

Call for proposals

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'Global Projections of Population by Degree of Urbanisation'

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.

Question 1

- The call says “The grant will be defined by applying a maximum co-financing rate of 90 % to the eligible costs actually incurred and declared by the beneficiary and its affiliated entities”

I would like to confirm that this means the Applying institution must cost share the remaining 10 % of the project costs?

Answer

The EU grant will take the form of reimbursement of up to 90% of the actual eligible costs of the action. We confirm that the beneficiary must cover the remaining 10% of the project costs.

Question 2

- In section 7.4 of the call it says “ For mono-beneficiary grants: (i) the applicant signs a declaration in its name and on behalf of its affiliated entities;

Does affiliated entities refer to the subcontractors we will be collaborating with?

Answer

No. The Financial Regulation identifies three types of entities involved in an action supported by a grant:

- beneficiaries, which are parties to a grant agreement;
- contractors / subcontractors;
- affiliated entities.

Affiliated entities are legal entities which have a specific relationship with the beneficiary¹. On that basis, they may incur eligible costs for the information measure covered by the grant under certain conditions, i.e.: they are legal entities satisfying the eligibility criteria of the particular call and non-exclusion criteria and having a link with a beneficiary, notably a legal or capital link, which is neither limited to the action nor established for the sole purpose of its

¹ 2 Article 187 of the Financial Regulation

implementation. This link must be proven by supporting documents to be provided with the application such as the statutory list of members included in reports approved by governing bodies, the list of controlled companies in audited consolidated accounts, the balance sheet or the deeds of establishment proving ownership or partnership. Affiliated entities are not signatories to the grant agreement and are not financially liable in case of recovery of funds. The beneficiary to whom they are linked is financially liable for them. Consequently, the Commission does not test the financial capacity of affiliated entities at time of application.

Question 3

- In section 7.4 of the call it says “For multi-beneficiary grants: (i) the coordinator of a consortium signs a declaration on behalf of all applicants and their affiliated entities; “

Is there a difference between consortium and affiliated entities? If so, what are they.

Answer

Please refer to Question 2.