

# Interreg IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme Croatia-Serbia 2014-2020

## 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Proposals

### QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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## A. Eligibility

1	Q	<p>Representing our association I would like to ask a question regarding the eligibility of applicants on the first call for proposals on Interreg IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme Croatia-Serbia 2014-2020. The intention of our association is to submit a project proposal as a Project Partner, but we would like to know if the Lead Partner may be a State authority or one of the Ministries of the Republic of Serbia? Taking into account their legal status and the fact that they are based outside the Programme area, but they certainly have the authority in the designated area.</p>
	A	<p>Eligibility of applicants (Lead Partner and Project Partners) is subject of Assessment and selection process (1. Step) described in 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Proposals Guidelines for Applicants (section 4.). Therefore, at this stage, we cannot provide information related to any of the eligibility criteria.</p> <p>Further information concerning your question, however, depending on project proposal to be developed with your partners, can be found in the following sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ GfA, section 2.3.1. Eligibility of applicants (Lead Partner and Project Partners),</li> <li>▪ GfA, section 2.3.2. Eligibility of activities with special attention to „Activities outside Programme area“ and related limitations.</li> </ul>
2	Q	<p>Business incubator Subotica Ltd is a service center that offers young entrepreneurs premises, business infrastructure and the necessary knowledge needed for a successful business venture for a period of 3 years, and in that way it presents a catalyst in the process between establishing and developing a company. Business incubator Subotica main owner is City of Subotica (60%), VIP Fund (10%), Technical College Subotica (10%), Panonreg Agency (10%) and ATB Sever (10%) - That is predominantly state owned institutions. Incubator is registered as a Ltd but we reinvest our profit every year in the firm. The profit is not divided to owners. Our question is: can our institution apply in this project - Interreg IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme Croatia-Serbia 2014-2020.</p>
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3	Q	<p>Please be so kind and suggest possible solution to the following issue: we plan to join in our project proposal all 4 Croatian counties (their RDAs) and two to three Serbian development agencies.</p> <p>The number of partners is limited to 5 (According to Guidelines, p.21: The maximum number of partners in Application is five (5) including the Lead Partner).</p> <p>Is there a way to keep all interested partners in the project, joint in some other form like consortium for example?</p>
	A	<p>Eligibility of applicants (Lead Partner and Project Partners) are subject of Assessment</p>

		<p>and selection process (1. Step) described in 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Proposals Guidelines for Applicants (section 4.). Therefore, at this stage, we cannot provide information related to any of the eligibility criteria.</p> <p>Please pay attention that total number of project partners (including Lead Partner) is 5 (five) and that Lead Applicant has to be registered at least 12 months prior to the deadline for submission of applications.</p>
4	Q	<p>U okviru dokumenta Guidelines for Applicants objavljenog u sklopu prvog poziva Interreg IPA CBC Programme Croatia-Serbia 2014-2020, u poglavlju 2.3.1 Eligibility of applicants, navedeno je da određena institucija može biti partner na projektu ukoliko je neprofitna organizacija od javnog interesa. Također, u indikativnoj listi potencijalnih aplikanata, pod prioritetsnom osom 2, navedeno je da je moguće učestće javnih institucija (npr. instituti i druge istraživačke organizacije). Institut za vodoprivredu "Jaroslav Černi" registrovan kao privredno društvo - akcionarsko društvo (Republika Srbija je osnivač Instituta. Institut je u državnoj svojini 92%). Sa druge strane. Institut je akreditovan kao istraživačko razvojni institut i registrovan je da vrši pretežnu delatnost istraživanja i razvoja u prirodnim i tehnološkim i tehničkim naukama.</p> <p>Također, na osnovu Zakona o budžetu Republike Srbije, Institut ostvarenu dobit ne raspoređuje, a raspoloživa likvidna sredstva koristi za finansiranje investicija. Molim vas za pojašnjenje da li Institut za vodoprivredu "Jaroslav Černi" može učestvovati kao partner na projektu u okviru IPA CBC Programme Croatia-Serbia 2014-2020.</p>
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5	Q	<p>The Programme may finance activities performed outside the Programme area up to the limit of 20% of the support from the Union at Programme level. What is the amount of the support from the Union at Programme level?</p>
	A	<p>It is stipulated in the GfA, section 1.3. that the overall budget of the Programme for period 2014-2020 is 40.344.930 EUR (100%) out of which the EU funding is 34.293.188 EUR (Programme amount in the percentage of 85%) and 6.051.742 EUR represents national co-financing (15%).</p>
6	Q	<p>We would like to be informed in regard with the eligibility of our organization, regarding the 1st Call for Proposals within Interreg IPA CBC Cooperation Croatia-Serbia 2014-2020. Namely, we – the Regional Environmental Center – Country office Serbia, are a non-profit and non-governmental organization, fully recognized by the Serbian Legal System as an international organization, with a registration made in the Diplomatic Protocol of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Serbia, all based on an agreement signed between the Serbian and Hungarian Government, and a Law on that agreement adopted by the Serbian National Parliament.</p>

		<p>We intend to be a partner in a consortium, which should consist of: Municipality Bogatic, Municipality Mali Zvornik, Municipality Nijemci, and probably Municipality Ljubovija.</p> <p>Accordingly, we kindly ask you to help us to clarify our eligibility for the participation in the 1st Call for Proposals within Interreg IPA CBCooperation Croatia-Serbia 2014-2020.</p>
	<b>A</b>	<p>Eligibility of applicants (Lead Partner and Project Partners) is subject of Assessment and selection process (1. Step) described in 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Proposals Guidelines for Applicants (section 4.). Therefore, at this stage, we cannot provide information related to any of the eligibility criteria.</p> <p>Please pay attention that total number of project partners (including Lead Partner) is 5 (five) and that Lead Applicant has to be registered at least 12 months prior to the deadline for submission of applications.</p>
<b>7</b>	<b>Q</b>	<p>If I may I would like to ask you one additional question, can the Faculty of Medicine in Split be the lead partner in this project (all of the activities will be done in and for the benefit of the region designated in the project call)?</p>
	<b>A</b>	<p>Eligibility of applicants (Lead Partner and Project Partners) is subject to Assessment and selection process (1. Step) described in 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Proposals Guidelines for Applicants (section 4.). Therefore, at this stage, we cannot provide information related to any of the eligibility criteria.</p> <p>Further information concerning your question, however, depending on project proposal to be developed with your partners, can be found in the following sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ GfA, section 2.3.1. Eligibility of applicants (Lead Partner and Project Partners),</li> <li>▪ GfA, section 2.3.2. Eligibility of activities with special attention to „Activities outside Programme area“ and related limitations.</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	<b>Q</b>	<p>Poštovani,</p> <p>Pošto u vodiču za apliciranje nigde nisam pronašao da eksplicitno piše da li jedan LB ili jedan partner mogu da budu samo na jednom programu postavljam sledeće pitanje:</p> <p>- Da li po ovom pozivu mogu da učestvuju LB sa jednim projektom i partneri sa jednim projektom ili postoji mogućnost učešća istih na više od jednog projekta i u kom svojstvu?</p> <p>Unapred zahvalan na odgovoru.</p>
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## B. Budget

1	Q	<p>We have a question regarding eligible costs for the specific objective 2.2, actions: Investing in joint infrastructure on sustainable energy and energy efficiency and Developing and implementing actions aiming to increase energy efficiency in public buildings.</p> <p>Does the Programme cover costs of obtaining relevant legal documents and necessary permissions for the execution of the works, issued by the national/regional/local relevant authorities?</p> <p>Are costs of conceptual design, technical documents, main project, construction permit etc. eligible under the Programme?</p>
	A	<p>Please note that, in line with <i>Programme Rules on Eligibility of Expenditures</i> (section 4.3), approved operations are entitled to receive reimbursement of their preparatory costs in the form of a lump sum in the total amount of up to EUR 3.000.</p> <p>Preparatory costs may include costs of meetings between potential beneficiaries, related staff costs, travel costs, external experts costs for preparation of the documentation, studies, translation of documents, consultations and any other cost related to the preparation of the operation activities carried out before the signing the Subsidy Contract/Partnership Agreement.</p> <p>For further details, please consult the document available on: <a href="http://www.interreg-croatia-serbia2014-2020.eu/useful-documents/programme-documents/">http://www.interreg-croatia-serbia2014-2020.eu/useful-documents/programme-documents/</a>.</p> <p>In addition, please note that for all projects that include activities and expenditures related to the infrastructure and works, the necessary documents to be required prior to Subsidy Contract signature is indicated in section 4.2. of Guidelines for Applicants. Therefore, please consult section 4.2 of Guidelines for Applicants for further details.</p>