

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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## Question:

How can a project be structured where several different organisations are involved ?

## Response:

There are several possibilities:

1) The national authority is the applicant and chooses **partner organisations** (who may be NGOs) to carry out some of the activities, as explained under point 5 of the guidelines of the call for proposals. In this situation, the application should clearly mention those organisations and describe their role in the project.

2) The national authority **can mandate an organisation** (which may be an NGO) to carry out the whole project. The national authority can mandate a maximum of two organisations but in this scenario 2 different applications must be submitted. The mandated organisation will be the applicant.

3) If the applicant wants to support NGO(s) who are not "partners" in the project but only "**third parties**", some strict rules apply. Further to Article 184 bis of the Implementing Rules of the Financial Regulation (Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) n° 2342 of 23/12/2002 and subsequent amendments (see footnote 2 of Annex II of the call for proposals VP/2010/008), the maximum amount of financial support that may be paid to third parties by the beneficiary shall be EUR 100 000, with a maximum of EUR 10 000 per each third party. In this case, the applicant can apply its own national rules to select third parties.

The three above possibilities differ from **subcontracting**. In the case of subcontracting, the applicant buys a service on the market. See conditions on page 6 of the financial guidelines (annex II of the call for proposals).