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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

2020CE16BAT012

**Support for citizen engagement in the implementation of 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&A document will be periodically published; applicants are invited to check the following website regularly:

https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/newsroom/funding-opportunities/calls-for-proposal/

Q1. Does the proposal have to be submitted by only one organisation or can it be submitted by a partnership made up by two or more non-profit organisations?

A1. We confirm that multi-beneficiary applications are possible. The relevant documents to submit multi-beneficiary applications have been published on our website page.

Q2. In the call for proposals 2020CE16BAT012, at point 2, Objectives, it is specified: *“The projects can be managed independently or in cooperation with a managing authority or intermediate body of programme funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) or the Cohesion Fund (CF). The selected CSO will be the sole recipient of the grant, i.e. the beneficiary.”*

Please detail: how to proceed? at what stage? in partnership? and so on

A2. If a cooperation with a managing authority or intermediate body is foreseen for the implementation of the project, the cooperation should be described in point III. 1. “Description of the action” of the application form. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that the authority’s agreement on the planned cooperation is obtained prior to the submission of the application, as the cooperation will form an integral part of the application.

Q3. NGOs - recently established (2018), without financial activity in 2019, can I participate in the competition?

A3. Recent NGOs may submit a proposal. Applicants must comply with all selection criteria. According to point 8.1 of the call for proposals, applicants must have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activity throughout the duration of the grant and to participate in its funding. Moreover according to 8.2 of the call of proposals, applicants have the professional competencies as well as appropriate qualifications necessary to complete the proposed action.

Q4. Can be eligible a small or medium enterprise (SME) as beneficiary of the fund? If an SME can be beneficiary and it provide training activities during the project and is it necessary that company statute provide training as core business?

A4. As mentioned under point 6.1 of the call for proposals, only non-profit organisations (private or public) are eligible.