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REGIONAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2 (RSEDP2) – 2nd Call for Proposals

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No	Question	Answer
1	We are not clear whether our organisation, Budapest-based non-profit development company of public interest is allowed to participate in this call for proposal.	Your organisation is eligible, provided that it fulfils all other conditions listed in the point 2.1.1. of the Guidelines for Applicants.
2	In case of lease of land or asset (building) for the purpose of the project implementation, is it eligible to pay the lease from the grant for the period of duration of the contract?	Following IPA Implementing rules, Article 24, rent or leasing of land and existing buildings is not eligible cost.
3	Is purchase of buildings or land eligible under this Call for Proposals?	Following IPA Implementing rules, Article 24, purchase of land and existing buildings is not eligible cost.
4	We would like to ask whether Consorzio per l'Area di Ricerca Scientifica e tecnologia di Trieste, a public sector operator and Italian Public Research Organization, can be considered for the above mentioned Call?	Public research organizations are eligible to participate as applicant or partner under this Call for Proposals.
5	In the section 1. Financial and Operational Capacity of the evaluation grid, what is the percentage of points given to experiences of the applicant and what to the experiences of partners?	The experiences of applicant and partners, if any are evaluated as a whole. For sub-criteria 1.4 regarding "stable and sufficient sources of finance" only the applicant is subject to evaluation.
6	Is it necessary for applicant to have experiences in similar actions or is it satisfactory if only partners have required experience?	The experiences of applicant and partners, if any are evaluated as a whole, as per the evaluation grid.
7	We would like to be sure that we can involve "Faculty of engineering in	According to the point 2.1. of the Guidelines for Applicants Higher educational institutions are

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	Belgrade'' as partner in our project?	considered eligible applicant.
8	We are an Italian plc and we would apply for this Call for Proposal. Can we be applicant?	Eligibility of applicants is described in the point 2.1. of the Guidelines for Applicants. Please note that private companies can participate in the Call for Proposals only in the role of associates.
9	Related to financial capacity of the lead applicant. Is it going to be taken into account the fact that project partners (who are financially stronger) will guarantee co-financing of the project? Will there be substantial importance of cash flows during the last two years?	According to the evaluation grid, presented in the point 2.3. of the Guidelines for Applicants, only financial capacity of the applicant is evaluated.
10	Can lead applicant, who has no operative grant from EU, engage employees of agencies, who have operative grant as project team members.	The staff from the RDAs who are recipient of an EU operative grant can only be financed from the RSEDP2 grant under condition that they are not already covered by the operative grant.
11	If we fill budget position 4 (Local office) with particular positions (for example vehicle costs, office rent, consumables, telephone, currency), can we also fill some other costs in budget position 10 (administrative costs) for some other positions (for example insurance, parking, catering, accounting, internet).	According to the General Conditions Applicable to EU Financed Grants, Article 14.4., the Administrative costs are used to cover administrative overheads incurred by the Beneficiary of the Action. The administrative costs are eligible providing that they do not include costs assigned to another heading of the budget.
12	Supply chain, although fully functional, has not been registered yet. Registration is expected in September. Would such newly formed Cluster be eligible as applicant.	Applicants need to be legal bodies as per day of the deadline for submission of the proposals and fall under one of the categories listed in the point 2.1.1. of the Guidelines for Applicants.
13	Can individual companies be eligible as partners or main applicants.	Individual companies can participate in the Call for Proposals only in the role of associate.
14	To which partner account are the financings executed?	The payments from the programme are executed to a separate bank account opened by the project beneficiary.
15	Our company is registered in the EU database as a private no profit enterprise but more than 51% is funded by public bodies.	According to the Guidelines for Applicants individual companies can only participate in the role of associates. For other eligibility criteria please refer to the point 2.1.1. of the Guidelines for Applicants.
16	Which is the percentage of reimbursement?	Please refer to: - Annex F: Standard Contract - Annex II: General conditions applicable to European Union-financed grant contracts for external actions
17	Is purchase of livestock capital (seeds, animals etc.) eligible cost under this Call	Please refer to the Guidelines point 2.1.4 that state the categories of expense that are ineligible.

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	for Proposals?	The mentioned is considered as eligible cost (purchased as supply) assuming relevance criteria, etc.
18	Can a group of 2 or more private companies benefit or be positively affected at project result level (as target group) or project purpose level.	Any action financed from the RSEDP2 cannot result in a benefit of a single private company. A group of companies could indeed be a target group from an action. The applicant should however keep in mind that access to project benefits should be available to any interested company.