

FAQs (v.3) on the 6th Call_Date: 25/09/2019

Q.45) In the document Partnership Declaration, page 2 - point 4, there is a blank that should be filled in by the applicant. Should the applicant fill in the blank with the amount that corresponds to the 15% of the project's total budget or with the amount that corresponds to the 15% of each project beneficiary's budget?

A.45) The blank should be filled in with the amount that corresponds to the 15% of the project's total budget.

Q.46) One beneficiary is a Bulgarian University that is based in Sofia and has a branch in Haskovo. Who's data (contact details, address, NUTS code etc.) should be filled in in the short AF? What kind of document should be submitted – if needed- in order to prove the existence of the branch?

A.46) The data of the branch in Haskovo should be filled in in the short AF. You will need to provide us with the appropriate legal documents proving the establishment and the operation of the branch.

Q.47) In the NEW Indirect Assistance Guidelines, p.18 is written, that "... the indicative eligible activities include:

- Investment in infrastructure and systems:
- modernization/upgrade of existing infrastructure/facilities (e.g. building rehabilitation improving the functionality of the facility, such as enhancing accessibility for disabled people, installation of special structures/systems for protection of the environment/energy saving, etc.;"

While in the Cooperation Program 2014-2020, under explanation of eligible types of actions to be funded, p. 33, it is stated, that there is possible a

- "Facilitating operation and modernization of existing, or establishment of new campus business support facilities and networks helping the transfer of innovation, new technologies organizational and marketing tools etc.: Business-hosting facilities, such as technology parks, incubators, etc. and business support facilities such as market places, exhibition halls, outlets, depots and logistics centres, laboratories or other technological installations, etc.

According to our perception, there could be a dubious interpretation by the candidates and/or the evaluators of these two eligibility statements.

Please give an unambiguous answer to the following question: Is it eligible to establish/build new campus and business support facilities under priority 3a and the 6th call.

A.47) 1. The type of eligible activities in the Operational Programme is indicative. Furthermore the activities mentioned in the Guidelines are also indicative.

2. However it is our intention to finance the modernization/upgrade of existing infrastructure facilities due to the small budget of the Call.

Q.48) Please clarify whether the submitted project proposals per department/faculty, under the 6th call for project proposals, require a collegiate body's decision at department/faculty level or the decision of the Research Committee – Special Account for Research Funds (ELKE) which is the designated management body of the entity.

A.48) We inform you that according to Chapter «7: Submission Procedure» of the document «Project Application Guidelines, 6th Call for Proposals», for the 1st phase of submission, the following documents are required:

"Phase 1 (must be submitted to the MA/JS by post service or in person): a short project application signed and stamped by the Legal Representative of the LB (standard form provided in Annex 2) must be submitted with the following attachments:

- *Establishment Acts of all Project Beneficiaries*
- *Partnership Declaration signed and stamped by the legal representatives of all project beneficiaries (standard form provided in Annex 3)"*

The document you are referring to is part of the required documents for the 2nd phase: *"7. Decision of the designated management body of each PB (e.g. management board, principal, etc.) stating its agreement for submitting and implementing the particular project proposal, according to the internal rules/statute of each PB and/or the respective national legislation;"*

In any case, as it derives from the Call guidelines and your description, you should submit the decision of the Research Committee (ELKE) that is the foundation's «designated management body».

Q.49) I would like to ask you about the declaration of partnership and the way it should be filled in. in specific, in page and in the sentence

4. Each of its beneficiaries, in order to fully implement the project deliverables specifically allocated to them, ensures that it has complete financial capacity and will commit the 15% of its project budget (national co-financing amount of Euros) for the above mentioned purpose.

Are we going to fill in the 15% of the total budget e.g. if the total budget is 300.000 then the correct amount to be filled in is the 45.000?

This amount is the total co-financing and it creates some misunderstanding because the partners don't have equal budget so they will not contribute with the same amount.

A.49) At this point, you should fill in the amount corresponding to the 15% of the project's total budget.

Q.50) We would like a clarification concerning the following phrase of Paragraph 3.2. of the Indirect Assistance Guidelines: "This category of PBs should have consistent competencies (established by legal acts) with the Investment Priority of the present Call and the content of the proposal."

We represent a non-profit company whose main focus - based on our statutes - is to promote entrepreneurship and innovation. In our case, the term 'legal act' may relate to the company's establishment act?

A.50) With the term «legal act» we are referring to all documents concerning the establishment of the beneficiary/entity, in which its main purpose is stated. In your case, the term "legal act" relates to the establishment act of the company or any other equivalent document.

Q.51) In relation with the requirement in the Indirect Assistance Guidelines, section 3. Eligible beneficiaries – Eligible end recipients- Eligibility Terms and Conditions, point 3.1 Call-Specific Eligibility Terms and Conditions:

Eligible beneficiaries are stakeholders, whose major function (as indicated in their establishment act) is clearly related to providing support and promotion to entrepreneurship.

Does this mean that only Chamber of Commerce and Industry or Associations of companies are the only potential participants? No other NGO organization usually writes in Establishment act as a major function the exact wording providing support and promotion to entrepreneurship.

A.51) Please be advised that any beneficiary that fulfills the conditions as described in Chapter 3: Eligible beneficiaries – Eligible end recipients- Eligibility Terms and Conditions of the "Indirect Assistance Guidelines" may apply. During the evaluation process, the major function of the applicant (or for one of them if there are more) will be reviewed and how it is clearly related to providing support and promotion to entrepreneurship.

Q.52) It has just come into our attention that in the file “Short Application Form” of the 6th Call for proposals, in the section “Brief summary of project budget”, there is a column which is not visible, but only if the orientation of the page is changed.

We would like to know what will be the consequence to the proposals already submitted.

A.52) There will be no consequence to the proposals already submitted or will be submitted until the deadline (07/10/2019) with this format. The evaluators will request clarifications during the evaluation period for this part of the Short Description. The beneficiaries are advised to use the template of the file in Landscape Orientation for the whole text.

Please keep in mind that the “Brief summary of project budget” table should be filled in according to the instructions mentioned under the title of this table.

The revised document has been uploaded on the Programme website:
http://www.greece-bulgaria.eu/call-for-proposals/7_6th-CALL-FOR-PROJECT-PROPOSALS

- Applicant's package 1.2 (NEW: 23/9/2019)
