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Frequently asked questions to the guidelines for grant applicants –

Socio-economic Development of the Danube Serbia Region

Number	Question	Answer
Q1	Could you please provide clarification under eligibility criteria for Applicants? In the text within the GfA it says “be nationals of Serbia and be located in one of the 22 cities and municipalities which touch or span the Danube river” What does “located” mean?	The location is determined based on the: registration of the business premises including branch offices, or the area of operations, or the area of responsibility.
Q2	Is it possible that National Employment Service is an applicant in the project?	As stated under point 2.1.1 of the GfA accompanied by the Corrigendum No.1, in the interest of equal treatment of applicants, the Contracting Authority cannot give a prior opinion on the eligibility of an applicant, a partner, an action or specific activities. <i>Please note that eligibility of applicant, partner and action is stated under points 2.1.1., 2.1.2. and 2.1.3. of GfA.</i>
Q3	Is it possible to have the agricultural farm (poljoprivredno gazdinstvo) as an applicant or partner in the project?	As stated under point 2.1.1 of the GfA accompanied by the Corrigendum No.1, in the interest of equal treatment of applicants, the Contracting Authority cannot give a prior opinion on the eligibility of an applicant, a partner, an action or specific activities. <i>Please note that eligibility of applicant, partner and action is stated under points 2.1.1., 2.1.2. and 2.1.3. of GfA</i>
Q4	Is it possible to correct the mistake in the Guidelines for applicant regarding not listing the Veliko Gradiste in the footnote on page 6 of the GfA?	A Corrigendum has been made.
Q5	Is it possible for an organization registered in Belgrade but having its branch office in the territory defined by the programme to be either applicant or partner?	As stated under point 2.1.1 of the GfA accompanied by the Corrigendum No.1, in the interest of equal treatment of applicants, the Contracting Authority cannot give a prior opinion on the eligibility of an applicant, a partner, an action or specific activities. <i>Please note that eligibility of applicant, partner and action is stated under points 2.1.1., 2.1.2. and 2.1.3. of GfA.</i>
Q6	Can we use the funds received by the Central-European Initiative use to co-finance our project that we intend to	Co-financing in the amount of a minimum of 10% is a mandatory request. The co-financing may come from any funds other than



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	submit?	European Union or Austrian government funds.
Q7	Is it necessary to have a feasibility study for the infrastructural project?	If an applicant intends to implement infrastructural works all provisions of the Law on planning and construction will have to be respected.
Q8	Is it possible that any Secretariat from the Belgrade City Administration be applicant in the project?	As stated under point 2.1.1 of the GfA accompanied by the Corrigendum No.1, in the interest of equal treatment of applicants, the Contracting Authority cannot give a prior opinion on the eligibility of an applicant, a partner, an action or specific activities. <i>Please note that eligibility of applicant, partner and action is stated under points 2.1.1., 2.1.2. and 2.1.3. of GfA.</i>
Q9	Is it possible that the regional development agency from Zajecar is an applicant under this grant scheme?	As stated under point 2.1.1 of the GfA accompanied by the Corrigendum No.1, in the interest of equal treatment of applicants, the Contracting Authority cannot give a prior opinion on the eligibility of an applicant, a partner, an action or specific activities. <i>Please note that eligibility of applicant, partner and action is stated under points 2.1.1., 2.1.2. and 2.1.3. of GfA.</i>
Q 10	Can you please specify once again the Priorities of this call?	The priorities of this call are: 1. To support the development of businesses in the 'Danube-Serbia region' in the sectors of tourism, environment, food-processing and handicrafts 2. To promote a better match of skills and knowledge with the need of the economy of the 'Danube-Serbia region' in the sectors of tourism, environment, food-processing and handicrafts 3. To support a more effective use of cultural and tourism assets of the 'Danube-Serbia region' as drivers of socio-economic development
Q 11	Are "environment" activities eligible under this call for proposal? Environment is given as a sector in general goal but it is not in detail explained in "type of action".	As stated under point 2.1.1 of the GfA accompanied by the Corrigendum No.1, in the interest of equal treatment of applicants, the Contracting Authority cannot give a prior opinion on the eligibility of an applicant, a partner, an action or specific activities.



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Q 12	Is it recommendable to have foreign partner as associated partner? Under which conditions would you recommend to involved foreign partners?	<p>As stated under point 2.1.1 of the GfA accompanied by the Corrigendum No.1, in the interest of equal treatment of applicants, the Contracting Authority cannot give a prior opinion on the eligibility of an applicant, a partner, an action or specific activities.</p> <p><i>Please note that eligibility of applicant, partner and action is stated under points 2.1.1., 2.1.2. and 2.1.3. of GfA.</i></p>
Q 13	Urban Planing, Development and Research Center Novi Sad is founded by Municipality of Novi Sad. Are we appropriate applicant for the project “Socio-economic Development of the Danube Serbia region” , and in which way?	<p>As stated under point 2.1.1 of the GfA accompanied by the Corrigendum No.1, in the interest of equal treatment of applicants, the Contracting Authority cannot give a prior opinion on the eligibility of an applicant, a partner, an action or specific activities.</p> <p><i>Please note that eligibility of applicant, partner and action is stated under points 2.1.1., 2.1.2. and 2.1.3. of GfA.</i></p>
Q 14	What is the maximum size of one project?	<p>Any grant requested under this Call for Proposals must fall between the following minimum and maximum amounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • minimum amount: EUR 100,000 • maximum amount: EUR 300,000 <p>Any grant requested under this Call for Proposals must fall between the following minimum and maximum percentages of total eligible costs of the action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum percentage: 50% of the total estimated eligible costs of the action. • Maximum percentage: 90% of the total eligible costs of the action (see also Section 2.1.4 of the GfA). <p>The balance (i.e. the difference between the total cost of the action and the amount requested from the Contracting Authority) must be financed from the applicant's or partners' own resources, or from sources other than the European Union budget or the European Development Fund.</p>



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Q 15	Where will answers to questions be published?	All relevant information regarding the present call can be found under http://www.evropa.gov.rs/Evropa/PublicSite/Documents.aspx .
Q 16	Can we include partners from Croatia?	Partners must satisfy the eligibility criteria as applicable on the grant beneficiary himself except that they may be located in any of the cities and municipalities belonging to the 'Danube-Serbia districts'.
Q 17	Why is the Municipality of Backi Petrovac not highlighted in light blue as other municipalities that directly border with the Danube river?	A Corrigendum has been made.
Q 18	Will PADOR be used?	Since the Contracting Authority is the Austrian Development Agency, PADOR will not be used.
Q 19	Will there be an official translation of the Guidelines for Applicants?	GfA for Applicants are published in English language.