

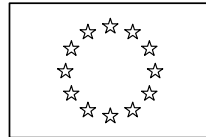
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Support to Refugees and IDPs in Serbia
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Frequently Asked Questions

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1. Can we consider our or partner's equipment as a co-financing of the beneficiary?	No. The contribution must be financed from the applicant's or partners own resources or from sources other than the European Community budget. The equipment is considered as contribution in kind and it does not represent actual expenditure and it is not eligible costs. Please refer to Guidelines for applicants, section 2.1.4 page 10, " Contributions in kind".
2. Can local organisations apply to this Call for proposal or only international organisations are eligible?	Yes, local organisation can apply. In section 2.1.1 "Eligibility of applicants: who may apply", page 6 of the Guidelines for applicants it is specified that in order to be eligible for grant, the applicant must "be nationals of a Member State of the European Union and beneficiary country and the countries covered by the Regulations on access to Community external assistance. Serbia is the beneficiary country, so any organisation or physical person from Serbia is eligible.
3. Could applicants constitute a consortium on this tender? Can we make a consortium between an NGO and local authorities?	It is possible to form a consortium under this Call for Proposals. In section 2.1.2 "Partnership and eligibility of partners", page 7 of the Guidelines for applicants it is specified that "Applicants' partners participate in implementing the action, and the costs they incur are eligible in the same way as those incurred by the grant Beneficiary. They must therefore satisfy the same eligibility criteria as applicants, and in addition to the categories referred to in section 2.1.1(1)." Consequently local authorities are not considered eligible for this grant.
4. Is it possible to combine two programme components, i.e. housing and income generation activities?	Yes, an organisation can propose a comprehensive solution for refugees and/or IDPs where you have both housing and some income generating activities.



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5. Is it necessary to propose a location for a distribution of building material and agriculture activities or it can be decided later on with the local partners and the Commissariat for Refugees and IDPs?	There is no rule in the guidelines that an applicant has to propose a location for the activities. However this would be reflected in the quality of the project and it may considerably reduce a practical possibility of the implementation of the action, since the duration of the action is between 18 and 24 months.
6. There are some criteria and modalities of granting that apply for a long period in the country. Is this programme coordinated with other donors in the country and with the previous programmes implemented by EAR.	The programme builds on past EAR experience and it will be implemented in co-operation with the Commissariat for Refugees and IDPs and in coordination with UNHCR. In addition section 2.1.3 “Eligible actions: actions for which an application may be made”, page 8 of the Guidelines for applicants specifies that “the locations of this intervention will be centred in areas with high concentrations of refugees and IDPs. The activities supported by this intervention will be in the areas of housing and income generation support.
7. We would like to apply to the Call for proposals with a proposal for the integration of 40 families, by providing assistance for family business and enhancement of living conditions for the families in Kosovo and Metohija. Can our organisation which is based in Leposavic, Kosovo and Metohija apply?	No. Section 2.1.3 “Eligible actions: actions for which an application may be made” page 8 of the Guidelines for applicants specifies that all actions must take place in Serbia. However there is a separate programme and the budget dedicated for the activities that take place in Kosovo. For further information, visit the following web-site: http://www.delprn.ec.europa.eu/ As far as your organisation is concerned, you can apply for the implementation of an action that is to be performed in Serbia.
8. Can we receive a tender documentation in Serbian language, as a supporting documentation for the preparation of the project?	No. All documentation of this Call for Proposal is only available in English. In addition, in section 2.2.1 “Application form” on page 11 of the Guidelines for applicants it is specified that “applicants must apply in English”.
9. Is the Organisation that has its Headquarters in Italy eligible as applicant to this call?	Please refer to article 2.1.1 <i>Eligibility of applicants: who may apply?</i> of the Guidelines for applicants.