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## **CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

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***'Support for information measures relating to the EU Cohesion policy'***

## **Questions & Answers (Q&As)**

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You will find below a list of questions received for this call for proposals. Please note that the present document aims to complement and clarify the call for proposals and does not replace it. A Q&As document will be periodically published; applicants are invited to check this website regularly.

**Q1.** We are contacting you with regard to the recently published DG REGIO “Information Measure on the EU Cohesion Policy”. We would like to know if it is possible to be a part of 2 submissions, if the activities are sufficiently different?

**A1.** With regard to actions 1 and 2: Universities and educational institutions, which are the only entities eligible for action 1 and action 2, should apply either for action 1 or action 2. They cannot submit applications for both actions.

Within the same action:

- Each applicant can only be the lead applicant (“coordinator”) in one application.
- However, an applicant can be the lead applicant in one application and a co-applicant in other applications.

**Q2.** Aussi je souhaite savoir si nous pouvons déposer un dossier dans le cadre de l'appel à propositions cité en référence en sachant que nous ne pouvons pas présenter de documents financiers (association crée en 2019).

**A2.** As indicated in p. 10 of the guidelines for applicants, “the supporting documents to be provided on request are: the profit and loss account, the balance sheet for the last available financial year for which the accounts were closed or, for newly created entities, a business plan that might replace the above documents.”

You may be requested to submit a business plan if other documents are unavailable.

Also, please note that if your financial capacity “is considered weak on the basis of the documents submitted, the European Commission may request further information, decide not to give pre-financing, decide to give pre-financing in instalments or decide to give pre-financing covered by a bank guarantee” (p. 10 of the guidelines for applicants).

**Q3.** This call of proposals specifies that public authorities are eligible, with the exception of those covered by Art. 123 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013.

Our public authority is organized into 2 separate poles, one of which is assigned to a local management of European Social Fund (ESF) (national program > social inclusion). It is our first pole.

However, our second pole is assigned to information measures relating to the EU Cohesion policy, of which the team is distinct from the first and don’t intervene/interfere in the first pole assigned to the management of ESF.

That's why we wanted to know if our public authority is eligible in case we respond to the call for proposals under the second division assigned to information measures relating to the EU Cohesion policy?

Otherwise, is it possible to respond by targeting only the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the Cohesion Fund (CF) to be eligible?

**A3.** Eligibility, exclusion, selection and award criteria are those fixed in the call for proposals' documentation. It is not possible to target a specific fund in order to be assessed under different eligibility criteria than those set in the call.

We do not know the legal status of the two separate poles you mention, so it is not possible for us to inform you on this aspect of your question. If the legal entity applying to this call is an authority in charge of the implementation of Cohesion policy in accordance with Art 123. of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013, it will not be eligible. If it is not in charge of the implementation of Cohesion policy in accordance with Art 123. of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013, it is eligible.

**Q4.** I am writing to ask you a question regarding the eligible interventions in the proposal we will elaborate. We would like to know if the interventions to promote the results of the European cohesion policy must exclusively concern the interventions promoted and completed with the 2014-2020 programming or the story of the results achieved can be extended to projects launched and activated with the previous 2007-2013 programming.

**A4.** The interventions can promote projects implemented during the 2007-2013 and/or 2014-2020 programming periods.

**Q5.** I would like to see some examples of good practices funded in the past years if possible. The reason is to try not to do the same things.

**A5.** The list of successful proposals of the past two years is available at the following links: [https://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/sources/tender/doc/propositions/2018\\_16\\_bat\\_042/list\\_successful\\_applicants.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/tender/doc/propositions/2018_16_bat_042/list_successful_applicants.pdf) (call launched in 2018) and [https://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/sources/tender/doc/propositions/2017\\_16\\_bat\\_063/list\\_successful\\_applicants.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/tender/doc/propositions/2017_16_bat_063/list_successful_applicants.pdf) (call launched in 2017)

**Q6.** Also I want to ask is there a minimum or maximum limit for a project in terms of the requested financing?

**A6.** As mentioned under section 5 of the call for proposals, the grant amount will be minimum EUR 70 000 and maximum EUR 300 000. The EU grant will take the form of reimbursement of up to 80% of the actual eligible costs of the action.

**Q7.** Can this be a new project or an existing and developed publication?

**A7.** Applications can include new activities and/or activities which are the continuation of previously implemented activities. It is up to each applicant to propose and duly justify the best way in its view that the Cohesion Policy can be promoted. However, applications seeking funding for activities that have already been implemented will be rejected.