



**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

**European Strategic Partnerships for smart specialisation investments  
COS-CLUSPARTNS-2017-03-02**

**Questions and Answers**

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anymore.*

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## A. Introduction and background

## B. Objective(s) – Theme(s) – Activities - Outputs

### **B.1 Question:**

If a deliverable relates to activities undertaken throughout the whole project period (e.g. report on communication activities of the project), can it be indicated that this deliverable will be delivered in month 25 even if the project duration is 24 months? What would be the correct way to indicate it?

#### Answer:

In such case the deliverable will be due in the last month of the project duration, as all project related activities have to be finalised before the end date of the project (with the exception of the final report).

## C. Timetable

## D. Budget available and funding of actions

## E. Admissibility Requirements

## F. Eligibility Criteria

### **F.1 Question:**

We have submitted a proposal in the "Call for proposals "Clusters Go International in the Defence & Security sector "COS–CLUSINT-2017-03-6".

We are thinking to submit a proposal also in the "Call for proposals European Strategic Cluster Partnerships for smart specialisation investments COS-CLUSTPARTNS-2017-03-02".

In the "Call for proposals" document, we read that "Consortia must verify and declare through their coordinator that none of their members participates in another proposal within this call for proposals. If such case is detected by the funding body, it will lead to the exclusion of the organisation concerned from all respective proposals."

Our question is: is it possible to present 2 proposals (one for each of the 2 above mentioned calls) or not?

#### Answer:

As per the call for proposals, section 6.2 "Eligible consortia", the consortia must verify and declare through their coordinator that none of their members participates in another proposal within this call for proposals. If such case is detected by the funding body, it will lead to the exclusion of the organisation concerned from all respective proposals. The respective consortia affected by the exclusion of (a) partner(s) must still fulfil the eligibility criteria as stipulated in sections 6.1 and 6.2 in order to be considered eligible.

This paragraph relates only to the call for proposals COS-CLUSPARTNS-2017-03-02 and not to other calls.

**F.2 Question:**

The call for proposals reports that applicants must be established in EU Member States and countries participating in the COSME programme (p.21), on the footnote n°70 at point c. there is a link to the updated list of eligible third countries participating to COSME.

About Southern Neighborhood Countries listed below is not clear if Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia are considered eligible or not according to the following sentence reporting that no formal expression of interest has been received from Southern countries.

Answer:

These countries are not participating in COSME. However applicants from these countries can be involved in the project without receiving EU funding.

**G. Exclusion Criteria**

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