

Call for Proposals VP/2018/011

Frequently asked questions

Is the deadline for the submission of the hard copies of the proposal fixed on 6 June 2018 referred to the date of *sending* or the date of *receipt* by the Commission?

As specified in the section 12 of the Call, the deadline for the submission of the hard copies of the proposals is referred to the *date of sending*.

In addition, proposals may be hand-delivered. In this case, they must be received by the European Commission by 4 p.m. on the date of the deadline for submission as indicated in section 3(b)

Are professional associations (such as engineers or lawyers etc.) or private universities eligible co-applicants?

As indicated in section 13 of the call document, in order to ensure equal treatment of all potential applicants, the Commission will not give at this stage a prior opinion on the eligibility of potential applicants.

As can be understood, such an assessment can only be made on the basis of the documentation submitted with each application.

We kindly invite applicants to consult the call text, in particular section 6. *Eligibility Criteria*, 6.1. *Eligibility of the applicants* (lead and co-applicants) *and affiliated entities*.

Can organisations from third countries (e.g., trade unions from Bosnia or Ukraine) become associated partners in the project? If so, can their travel expenses be paid to attend transnational events organised in the EaSI-Progress participating countries?

Organisations established in countries other than those listed in section 6.1 a) of the call text (i.e. eligible countries for applicants, co-applicants and affiliated) may participate in the project as "associate organisations" provided their participation serves the aim of the action and exclusively on a no-cost basis, i.e.

they cannot be responsible for carrying out project activities for which they incur costs. These organisations will not be a party of the grant agreement concluded with the Commission. Their role shall be described in the description of the action.

With regard to attendance at project events such as conferences organised by the beneficiaries or their affiliated entities, as indicated in the section 4.2.2.2 of the Financial guidelines published with the call, expenses for participants from organisations other than the beneficiaries or affiliated entities may be included under Heading 2 of the budget (Travel, accommodation and subsistence allowances).

Could the applicant countries organise transnational events in the third countries?

All project activities must take place in EaSI-Progress participating countries at the time of the submission of the project, therefore it is not possible to organise events or activities in countries such as Bosnia-Herzegovina or Morocco.

However, expenses for participants from organisations established in *non*-EaSI-Progress participating countries may be included under Heading 2 of the budget, as indicated in the reply above.

What is the correct composition of eligible consortia?

As explained in section 6.1.c., the lead applicant and the co-applicants should involve organisations established in at least four different Member States or other eligible EaSI-Progress participating countries.

Therefore, consortia composed of, for example, four organisations established in only two or three Member States will not be eligible.

[German translation of the above question]

Wie ist die richtige Zusammensetzung der förderfähigen Zusammenschüssen?

Wie in Abschnitt 6.1.c erläutert, sollten der Hauptantragsteller und die Mitantragsteller Organisationen einbeziehen, die in mindestens vier

verschiedenen Mitgliedstaaten oder in anderen teilnahmeberechtigten EaSI-Progress-Ländern niedergelassen sind.

Daher sind Zusammenschüssen, die sich beispielsweise aus vier Organisationen zusammensetzen, die nur in zwei oder drei Mitgliedstaaten niedergelassen sind, nicht förderfähig.