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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.** On page 13 regarding the second criterium “outreach and effectiveness of the measure” the following is stated;

*“Ability of the outreach plan (...) to maximise reach per target audience at local, regional, multiregional **and** national level (multiplier effect), for example via cooperation of applicants with networks and/or regional actors/media”*

The way this sentence has been formulated, specifically regarding the word “and”, gives me the impression that this call specifically targets applicants that target and provide information to audiences on a national level. I therefore assume that regional broadcasting companies, although they are eligible as applicant, are less likely to receive funding from this call as they do not target national audiences.

Thank you in advance for clarifying this to me.

**A1.** As stated under point 6.2 of the call for proposals, “The measures should be implemented within the EU at local, regional, multiregional, national level, or at the level of several Member States”. This means that it is possible that the proposed measures are implemented only at regional level (see also answer 3 of Q&A 3).

The multiplier effect is only one out of 5 elements that will be taken into consideration with regard to one of the 4 award criteria. It is, therefore, possible that regional broadcasting companies receive funding if the quality of their overall application is good. See also lists of successful applicants of previous similar calls at [https://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/en/newsroom/funding-opportunities/calls-for-proposal/](https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/newsroom/funding-opportunities/calls-for-proposal/)

Besides, a regional broadcasting company can still have a multiplier effect even at national level via cooperation with other regional or national actors.

**Q2.** While we understand that eligible applicants have to be established in the EU Member States, is it possible to cover through the information campaign countries / territories in the EU Candidate countries which are involved in the EU Regional policies?

**A2.** Yes, as long as the objectives of the call for proposals (as stated in part 2 of the text of the call) are achieved.

**Q3.** The documents needed for the proof of financial capacity are:

*“Declaration of Honour*

*EITHER*

- *the profit and loss account as well as the balance sheet for last two financial years for which the accounts were closed;*
- *for newly created entities: the business plan might replace the above documents;*

*OR*

*the table provided for in the application form, filled in with the relevant statutory accounting figures, in order to calculate the ratios as detailed in the form.”*

Some members of our Consortium are local (public) authorities and Universities and, as such, do not have the profit and loss account.

For these latter cases, can a Declaration of Honour signed by each of these partner be used as a proof of financial capacity and replacement to the profit and loss account and the balance sheets?

Alternatively, where is the table provided in the application form? From point 2 of the multi beneficiary application form I can find only a repetition of the same rules and points explicated in the call of proposals but not an additional table.

**A3.** Potential applicants’ attention is drawn to the fact that updated versions of the Call for proposals and of the grant application forms (monobeneficiary and multibeneficiaries) have been published and include modifications regarding the verification of the financial capacity of applicants

Section 8.1 of the Call for proposals has received the following modifications:

- The reference to a table provided for in the application form has been deleted
- It has been clarified that for low value grants ( $\leq$  EUR 60 000), applicants’ financial capacity will be assessed on the basis of the declaration on their honour
- For grants above EUR 60 000, applicants’ financial capacity will be assessed on the basis of the declaration on their honour. It has been clarified that the following documents must be provided on request only :
  - o the profit and loss account as well as the balance sheet for the last two financial years for which the accounts were closed;
  - o for newly created entities: the business plan might replace the above documents

Section 2 (Financial capacity) of Part II (Operational and financial capacity) of the grant applications forms (monobeneficiary and multibeneficiaries) has received the following modification :

- A legal notice has been included in which it is clarified that for grants of or below EUR 60 000 as well as for grants to public bodies and international organisations the only supporting document to be required is the Declaration of Honour.
- On the basis of the Call for proposals, it has been clarified that proofs of Financial capacity of applicants and of affiliated entities to be provided on request are :
  - o Balance sheets or extracts from balance sheets for the last two financial year for which the accounts have been closed.
  - o Profit and loss account for the last two financial year for which the accounts have been closed. For newly created entities, the business plan will replace closed accounts.

**Q4.** Is it possible for an administration to participate to this Call for proposals through another articulation of its macrostructure if one directorate of this public authority is 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 or does the ineligibility apply to the whole administration?

**A4.** If the public authority 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 is not eligible. This also applies if only one directorate of this public authority is 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 as the whole public authority is considered as not eligible.