



European
Commission

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

EaSI Technical Assistance for Social Enterprise Finance

1. General questions (covering all activities)

Which expenses are covered?

All services are free of charge. Reimbursable expenses include the travel expenses (other than local transport) and accommodation of the participants. We are not able to cover salary costs.

Am I eligible as a microfinance institution?

There is a separate [Technical Assistance facility for microfinance institutions](#).

Which countries are eligible?

Eligible are legal entities registered in all EU Member States, Iceland in accordance with the EEA Agreement, Albania, the Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey.

Other candidate and potential candidate countries may also participate in accordance with the general principles and the general terms and conditions laid down in the framework agreements concluded with them on their participation in Union programmes. However, it is not yet confirmed, therefore applicants/entities from those countries should check with the secretariat of the call (easi.ta@ecsocfin.com) for their eligibility.

What is a social enterprise finance intermediary?

A social enterprise finance intermediary is either supplying funds to social enterprises or helping them accessing finance. Examples include social venture capital funds, crowdfunding platforms, incubators or investment readiness organisations among others.

When will the activities take place?

Activities are planned twice a year, although tailored technical assistance might be provided on an ad-hoc basis.

2. Specific questions (covering the call for expressions of interest)

Do I have to submit an application to the call for expressions of interest for every subsidiary/local agency?

Intermediaries often have subsidiaries in other countries or use another legal form for the fund. In general, it is sufficient to submit one application for all associated legal entities.

What can I expect after applying to the call for expressions of interest?

The secretariat of the call will get in touch with you after receiving your application to discuss your needs and develop technical assistance services based on your application.

When is the deadline for applications to the call for expressions of interest?

This is an open-ended call for expressions of interest without deadline for applications. The trainings and workshops will be gradually organised based on the applications and the needs identified. If the number of applications exceeds the capacity of delivery, the call might be closed.