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2018CE16BAT042

'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. Our application for the call for proposals 2017CE16BAT063 has been selected for an EU contribution. We have got new ideas how to support and extend our outcomes they are developed in our project and we would like to apply also for the current call. Would it be considered as eligible?

A1. According to heading 2 of the call for proposals 2018CE16BAT042, applicants who participated in the call launched by the European Commission in 2017 (Call for proposals 2017CE16BAT063, "Support for information measures relating to the EU Cohesion policy") are eligible notwithstanding the outcome of their previous application. A new application can thus be submitted taking into account that general principle of non-cumulative award is respected.

Q2. In the Guidelines it is written that "Applicants (including single taxable entities) can submit only one application for this call for Proposals". This is to be interpreted that the same entity can be the coordinator of only one proposal or that it can be a partner of only one proposal?

Our organisation has been contacted by two different institutions which plan to apply with very different, but interesting, projects, and with a different territorial target (one focuses on Italy; another on various European countries). We have been asked to be a partner of both, and we would like to know if this is possible or not.

A2. The designation "applicants" refers to the organisations which submit a proposal (see point 6.1 in the guidelines). In case of a consortium, not only the coordinator is considered as the applicant but all members of the consortium involved in the application are considered co-applicants. Given the above an eligible applicant can only participate in one application.

Q3. In the Guidelines it is written that "Financial support to third parties is not allowed by this call for proposals". But in the Excel file for the budget there is "3. Implementation contracts/subcontracting". What is the difference between financial support to third parties and Implementation contracts/subcontracting?

A3. As mentioned under heading 6.3, **financial support to third parties** consists of a grant given by the beneficiary to a third party¹, i.e. cascading grants.

Implementation contracts/subcontracting consists of subcontracting tasks forming part of the action (please see details under heading 7.2.1.1. Eligible direct costs, section C).

¹ Article 137 FR and 210 RAP

Q4. Call for Proposals 2018CE16BAT042 'Support for information measures relating to the EU Cohesion policy', establishes as non-eligible applicants “authorities 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”.

Our organisation is a local authority that aggregates Municipalities. Although our organisation is not a managing authority for EU funds, it has been designated as an intermediate body for specific local and regional funding programmes.

One of our activities is the publication of a weekly regional newspaper founded in 1932 and read all over the region, our main urban centres and in emigrant communities throughout Europe and the world. The Press Department is an independent activity from the EU Technical Assistance Office.

Can our organisation, as the owner of the above mentioned newspaper, be considered as an eligible applicant?

A4. Intermediate bodies as identified under Art.123 (6) and (7) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 are not eligible applicants under this call for proposals, even if they are also involved in tasks and projects independent of their role of intermediate body.