

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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GUIDELINES FOR PRE-DEFINED APPLICANTS UNDER RESTRICTED CALL FOR STRATEGIC PROJECT PROPOSAL - "ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW BORDER CROSS CHECK POINT(BCCP) STRUMYANI-BEROVO ("KLEPALO") BETWEEN BULGARIA AND NORTH MACEDONIA", No 2021TC16IPCB006 – 2022 – 1

No	Question	Answer
1	<p>In relation with stated into <i>Section 4. External expertise and services costs include the following Note: "IMPORTANT All unit rates must be according to the market prices at the time of submission of the project proposals" (Page 32) of the GfA</i>, would you please kind confirm our understanding that the justification for calculation of the amount of expenditures planned as a lump sum (unit – per contract), Annex 8A is sufficient document for proving that the proposed prices are marked based (at the time of the application submission).</p>	<p>According to section 3.2 "Supporting Documents" (B.4) of the GfA p. 53 the Justification for calculation of the amount of expenditures planned as a lump sum (unit – per contract) have to include at least the follow components in a free format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - detailed description of the proposed activity/commitment; - calculation of the envisaged experts' input, including number of experts needed, days/months of involvement and remuneration unit rate; - detailed description of the expected outcomes from the activity, including information about any printed materials (type, number of copies, number of pages) and calculation of the price; - any other additional information the applicant may find appropriate for justification of the proposed cost. <p>The <i>Annex 8</i> that you mention is not applicable due to the fact that is a part of the other package of documents – the Guidelines for applicants for open call for investment project proposals, under Priority 1. Greener border region, No 2021TC16IPCB006 – 2023 – 3.</p>
2	<p>In relation with stated into <i>Section B5. Supporting documents concerning INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES include the following requirements:</i> <i>B6 Supply (Technological equipment and furniture)</i> <i>B6.1 Drawings/ Schemes and explanatory notes of basic technological equipment and furniture signed and stamped by the designers with certificates of the respective professional chambers for Full Range of Service (according to the national legislation) and signed by the legal representative of project partner (in PDF format);</i> <i>B6.2 Drawings/ Schemes and explanatory notes for the location of the supply elements signed and stamped by the designers with</i></p>	<p>The specified minimum requirements (section B5. Supporting documents concerning INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES) for the type and scope of the documents for clarification of the envisaged deliveries at the construction site is defined as a requirement under this Call for Proposals of the partners of both countries, and does not contradict individual national regulations, for example Article 18 of Ordinance no 4 of May 21, 2001 on the scope and contents of investment projects indicates the necessary content of investment projects in the conceptual phase</p> <p>The applicants have to presented Technical specifications for supplies with Unit and total prices in Euro according to B6.3 of GfA.</p>

	<p><i>certificates of the respective professional chambers for Full Range of Service (according to the national legislation) and signed by the legal representative of project partner (in PDF format);</i></p> <p><i>B6.3 Technical specifications (for supplies) with unit and total prices in Euro (technical specification is not required for equipment, which will be used for management of the project) (Page 52).</i></p> <p>Considering the fact that there are only conceptual designs at the time of project proposal submission and the development of the technical designs for construction/ reconstruction works specifying the exact space allocation, technology scheme and specifications for the needed technical equipment for surveillance, security, furniture, automation, IT etc., is an activity to be performed during the first stage of the project, would you please confirm our understanding that presenting an indicative list of equipment with overall prices per categories (e.g surveillance equipment – 15 units of – total price..... euro) will be eligible and sufficient at the project application phase.</p> <p>We would also like to pay your attention that pursuant to Ordinance 4 on the scope and content of the investment projects (R Bulgaria) the conceptual designs are not required to be developed in the scope of defining the technical requirements and specification of the equipment. Such detailed information is presented in the next design phases – technical/ detailed designs.</p> <p>Moreover, the Schemes, Drawings, Technical specifications referring to the equipment are subject of submission at the project second stage as well, according to the Guidelines.</p>	
3	<p>In relation with stated into Page 28 of the Guidelines – there are Lump sums – amounts defined for certain activity, foreseen as being eligible under the project.</p> <p>The JEMS platform, however, does not provide an option to present lump sums in the budget structure (please see the print screen).</p> <p>Since most of the services to be performed as soft measures during the first phase of the project will be based on a lump sum contract (e.g EIA, technical design, etc.), would you please kindly provide your</p>	<p>The term Lump Sum is used in two different meanings.</p> <p>The term „eligibility of expenditure as a Lump Sum“ is not equal as a term „lump sum contract“, which is related to the type of public procurement procedure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - „eligibility of expenditure as a Lump Sum“ under the current Call for strategic project proposal the Simplified cost option (SCO) as lump sum is used only for Budget Costs 7. <i>Project Preparation costs of EUR 12 000.</i>

<p>instruction how and where to include the lump sums in the JEMS budget fields.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- “lump sum contract” – in the meaning of definition of public service procurement type according to PRAG. In case of planned expenditure for services to be carried out as soft measures during the first phase of implementation of the strategic project, they should be allocated to Budget Costs 4. External expertise and services costs (BC4). Eligible expenditures under BC4 are on the bases of the unit costs or real costs, there is no option for a lump sum as SCO. Planned services should be set on a line-by-line, with explanation or reference to the expenditures concerned on the Budget (<i>Please see the answer of question 1</i>).
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