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DELEGATION TO THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

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Support to Civil Society

Republic of Serbia

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Tender no.: 08SER01/11/11

No	Question	Answer
1.	<p>In Article 21 under No. 3 of the technical capacity of the candidate you state the following:</p> <p><i>"the candidate has implemented either as a leader or consortium partner at least two projects with a budget of at least EUR 200,000 (with a candidate's proportion that is not less than € 100.000 for at least one project) involving management and implementation of call for proposals for the civil society (as the described in Article 7) within the three year period prior to the closing date of submission of the application;"</i></p> <p>Our question is whether you mean that the candidate must have completed management and implementation under the IPA 2009 and 2010 Civil Society Programme specifically for the Civil Society Fund?</p>	<p><i>"Call for proposals for the civil society"</i> is meant in very general terms. It is meant as any grant scheme in the field of civil society. Is not only referred to the IPA programme.</p>
2.	<p>Given the shut-down of European airspace - including the Frankfurt airport - due to the</p>	<p>It has been agreed to accept Expressions of interest sent by emails. The original</p>

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	<p>volcano, DHL cannot guarantee any deliveries. We would need to ship our Expression of Interest to you within today, 19 April in order for you to receive it on time. However, this is uncertain at best, unlikely at worst.</p> <p>Given these rare and unexpected circumstances, we would inquire if you would accept a soft-copy pdf version via email only, as it is proving difficult - indeed impossible - to ship a hard copy to you.</p> <p>As soon as the planes are taking off again we will of course ship the hard copies to you without delay.</p>	<p>paper version will be accepted even if it will be received at the Delegation after the deadline; however, tenderers shall prove that it was sent (given to DHL) before the deadline.</p>
3.	<p>As you may be aware the air traffic in Northern Europe has been cancelled as of last week due to the volcanic ash spread by the volcano on Iceland. At the moment it is still unclear when aviation will be started again.</p> <p>Due to this DHL and all other mail services are not able to conduct their express services, following which our signed copy of the application is stuck since last week on the Amsterdam airport. If the aviation ban is continued for the rest of this week, we might not be able to submit one original signed copy of the application we intend to submit for the tender with publication reference EuropeAid/129573/C/SER/RS. The deadline for this tender is on 23 April.</p> <p>Since this is clearly a case of force majeure, something we could have not predicted nor control, we were wondering what the Delegation's stand is on this? I guess also other possible tenderers will have the same problem. We can send a scanned copy to our local partner, who can submit copies of the application on our behalf. The original signed copy can be forwarded to the Delegation once the courier services are able to operate again. Would this be an option the Delegation would allow under such circumstances?</p>	<p>It has been agreed to accept Expressions of interest sent by emails. The original paper version will be accepted even if it will be received at the Delegation after the deadline; however, tenderers shall prove that it was sent (given to DHL) before the deadline.</p>

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4.	<p>- Under 21.3 it is stated that "The candidate must provide a signed declaration of the leading partner of the named projects as evidence, in case of projects implemented as partner".</p> <p>Do you expect these declarations to be attached to the Expression of Interest or is it only to be provided at a later stage?</p> <p>- Also we want to ask if we can submit the Expression of Interest by e-mail if the situation regarding the closed air space continues?</p>	<p>- Declaration shall be provided at this stage of the evaluation in order to avoid request for clarifications from the evaluation committee.</p> <p>- It has been agreed to accept Expressions of interest sent by emails. The original paper version will be accepted even if it will be received at the Delegation after the deadline; however, tenderers shall prove that it was sent (given to DHL) before the deadline.</p>