

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (II)

Eligibility of VAT

In the framework of this Call for proposals, the last paragraph under the point 2.1.4 is NOT APPLICABLE:

"(...) Taxes, including VAT. Nevertheless, these may be considered as part of the estimated total accepted costs of the action for the purpose of co-financing where the Beneficiary (or the Beneficiary's partners) can prove it cannot reclaim them. In such cases, the cost should be included in the Budget under the heading "taxes". Please note however that for the purpose of co- financing, taxes are the only ineligible costs that will be considered within the total accepted costs of the action. Information on taxes can be found in Annex J to these Guidelines."

Indeed, as of 31 December 2011, taxes may be eligible for grant contracts financed by DCI if the below conditions are respected :

- These taxes are necessary for the implementation of the Action, must be/have been actually paid by the beneficiary and cannot be reimbursed to the beneficiary under national law
- The grant beneficiary must be able to prove that he has undertaken all the necessary steps to obtain an exemption or the recovery of paid taxes vis-à-vis the relevant authorities.

Taxes shall in such case be included in the Budget of the Action under the same heading of the eligible cost they are related to.

Where can I find a form of the concept note ?

The Concept Note should consist of a completed Part A as contained in Annex A to the call for proposals