the call specifications. As indicated in section 6.1. a) and b) lead applicant and co-applicants must be legal entities properly established and registered in one of the listed countries, must be non-profit organisations and fall in one of the two categories of entities listed.

Question 6:

I would like to get partner for this project from Turkey, but how can I search the related partner for this call? Would you please help me about find partners or any portal doing this?

Answer 6:

For this call for proposals there is no mechanism or specific support available that would help finding project partners.

Question 7:

(1) We are a research institute in the area of employment and social security; could you please confirm that we are an eligible organisation? (2) My understanding from the wording of the call for proposals is that college XX, university XX, as a non-profit entity, may be the Lead Applicant of the project. Could be please confirm whether my understanding is correct?

Answer 7:

Please read carefully answer 1 in this document.

Question 8:

On p.12 of the proposal (sec.6.2. a)) it is mentioned that the action must demonstrate that it will cover at least 3 EU/EEA Member states. Shall I interpret this as meaning that at least 3 different EU/EEA countries should participate in the consortium? Or that the project will cover at least 3 countries (e.g. through studying their practices/policies) without necessarily involving them as partners in the project?

Answer 8:

Please refer to section 6.2(a) of the call text. The call does not require having co-applicants established in different eligible countries. However, eligible projects must demonstrate and ensure coverage through their activities of at least three EU/EEA Member States.

Question 9

On section 9, p.16 what is the qualitative/practical difference between 'Visibility' and 'Dissemination of results'?

Answer 9:

The award criteria 'Visibility of the proposed activities' lists as sub-criteria 'Visibility at national and European (EU/EEA) level' and 'Dissemination of results'. A strategy for the dissemination of results is one activity that can contribute to the required visibility.

Question 10:

As part of the project, we may require to hire a Research Assistant. As can be appreciated, she or he will be hired only if the proposal is successful. Since the Research Assistant will undertake some of the tasks that will be described in the proposal, but hers or his CV will not be available at the time of submission, how do we address the requirement of Sec. 15 (Checklist for required Documents), #14 (CVs of key staff: persons who will perform the main tasks)?

Answer 10:

A research assistant is not supposed to carry out the main tasks and it is therefore not considered key staff.

Question 11:

Could you kindly clarify if international organizations, as defined in article 43 of the EU financial regulations, are eligible under the above call?

Answer 11:

Please read the answer to question 1 and 5 in the published Q/A document and the entire chapter 6 (eligibility criteria) of the call specifications. As indicated in section 6.1. a) and b) lead applicant and co-applicants must be legal entities properly established and registered in one of the listed countries, must be non-profit organisations and fall in one of the two categories of entities listed.