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1.	<p>Please advise what which stage in the application the lead applicant / the co-applicant(s) must submit Annex H. Does the section starting on p.6 of the Annex H template (starting at: FOR PRODUCEMENT [VII] [VIII] – SELECTION CRITERIA / [VIII] [IX] – Evidence for selection) have to be filled in for this call?</p>	<p>As noted in the Guidelines for Applicants, section 2.4, on page 29, Declaration on honour on exclusion criteria and selection criteria (Annex H) must be filled in and signed by all applicants, individually: lead applicant and all co-applicants and affiliated entities (if any). These filled in and signed Declarations on Honour should be submitted in PROSPECT and uploaded under the Tab “4 Documents - Declaration by the applicant, Mandate for co-applicants (when required), Affiliated entities statement (when required) - Annex H - Declaration of honour on exclusion and selection criteria”.</p> <p>Please note that the Declaration on Honour template is provided as Annex H in the “Documents to be completed” and <u>it is an additional document</u> to be submitted, together with the “Declaration by the Applicant” and Grant Application form.</p>
2.	<p>In regards to the subject Call for Proposals</p> <p>https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?ADSSChk=1592819672072&do=publi.detPUB&aoref=169136&searchtype=QS&nbPubliList=15&page=1&orderby=upd&orderbyad=Desc&userlanguage=en</p> <p>It looks like there is a mistake in the document</p> <p>169136_Local publication.pdf</p> <p>The link published in the document</p> <p>https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome&nbP</p>	<p>In document 169136_Local publication.pdf</p> <p>the link should be as follows</p> <p>https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome&nbPubliList=15&orderby=upd&orderbyad=Desc&searchtype=RS&aofr=169136</p> <p>The Corrigendum was published on 29 July 2020:</p> <p>https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome&nbPubliList=15&orderby=upd&orderbyad=Desc&searchtype=RS&aofr=169136</p>

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	<p>ubliList=15&orderby=upd&orderbyad=Desc&searchtype=RS&aofr=168079</p> <p>refers to another call (ref: 168079)</p> <p>I assume that the link should be corrected as follows</p> <p>https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome&nbPUBLIList=15&orderby=upd&orderbyad=Desc&searchtype=RS&aofr=169136</p>	
3.	<p>If an association of CSOs/NGOs applies to this call for proposal as a lead applicant and its founders (CSOs/NGOs) are presented in the application as affiliated entities, how the financial capacity is being assessed? Is it assessed only for the association of CSOs itself or financial capacities of its founders could also be presented and assessed?</p>	<p>As noted in the Guidelines for Applicants, section 2.3, on page 24 “The selection criteria help to evaluate the lead applicant's financial capacity and are used to verify that they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have stable and sufficient sources of finance to maintain their activity throughout the proposed action and, where appropriate, to participate in its funding (this only applies to lead applicants)”. <p>For the purpose of the evaluation of the financial capacity, lead applicants must ensure that the relevant information and documents (i.e. accounts of the latest financial year and external audit report, where applicable) in their PADOR profile are up to date. If the information and documents in PADOR are outdated and do not allow for a proper evaluation of the financial capacity, the application may be rejected.</p>
4.	<p>If the association of CSOs in the moment of submission of application has been registered as a separate legal entity for two years, but has its continuity as a platform and from one of its founder organisations, which was its Secretariat and which would also be presented as affiliated entity in the application, is it possible to present financial and audit reports from that founder in the application? I.e. Are the financial reports and mandatory audit reports for the projects above 750,000 EUR assessed only for that particular legal entity/association of CSOs or one of its founders who had the role of Secretariat of the platform can provide their financial reports and mandatory audit reports that will be assessed?</p>	<p>As noted in the Guidelines for Applicants, section 2.3, on page 28 “For action grants exceeding EUR 750 000 and for operating grants above EUR 100 000, the lead applicant must provide an audit report produced by an approved external auditor where it is available, and always in cases where a statutory audit is required by EU or national law. That report shall certify the accounts for up to the last 3 financial years available.” Therefore it is not possible to present financial and audit reports from an affiliated entity.</p>
5.	<p>In the section 2.1.2 Affiliated entities of the Guidelines for applicants, it has been</p>	<p>As noted in the Guidelines for Applicants, section 2.1.5, on page 17 “The reimbursement of</p>

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	<p>stipulated that: “If the applicants are awarded a grant contract, their affiliated entity(ies) will not become beneficiary(ies) of the action and signatory(ies) of the grant contract. However, they will participate in the design and in the implementation of the action and the costs they incur (including those incurred for implementation contracts and financial support to third parties) may be accepted as eligible costs, provided they comply with all the relevant rules already applicable to the beneficiary(ies) under the grant contract.” Can you clarify what kind of costs of the affiliated entities can be accepted as eligible – only travel costs and per diems or all the costs necessary for the implementation of specific activities that would be implemented by the affiliated entities, including for example engaging external experts, trainers, moderators, or printing, visibility costs etc?</p>	<p>eligible costs may be based on: -actual costs incurred by the beneficiary(ies) and affiliated entity(ies). To be eligible under this call for proposals, costs must comply with the provisions of Article 14 of the general conditions to the standard grant contract (see Annex G of the guidelines).”</p>