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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. We intend to submit an application jointly with another organisation. Could you please tell me if only the Applicant No 1 (Coordinator) has to attach the Legal Entity Form and the Bank Account Form or if both applicants have to enclose these two forms?

A1. As mentioned in sections 1.1, 1.2 and 2 of the application form, the Coordinator and all co-beneficiaries must attach the legal entity form and the bank account form.

Q2. We are a Social Cooperative (Non-profit) that operates also as a Vocational Training Center. Are we eligible? If yes, should we state in the Multi-beneficiary Application Form that we are 1) A Non-profit organisation, 2) An Educational Training centre or 3) a Non-profit SME?

3.1 Applicant No1 (Coordinator)

PROFILE OF THE APPLICANT No1 (Coordinator) — GENERAL AIMS AND ACTIVITIES	
Year of foundation:	
The entity shall state his legal status by ticking one or several options	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public body	<input type="checkbox"/> International Organisation
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit making organisation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Partner
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational and training establishment	<input type="checkbox"/> Research Centre/Institute
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> SME
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Persons	
The applicant No1 (Coordinator) should provide a short description of the organisation/group/consortium. Where appropriate include information on membership, with respect to the eligibility criteria indicated in the specific call.	

A2. Only non-profit organisations are eligible under this call for proposals. If your organisation is a non-profit organisation that also operates as a training center, you may tick the boxes “Non-profit making organisation” and “Educational and training establishment”.

Q3. Is it possible to be part of 2 submissions as applicant, if the activities are sufficiently different, of course?

A3. Applicants may submit or participate to more than one proposal. However, if the applicant submits a number of similar proposals, we may ask him to choose one or more of them to be withdrawn.

Please note that as indicated in Section 11.7 a) of the Call for proposals, “An action may only receive one grant from the EU budget. Under no circumstances shall the same costs be financed twice by the Union budget.”.

Q4. We are thinking of submitting a proposal based that would "nest" some activities specific to citizen engagement and participation into a larger project, funded for 2020 under a grant by a body of the European Union.

The question is: can we use the project's "horizontal" activities, like communication and project management, as co-financing for your call? In this way we would have a single project with two sources of revenue. We would be reporting under the present call the specific "vertical" activities on citizen engagement, plus some horizontal activities. The latter, but not the former, would also be reported under the extant grant with the European Union body.

A4. As indicated in Section 11.7 a) of the Call for proposals “An action may only receive one grant from the EU budget”.

Q5. Supporting documents (art. 6.1 of the call):

a) What is the supporting document "extract from the official journal"? Should private organizations submit one?

b) Our organization is a newly-established non-profit association ("Altri Enti del Terzo Settore", or "Other non-profit organizations"). For this type of organizations, according to the Italian law, a national registry is established but it is yet to be created. Therefore, we won't be able to provide an "extract of trade or association register". Can we provide an extract of the registration at the national tax agency ("Agenzia delle Entrate") instead?

c) According to the Italian law, non-profit associations that do not conduct economic activity are not required to have a VAT number. We do not have one. Can we avoid submitting the supporting document "certificate of liability to VAT"?

A5. Italian non-profit organisations are not required to provide these documents.

Q6. Legal entity form (section 1.1 of the application form)
https://ec.europa.eu/info/publications/legal-entities_en

Italian applicants are required to include their REA number ("Repertorio Economico Amministrativo") in the attached Legal Entity Form. Our organization is a non-profit association that does not conduct any economic activity and therefore, according to the Italian law, it is not required to have a REA number. We do not have one. Can we use our fiscal code ("Codice Fiscale") instead?

A6. Italian non-profit organisations are not required to provide these documents.

Q7. In relation with the CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2020CE16BAT012 (Support for citizen engagement in the implementation of cohesion policy), the eligible applicants are non-profit organisation (private or public), and in the supporting documents, "Public entities" are clearly mentioned. However, in the n.8 sheet of the FAQ, it is stated that "Public authorities (national, regional, local) are not eligible to apply under this call". Apparently, we see a contradiction in this. So our question is, can we as Liguria Region apply as a beneficiary for this call, considering that as Region we are Managing Authority of ERDF and ESF operational programs?

A7. Public bodies or authorities (national, regional, local) are not considered as non-profit organisations and cannot apply under this call for proposals. As mentioned under point 6.1 of the call for proposals, only non-profit organisations (private or public), e.g. civil society organisations, are eligible.

Managing authority or intermediate body of programme funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) or the Cohesion Fund (CF) can participate to a project led by a beneficiary but cannot be beneficiaries themselves and therefore cannot apply under this call, neither as sole applicant nor as co-applicant."