

Questions & Answers VP/2010/006

Questions on eligible applicants

- Is there a maximum number for proposals submitted by one Member State?

No, there is no limitation.

- May NGOs submit an application?

Yes, if they are entrusted by a national/regional public authority and fulfil all eligibility criteria, including the criteria for entrusted organisations under point 3.4 a) of the call.

- Are provincial authorities accepted for participating in this call?

Only national or regional public authorities may apply directly. Provincial authorities may apply if they are entrusted by a national or regional authority.

- May a proposal submitted by a public authority include a partnership with an NGO?

Yes. A public authority (applicant) may choose as partner an NGO.

- Can a National Trade Union be considered a 'Eligible applicant'?

National Trade Unions would need to be entrusted by a responsible national or regional public authority in order to submit an application.

- If a regional government delegates the submission and the implementation of a project to a provincial government is it necessary to use a particular procedure?

If a regional government would like to delegate the submission of a proposal to a lower administrative level, the same procedure would need to be followed as for entrusted organisations: the application needs to contain a letter (issued by the regional government) confirming that the provincial government is entrusted by the regional government.

Questions concerning partners

- Is there a minimum number of partners to be involved?

No, there is no minimum or maximum number of involved partners.

- Partners from which countries are eligible?

Partners from PROGRESS participating countries¹ are eligible to participate in this call.

- What is the maximum percentage of Union Funding for partners?

The maximum co-financing rate of 80% applies only to the budget of the proposal as a whole. This limitation does not concern the partner's share of the costs within this overall budget.

¹ EU Member States, EFTA/EEA countries (Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein), EU candidate countries (Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey), as well as Western Balkan countries participating in the stabilization and association process providing that the memorandum of understanding for participating in PROGRESS is ratified (Serbia).

Questions concerning application documents

- *Is there a template for the letter entrusting an organisation to submit a proposal?*

No, there is no template for this letter.

Questions concerning funding

- *If a project was to last 2 years, is funding on a year by year basis?*

The funding does not take place on a year by year basis. Instead, one grant is given for the whole duration of the project.