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No.	Question as received	Translation (if the case)	Reply
I. Eligibility of applicants			
I.1	<p>I have send to Cernavoda Public Authority a project proposal for an public emergency volunteer organization. The Public Authority considered the project as being very good for community but problem is that Romania has no more dedicated emergency European development budget as it was in previous budget.</p> <p>Your RO-BG European founding could be a chance to develop in those two nuclear towns (Cernavoda and Colsodui) proper emergency volunteer organization.</p> <p>Is this area (emergency volunteer organization) eligible for RO-BG European founding?</p>		<p>At the present moment the second call for proposals is open. Project proposals may be submitted until the 15th of March, 2016, at 16.00 hours. This call for proposals concerns Priority Axis 4 - A skilled and inclusive region, whose specific objective is to encourage the integration of the cross-border area in terms of employment and labour mobility and Priority Axis 5 - An efficient region, whose specific objective is to increase cooperation capacity and the efficiency of public institutions in a CBC context. The Applicant's Guide is available on the Programme's website at the following link: http://cbcromaniabulgaria.eu/index.php?page=interreg. In the Applicant's Guide you will also find a list of indicative actions. Nevertheless, as long as projects contribute to the specific objective and indicators of the Priority Axis, they are eligible.</p> <p>Unfortunately, we may not provide a clear opinion regarding the eligibility of a project, as this will be the task of the evaluators, the final decision belonging to the Monitoring Committee.</p>



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<p>I.2</p>	<p>Am in lucru scrierea unei propuneri de proiect transfrontalier pe axa 5, in care parteneri vor fi Institutia Prefectului din Constanta si Administratia Prefecturii din Dobrich, alaturi de Universitatea Ovidius din Constanta.</p> <p>In propunerea de proiect vor fi 4 parteneri cu tot cu liderul de proiect, 2 universitati si cele 2 institutii ale prefecturii.</p> <p>Va rog sa ma lamuriti la urmatoarele aspecte:</p> <p>1) Universitatea este eligibila in a depune ca si coordonator un proiect pe axa 5?</p> <p>Din ghidul aplicantului reiese ca DA. Adevarat?</p> <p>2) Sa inteleg ca s-a lansat competitia pe axa 5 in noul call?</p>	<p>I am currently working on writing a project proposal for Priority Axis 5, the partners will be the Prefecture Administrations of Dobrich and Constanta, together with Ovidius University.</p> <p>The proposal will include 4 partners together with the leader, two universities and two institutes of the prefecture.</p> <p>Please provide clarifications regarding the following:</p> <p>1) Is the university eligible to apply as a leader under Axis 5?</p> <p>According to the Applicant's Guide the answer is yes. Is it correct?</p> <p>2) Is it correct that the new call for proposals was launched for Priority Axis 5?</p>	<p>The call for proposals covering Priority Axis 4 and 5 was launched on the 15th of October, 2015. Projects may be submitted until the 15th of March, 2016, at 16.00 hours. The Applicants Guide is available on the Programme's website, at the following link:http://www.cbcrromaniabulgaria.eu/index.php?page=interreg.According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, the beneficiaries have to fulfill a number of criteria in order to be eligible, among which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Be Romanian or Bulgarian non-profit making bodies/organizations (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit), legally established according to the national legislation of the state on whose territory they are located; · Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; -are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area. -are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme. The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization. The Applicant's Guide mentions no restriction as to which of the partners can fulfill the lead beneficiary role.
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<p>I.3</p>	<p>In cazul unui proiect de modernizare a serviciilor publice de sanatate, in cazul unei specializari medicale care este furnizata in zona eligibila a programului din Romania printr-o clinica (spital), in timp ce in zona eligibila din Bulgaria nu exista unitati specializate, este eligibil ca partener un spital public din Sofia (si care sa beneficieze de 20% din finantare, conform AG)?</p>	<p>In case of a project regarding modernization of public health services, in case of a medical specialization which is provided in the Romanian program eligible area through a clinic (hospital), while in the Bulgarian eligible area there are no specialized units, is a public hospital from Sofia eligible as a partner (benefiting from 20% of financing, according AG)?</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, in order to be eligible, applicants have to fulfill a series of criteria, among which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be Romanian or Bulgarian non-profit making bodies/organizations (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit), legally established according to the national legislation of the state on whose territory they are located; - Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; - are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area. - are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme. <p>The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization.</p>
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<p>I.4</p>	<p>Is Bulgarian or Romanian NGO-branch, established in the eligible area, legal entity? And is NGO-branch, established in the eligible area, eligible applicant according to II.2.i (1) from Applicant`s Guide?</p>		<p>The Applicant`s Guide sets a number of conditions for applicants in order to be eligible, among which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria: -have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; -are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area. -are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme. <p>The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project`s total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization. Therefore, local/regional branch offices are eligible if they are located in the eligible area , have legal personality and fulfill all other conditions mentioned in the Applicant`s Guide.</p>
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<p>I.5</p>	<p>При кандидатстване по Втора покана за набиране на проектни предложения по Програма Interreg V-A RoBv - допустимо ли е се зложат разходи за закупуване на специализирано медицинско оборудване за болница, която е търговско дружество и е общинска собственост? В този случай - и болницата, и общината ли трябва да кандидатстват като партньори по проекта? Благодарим Ви.</p>	<p>When applying for the Second call for proposals under the Interreg VA Ro-Bg program - is it eligible to lay down expenditures for purchasing specialized medical equipment for the hospital, which is a commercial company and at the same time a municipal property? In this case - should they both - the hospital and the municipality - apply as partners?</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide - priority axis 5, there is an indicative operation which stipulates the following: "Supporting the modernisation of public services in areas such as customs, social policies, education, health and employment (including purchase of equipment and infrastructure development)". Also, please be informed that regarding the eligibility of an action, in the interest of equal treatment of applicants, the JS cannot give a prior opinion on this, the assessment working group and the Monitoring Committee of the Programme being entitle to decide, however, take into consideration the provisions of the Applicant's Guide related to the eligibility of the beneficiaries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be Romanian or Bulgarian non-profit making bodies/organizations (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit), legally established according to the national legislation of the state on whose territory they are located; -Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; -are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area. -are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme."
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<p>I.6</p>	<p>Va rugam sa ne precizati printr-un email, daca Agentia pentru Protectia Mediului Constanta se poate incadra pe vreo axa prioritara din proiectul dumneavoastra, si care este aceasta. Ca si institutie publica, APM Constanta poate participa ca si partener cu unii dintre potentialii aplicanti? In cazul in care am putea participa in acest proiect, puteti sa ne furnizati cateva date de contact ale partenerilor din regiunea Dobrich?</p>	<p>Please inform us by email if the Environmental Protection Agency Constanta can fit into any priority axis, and which is this one. As a public institution, can we participate as a partner with some of the potential applicants? If we could participate in this project, can you provide us with some contact details of partners in the Dobrich region?</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, beneficiaries must fulfill a series of criteria in order to be eligible, among which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be Romanian or Bulgarian non-profit making bodies/organizations (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit), legally established according to the national legislation of the state on whose territory they are located; - Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; - are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area. - are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme. <p>The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization. Unfortunately, we may not provide a clear opinion regarding the eligibility of an applicant, as this will be the task of the evaluators, the final decision belonging to the Monitoring Committee.</p> <p>As regards the identification of possible partners, we recommend you visit the programme's website where you can find the list of beneficiaries for projects financed under the Romania-Bulgaria Cross Border Cooperation Programme 2007-2013.</p>
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<p>1.7</p>	<p>O Direcție Județeană de Asistență Socială și Protecția Copilului este eligibilă ca Beneficiar Lider sau partener în cadrul Programului INTERREG Ro-Bg?</p> <p>Mentionăm că, potrivit HG 1434/2004 (cu modificări și completări), "Direcția generală este instituția publică cu personalitate juridică, înființată în subordinea consiliului județean, respectiv a consiliului local al sectorului municipiului București, prin comasarea serviciului public de asistență socială și a serviciului public specializat pentru protecția copilului de la nivelul județului, respectiv al sectorului municipiului București, prin preluarea, în mod corespunzător, a atribuțiilor și funcțiilor acestora" (art 2).</p>	<p>A County Department of Social Services and Child Protection is eligible as Lead Beneficiary or partner under INTERREG Ro-Bg?</p> <p>Please note that, according to GD 1434/2004 (with amendments), "The General Directorate is a public institution with legal personality, established under the county council or the local council of the Bucharest municipality sector, by merging the public social assistance service and the specialized child protection public service of the county or sector of Bucharest municipality, by taking over their duties and functions" (Article 2).</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, beneficiaries must fulfill a series of criteria in order to be eligible, among which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be Romanian or Bulgarian non-profit making bodies/organizations (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit), legally established according to the national legislation of the state on whose territory they are located; -Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; -are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area. -are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme. <p>The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization.</p> <p>Unfortunately, we may not provide a clear opinion regarding the eligibility of an applicant, as this will be the task of the evaluators, the final decision belonging to the Monitoring Committee.</p>
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<p>1.8</p>	<p>In contextul eligibilitatii activitatii de modernizare a serviciilor de sanatate in zona transfrontaliera, va aducem la cunostinta faptul ca, in Bulgaria, spitalele de anvergura judeteana (multiprofilate) sunt organizate ca societati comerciale cu actionari Autoritati Publice (Ministerul Sanatatii/ Prefecturi/ Municipality).</p> <p>Sursele de finantare ale acestora sunt venituri din activitati in baza contractului cu Casa Nationala de Sanatate, din contracte cu Ministerul Sanatatii in cadrul programelor, alte venituri din servicii medicale platite.</p> <p>Aceste societati nu distribuie dividende.</p> <p>Va rugam sa ne clarificati in ce masura aceste entitati sunt eligibile ca beneficiari conform Ghidului solicitantului, aceste spitale fiind beneficiarii firesti ai proiectelor de modernizare a serviciilor de sanatate, fiind, in opinia noastra, operatori de sector public si care nu au fost infiintati cu scopul obtinerii de profit (nu distribuie dividende).</p>	<p>Regarding the eligibility of activities for modernizing health services in the border area, we would like to inform you that in Bulgaria, scope county hospitals (MULTIPROFIL) are organized as companies with shareholders Public authorities (Ministry of Health / prefectures / municipalities).</p> <p>Their funding sources are revenues from activities under the contract with the National House of Health, contracts with the Ministry of Health under programs, other revenues from paid medical services. These companies do not pay dividends.</p> <p>Please clarify to what extent these entities are eligible as beneficiaries under the Applicant's Guide, these hospitals being beneficiaries of projects modernizing health services, being, in our opinion, public sector operators and which have not been established for the purpose of obtaining profit (they do not distribute dividends).</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, beneficiaries have to fulfill a number of conditions in order to be eligible for funding, among which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be Romanian or Bulgarian non-profit making bodies/organizations (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit), legally established according to the national legislation of the state on whose territory they are located; -Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; -are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area. -are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme. <p>The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization.</p> <p>Unfortunately, we may not provide an opinion regarding the eligibility of an applicant, as this is the task of the evaluators, the final decision belonging to the Monitoring Committee.</p>
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<p>I.9</p>	<p>Referitor la cel de-al doilea apel de proiecte lansat in cadrul Programului Interreg V-A Romania-Bulgaria, va rog sa clarificati eligibilitatea filialelor/sucursalelor ONG-urilor din Bulgaria. In cadrul primului apel de proiecte, filialele/sucursalele ONG-urilor din Bulgaria au fost declarate neeligibile. Consultand lista intrebarilor si raspunsurilor aferente celui de-al doilea apel de proiecte, la intrebarea I.4 " Bulgarian or Romanian NGO-branch, established in the eligible area, legal entity?", nu se atrage atentia asupra eligibilitatii filialelor/sucursalelor ONG-urilor din Bulgaria, considerate la nivel de program, cel putin pe primul apel de proiecte, ca fiind neeligibile deoarece nu au personalitate legala.</p>	<p>Referring to the second call for proposals launched by the Interreg V-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme, please clarify the eligibility of subsidiaries / branches of NGOs from Bulgaria. In the first call for proposals, subsidiaries / branches of NGOs from Bulgaria have been declared ineligible. Referring to the list of questions and answers for the second call for proposals, the question I.4 "Bulgarian or Romanian NGO-branch, established in the eligible area, legal entity?", does not draw attention to the eligibility of subsidiaries / branches of NGOs from Bulgaria, considered at the program level, at least for the first call for proposals, as ineligible because they do not have legal personality.</p>	<p>As regards the eligibility of applicants, the Applicant's Guide establishes a series of conditions for beneficiaries in order to be eligible. One of them is connected to the legal personality, i.e. potential beneficiaries need to have legal personality in order to be eligible. Therefore, in order to be eligible, Bulgarian NGOs' branches/subsidiaries need to have legal personality and fulfill all the eligibility criteria mentioned in the Applicant's Guide in order to be eligible within the second call for proposals. The Joint Secretariat shall organize in the near future seminars with the potential beneficiaries for the second call for proposals. Please consult the Programme's website for updated information, including the schedule of the meetings.</p>
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<p>I.10</p>	<p>Is it eligible the Lead partner to be NGO established in private benefit?</p>		<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, potential beneficiaries need to fulfill a series of conditions in order to be eligible, among which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be Romanian or Bulgarian non-profit making bodies/organizations (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit), legally established according to the national legislation of the state on whose territory they are located; -Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; -are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area. -are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme. <p>The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization.</p> <p>Please be informed that the Applicant's Guide mentions no restrictions as regards the selection of the Lead Beneficiary among the beneficiaries of a project, i.e. the same conditions apply for either the Lead beneficiary or the beneficiaries.</p>
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<p>I.11</p>	<p>Може ли Водеща организация да е клон в допустимата трансгранична зона на организация със седалище в София?</p>	<p>Is it eligible the Lead partner to be just registered branch in the eligible CBC area with headquarter in the capital of Bulgaria?</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, potential beneficiaries need to fulfill a series of conditions in order to be eligible, among which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be Romanian or Bulgarian non-profit making bodies/organizations (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit), legally established according to the national legislation of the state on whose territory they are located; - Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; - are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area. - are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme. <p>The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization. Please be informed that the Applicant's Guide mentions no restrictions as regards the selection of the Lead Beneficiary among the beneficiaries of a project, i.e. the same conditions apply for either the Lead beneficiary or the beneficiaries.</p> <p>Additionally, please pay attention to the fact that in case of a Bulgarian NGO's subsidiary/branch, it needs to have legal personality in order to be eligible.</p>
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I.12	Is it eligible the branch of the Lead partner to be registered in the eligible CBC area less than a month before the deadline for applications?		The Applicant's Guide mentions no restriction as to the date of registration of a branch.
I.13	About the Priority Objective 5.1 - is it eligible partnership between NGOs and public institutions, or Priority Axis 5 will encourage partnerships only between public institutions?		The Applicant's Guide provides no restriction as to the type of partnerships that can be developed under Specific Objective 5.1. When establishing the partnership and project activities, please take into consideration that the project must be in accordance with the specific objective and needs to contribute to both output and result indicators defined for the Priority Axis.



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<p>I.14</p>	<p>Може ли Водеща организация да е клон в допустимата трансгранична зона на организация със седалище в София?</p>	<p>Is it eligible the Lead partner to be just registered branch in the eligible CBC area with headquarter in the capital of Bulgaria?</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, potential beneficiaries need to fulfill a series of conditions in order to be eligible, among which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be Romanian or Bulgarian non-profit making bodies/organizations (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit), legally established according to the national legislation of the state on whose territory they are located; -Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; - are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area. -are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme. <p>The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization.</p> <p>Additionally, please pay attention to the fact that in case of a Bulgarian NGO's subsidiary/branch, it needs to have legal personality in order to be eligible.</p>
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I.15	Относно Приоритетна ос 5 - допустимо ли е Водещата организация да е НПО, или тази Приоритетна ос е насочена камо към публичните институции?	Regarding Priority axis 5 - is it eligible The LB to be a NGO, or this PA is oriented to public institutions only?	The Applicant's Guide mentions no restrictions in regards to the type of Lead Beneficiary.
I.16	In ceea ce priveste Programul de Cooperare Transfrontaliera Romania- Bulgaria 2014-2020, cand se va deschide apelul de proiecte pentru Axa Prioritara 1 -"O regiune Conectata" pentru anul 2016.	Regarding the Romania-Bulgaria Cross Border Cooperation Programme 2014-2020, when the call for proposals for Priority Axis 1 - "A region connected" will open for 2016.	Unfortunately, the deadline for submission of projects for the first call for proposal under the INTERREG V-A Romania - Bulgaria Programme, Priority Axis 1- A well connected region, was 30 th of June 2015 for soft projects and 30th of September 2015 for hard projects. At the present moment we do not estimate to launch another call for proposals for PA 1, however, you could follow the programme website (http://cbcromaniabulgaria.eu/), in case it should open. Also, please be informed that the second call for proposals, for Priority Axes 4 and 5 is currently open (deadline for project submission is 15th of March 2016).

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<p>I.17</p>	<p>According to the criteria for eligibility of the applicants, set in the Applicant's guide (page 20): "The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget".</p> <p>Following that, we would like kindly to ask you to confirm that a NGO with headquarters situated in Sofia and branch office registered in eligible area, but does not have legal personality, may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget.</p>		<p>The Applicant's Guide mentions a number of conditions the applicants have to fulfill in order to be eligible under the programme. As regards the location criteria, the Applicant's Guide states that beneficiaries must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; -are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area; -are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities <u>whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme.</u> <p>The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization. Therefore, the Applicant's Guide foresees the possibility for beneficiaries located outside the eligible area to participate in the second call for proposals, provided that <u>they cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality</u> in the eligible area and that <u>their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget.</u></p>
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<p>I.18</p>	<p>We know, that Interreg was launched long time ago, but we are not shure if there are availble funds. Where can we check if there are available funds to submit a project under Interreg Romania Bulgaria? Priority Axis 1: A well connected region Specific Objective 1.1 Specific Objective 1.2 Priority Axis 2: A green region Specific Objective 2.1 Specific Objective 2.2 Specific Objective 3.1 Priority Axis 4: Specific Objective 4.1 Priority Axis 5: An efficient region Specific Objective 5.1</p>		<p>That unfortunately, the deadline for submission of projects for the first call for proposal under the INTERREG V-A Romania - Bulgaria Programme, Priority Axis 1- A well connected region, Priority Axis 2 - A green region, Priority Axis 3 - A safe region, was 30th of June 2015 for soft projects and 30th of September 2015 for hard projects. At the present moment we do not estimate to launch another call for proposals for these PAs, however, you could follow the programme website (www.interregrobq.eu), in case it should open. Also, please be informed that the second call for proposals, for Priority Axes 4 and 5 is currently open (deadline for project submission is 15th of March 2016).</p>
<p>I.19</p>	<p>Organizatiile Non-Profit din Romania, pentru a fi eligibile ca applicant sau partener in cadrul prezentului apel de proiecte, trebuie sa fie infiintate exclusiv conform ordonantei Nr. 26 din 30 ianuarie 2000 cu privire la asociații și fundații cu modificarile si completarile ulterioare, sau pot fi infiintate si conform legii nr.54 din 24 ianuarie 2003? Concret, sunt eligibile organizatiile sindicale? In ceea ce priveste organizatiile non-profit/negovernamentale din Romania, nu se precizeaza legislatia in baza careia trebuie sa fie legal infiintate.</p>	<p>In order to be eligible under the present call for proposals, should nonprofit organizations from Romania be established exclusively under Ordinance no.26 of 30 January 2000 regarding associations and foundations as amended and supplemented, or they may be established according to the law No. 54 of 24 January 2003? Specifically, are trade unions eligible? In what concerns non-profit organizations/NGOs in Romania, the guide does not specify the legislation under which they must be legally established.</p>	<p>The Applicant Guide states a number of general eligibility conditions the applicants have to fulfill in order to be eligible, without distinguishing between any organization according to the legislation they have been set up. Therefore, as long as the eligibility conditions are satisfied, the beneficiaries are eligible according to the Applicant's Guide. Unfortunately, we may not provide an opinion regarding the eligibility of an applicant, as this is the task of the evaluators, the final decision belonging to the Monitoring Committee.</p>



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<p>I.20</p>	<p>Whether in this case "activities outside the programme area" are meant as outside the programme area but still within the territory of Romania and Bulgaria, or they can be implemented in third countries, including neighbouring non-Member States, but candidates for accession?</p>		<p>Applicant's Guide, activities have to be implemented in the Programme eligible area. However, in case a project has to be implemented partially outside the eligible area, it has to prove that it is for the benefit of the programme area. The total costs incurred outside of the eligible area (related to any activity or any category of expenditure) shall be limited to 20% of the ERDF total eligible project budget, irrespective of the location of the partner. According to the provisions of the European Regulations, activities may be implemented outside of the Union part of the Programme area. "Outside the Union part of the programme area" covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-EU countries that are part of the programme area (not the case for Interreg V-A RoBg). • EU countries outside the programme area • Non-EU countries outside the programme area
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<p>I.21</p>	<p>Exista posibilitatea sa fie Lead Partner o fundatie, respectiv sa beneficieze de doar 20% din bugetul proiectului, daca aceasta nu are sediul si nici sucursala in zona eligibila a proiectului ci doar pe teritoriul Romaniei, activitatile desfasurandu-se in zona eligibila?</p>	<p>Is it possible for a foundation to be the Lead Partner, respectively to have only 20% of the project budget, if the foundation doesn't have its headquarters or branch in the eligible area, but on the Romanian territory, having its activities carried on in the eligible area.</p>	<p>The Applicant's Guide mentions a number of conditions the applicants have to fulfill in order to be eligible under the programme. As regards the location criteria, the Applicant's Guide states that beneficiaries must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; -are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area. -are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities <u>whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme.</u> <p>The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization. Therefore, the Applicant's Guide foresees the possibility for beneficiaries located outside the eligible area to participate in the second call for proposals, provided that <u>they cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality</u> in the eligible area and that <u>their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget.</u></p>
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<p>I.22</p>	<p>Potrivit Ordonanței nr. 26/2000 cu privire la asociații și fundații, o Asociație poate constitui filiale și/sau sucursale ca structuri teritoriale care sunt notificate la Judecătoria, după cum urmează: -art. 13 (1) <i>Asociația își poate constitui filiale, ca structuri teritoriale, cu un număr minim de 3 membri, organe de conducere proprii și un patrimoniu distinct de cel al asociației,</i> - art. 13¹ (1) <i>Asociația își poate constitui sucursale, ca structuri teritoriale fără personalitate juridică.</i> Astfel, vă rugăm să ne precizați dacă înțelegem corect noștră careia o Asociație care are sediul în București și are o sucursală în jud. Constanța se încadrează în ceea ce privește eligibilitatea aplicanților conform Ghidului programului, la <i>"non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria: -are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area"</i> este corectă?</p>	<p>According to Ordinance no. 26/2000 on associations and foundations, an association may establish branches and/or subsidiaries as territorial structures which are notified in Court, as follows: -art.13(1) The association may establish branches, as territorial structures, with a minimum of 3 members, own leadership bodies and a patrimony distinct from that of the association, - art. 13¹ (1) The association may establish branches, as territorial structures without legal personality. For this reason, please inform us whether our understanding that an association which has its headquarters in Bucharest and has a branch in county Constanța meets the eligibility provisions of the Programme Guide, at <i>"non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria: -are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area"</i>, is correctly?</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, beneficiaries have to fulfill a number of conditions in order to be eligible for funding, among which: -Be Romanian or Bulgarian non-profit making bodies/organizations (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit), legally established according to the national legislation of the state on whose territory they are located; -Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria: -have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; -are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area. -are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme. The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization. Therefore, the Applicant's Guide foresees the possibility for beneficiaries located outside the eligible area to participate in the second call for proposals, provided that they cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. Unfortunately, we may not provide an opinion regarding the eligibility of an applicant, as this is the task of the evaluators, the final decision belonging to the Monitoring Committee.</p>
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<p>I.23</p>	<p>In cadrul cererii de proiecte nr. 2 deschisa in prezent, asociatia noastra(Asociatia Sprijin pentru Tineret) care are sucursala fara personalitate juridica, dar inregistrata la Judecatoria Giurgiu, poate fi partener cu drepturi depline in cadrul proiectului sau trebuie sa se limiteze la 20% din bugetul proiectului.</p>	<p>On going second call for proposals, our association(Youth Support Association) which has a branch without legal personality, but registered at the Court of Giurgiu, can be a full partner in the project must be limited to 20% of the project budget.</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant Guide, the applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization. Therefore, Romanian and Bulgarian applicants located outside the eligible area of the Programme, may participate in the programme with a limitation of their budget, provided the following conditions are met: their headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area.</p>
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<p>I.24</p>	<p>Va rog sa-mi comunicati daca putem considera clustererele parteneri eligibili.</p>	<p>Can you tell me please if we can consider clusters eligible partners.</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, potential applicants have to fulfill a number of criteria in order to be eligible, among which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be Romanian or Bulgarian non-profit making bodies/organizations (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit), legally established according to the national legislation of the state on whose territory they are located; -Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria: -have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; -are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area. -are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme. <p>The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization.</p> <p>Unfortunately, we may not provide an opinion regarding the eligibility of an applicant, as this is the task of the evaluators, the final decision belonging to the Monitoring Committee.</p>
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<p>I.25</p>	<p>Avand in vedere ca, potrivit prevederilor art. 24 din Legea nr. 335/2007 a camerelor de comert din Romania, cu modificarile si completarile ulterioare, Camera de Comert si Industrie a Roimaniei (CCIR) este organizatie neguvernamentala, autonoma, nonprofit, de utiliatte publica, cu personalitate juridica, ce reprezinta, sprijina si apara interesele generale ale comunitatii de afaceri din Romania (...),</p> <p>Va rugam sa ne precizati daca CCIR, avand sediul in Bucuresti, se incadreaza in categoria aplicantilor eligibili pentru al doilea apel de propuneri de proiecte al Programului INTERREG V-A Romania-Bulgaria 2014-2020, ce are ca termen limita 15.03.2016, dupa cum sunt mentionati in Ghidul Solicitantului, versiunea octombrie 2015, pag.17-18.</p>	<p>Given that, according to Art. 24 of Law no.335/2007 regarding chambers of commerce in Romania, as amended and supplemented, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania (CCIR) is a non-governmental, autonomous, nonprofit organization of public utility, with legal personality, which represents, supports and defends the general interest of the business community in Romania (...)</p> <p>please specify if CCIR, based in Bucharest, falls into the category of eligible applicants for the second call for proposals under INTERREG V-A Romania-Bulgaria 2014-2020 Programme, which has a deadline 03.15.2016, as mentioned in the applicant's guide, version October 2015 pag.17-18.</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, potential applicants have to fulfill a number of criteria in order to be eligible, among which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be Romanian or Bulgarian non-profit making bodies/organizations (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit), legally established according to the national legislation of the state on whose territory they are located; -Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria: -have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; -are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area. -are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme. <p>The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, <u>but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget.</u> In this case the applicant should be the mother organization.</p> <p>Please be informed that the Applicant's Guide lists among the potential eligible beneficiaries, the chambers of commerce.</p> <p>The final opinion regarding the eligibility of a specific beneficiary is the task of the evaluators, the final decision belonging to the Monitoring Committee.</p>
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<p>I.26</p>	<p>Our organization is a branch of a National Organization. It is an independent legal body, registered in Ruse. It has own sign, bank account and BULSTAT. Is there any legal problems? Do we fit in the eligible partners ? Can we participate as a Project Partner or Lead Partner ?</p>		<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, potential applicants have to fulfill a number of criteria in order to be eligible, among which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be Romanian or Bulgarian non-profit making bodies/organizations (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit), legally established according to the national legislation of the state on whose territory they are located; -Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; -are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area. -are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme. <p>The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization.</p> <p>Unfortunately, we may not provide a clear opinion regarding the eligibility of an applicant. The final opinion regarding the eligibility of a specific beneficiary is the task of the evaluators, the final decision belonging to the Monitoring Committee.</p>
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<p>I.27</p>	<p>At page 19 it is stipulated: "The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization. " In case there are two partners which don't have their headquarters in the eligible area, can each of them receive 20% of the budget?</p>		<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, beneficiaries located outside the eligible area may participate in projects financed within the Programme, under certain conditions. One of the conditions is connected to budget limitation. According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, the total budget of this type of beneficiaries must be limited to 20% of the project's total budget.</p>
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<p>I.28</p>	<p>I am writing you concerning the development of the project under INTERREG V-A Romania-Bulgaria. The question is as follows: Is it permissible to funding the establishment (construction) of a building destined for a business incubator or a similar center on land that is privately owned, provided for use to leading organization of the project (NGOs). The contract allows the execution of construction and repair activities without restriction and for a period of 10 years. And if it is permissible, is there any limitations / considerations other than those related to the specific nationality, in this case of Bulgarian legislation.</p>		<p>The applicant's Guide foresees a number of conditions the applicants have to fulfill in case of investment projects, distinguishing between the case when the applicant is the owner of the land and/or building and the case when the applicant has received the land and/or building in concession or holds any other right under the real property law. In case of an NGO which has received the land and/or building in concession or holds any other right under the real property law, the applicants should provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the legal act proving the concession or the real property right; it must be proved that the duration of the concession of the land and/or building is in line with the provisions of article 71, paragraph 1 from Regulation 1303/2013 and that the owner of the land and/or building has given his written agreement saying that the applicant may perform the investment. - Declaration from the land and/or building owner that the land and/or building is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -free of any encumbrances; -not the object of an pending litigation; -not the object of a claim according to the relevant national legislation. - documents related to the registration of the land and/or building in the relevant public registers. <p>Furthermore, the land and/or building, which are subject of the application for financial support for investment, must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be free of any encumbrances; -Not be the object of a pending litigation; -Not be the object of a legal claim according to the relevant national legislation. <p>In any circumstances, the applicants have the obligation of respecting the provisions of the Applicant's Guide and of the relevant national legislation in force.</p>
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<p>I.29</p>	<p>O federatie sindicala infiintata in baza Legii 54/2003, reprezinta un partener eligibil? Vrem sa stim daca aceasta ar indeplini toate criteriile mentionate la pct.II.2.i) Eligibility of Applicants, deoarece din punctul de vedere al formei de organizare, acesta nu este nici ONG si nici autoritate publica. S-ar putea incadra la operator din sectorul public (<i>public sector operator</i>)?</p>	<p>A union federation established under Law 54/2003, is an eligible partner? We want to know whether it would fulfill all criteria set pct.II.2.i) Eligibility of Applicants, because from the point of view of organization, it is neither NGOs nor the public authority. Might it fit the public sector operator (public sector operator)?</p>	<p>We can not provide a clear opinion regarding the eligibility of an Applicant. The final opinion regarding the eligibility of a specific beneficiary is the task of the evaluators, the final decision belonging to the Monitoring Committee.</p>
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I.30	<p>Is the Multifunctional Hospital for Active Healthcare "St. Petka", Vidin, joint stock company, eligible as a potential applicant under the second call for proposals, Priority axis 5, of Interreg V-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme considering that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -the 83% of the stocks belong to the Ministry of Health and 17% of the stocks are owned by the municipalities of the district; the past 5 years the hospital did not generate profit and did not distribute dividends? 	<p>The eligibility of any applicant should be determined in consideration of its legal status according to the national legislation and the eligibility criteria for applicants described in the Applicant's Guide for the 2nd Call for proposals. According to section II.2 i. Eligibility of Applicants of the Applicant's Guide in order to be eligible the applicants must meet certain requirements, the first of which is to be Bulgarian or Romanian organizations that are "non-profit making bodies/organisations" (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit). In the next paragraph the Applicant's Guide defines that "public sector operators" are also eligible applicants, but all the criteria listed in section II.2 i. Eligibility of Applicants are cumulative which means that both requirements should be fulfilled simultaneously. Having in mind that state/municipal hospitals are public legal bodies established under the Commercial Act that implement activities in a competitive sphere as economic operators according to the Medical Establishments Act (promulgated in SG No 62, 1999), the Programme bodies cannot state unconditionally that medical establishments are "non-profit making", i.e. are not established with the goal to obtain profit.</p> <p>However, the medical establishments pointed out in Art. 5, para. 1 of Medical Establishments Act, namely the centres for emergency medical care, the centres for transfusion haematology, the medical establishments for stationary psychiatric care, the homes for medical and social care, carrying out medical care and specific care for children, centres for complex service of disabled children and children with chronic diseases, as well as the medical establishments at the Council of Ministers, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Transport, Information Technologies and Communications might be considered as eligible applicants due to their special status.</p> <p>It should be taken into consideration that covering the eligibility criteria for applicants by each project partner is strictly individual and depends on the type of the organization, its legal status and the submitted supporting documentation. In this regard, in view of the equal treatment of all potential candidates and the principle of transparency, the Programme bodies cannot provide prior opinion on specific questions regarding the admissibility of a particular candidate.</p>
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<p>I.31</p>	<p>Is there any limitation for project proposals, submitted by a particular organization (as a Lead Beneficiary or Beneficiary) under the current Call of proposals or under the Interreg VA Romania-Bulgaria Programme ?</p> <p>Page 48 from the Applicant's Guide states that "One beneficiary cannot simultaneously have more than four projects in implementation. In case 5 projects are selected, the fifth one shall be put on a reserve list (and could be contracted after the finalization of at least one of the other projects, provided the Programme has the financial allocation available).".</p> <p>In case more than 5 projects are selected for implementation (for example 8 projects) - what is the statute of the rest of the projects ?</p>		<p>1. Please be advised that the Applicant's Guide sets no limitation as to the number of project an organization can submit as Lead beneficiary/Beneficiary.</p> <p>2. It is not possible for one beneficiary to have in implementation more than 4 simultaneously. In case 5 or more projects are selected, these will be put on a reserve list at the moment of the selection, and the contracting process may start as soon as the other projects have been finalized (respecting the condition of not having more than 4 projects in implementation simultaneously), and provided that the Programme has still the financial allocation available.</p>
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<p>I.32</p>	<p>We have some inquires regarding the application for the Second call for proposals under the Interreg VA Romania-Bulgaria programme. Firstly, we would like to know how can a Bulgarian Multiprofile hospital for active treatment benefit from the programme by purchasing specialized medical equipment, being a joint-stock company with over 50% state share. We are aware that the applicants must be non-profit and non-governmental organizations. However, if there are two beneficiaries - hospitals from Bulgarian and Romanian cross-border regions, and we apply through a NGO, would that be considered acceptable in terms of your rules?</p>		<p>The applicant's Guide sets a number of eligibility conditions the applicants have to fulfill in order to be eligible for funding under the Programme. Among others, the potential beneficiaries have to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Be Romanian or Bulgarian non-profit making bodies/organizations (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit), legally established according to the national legislation of the state on whose territory they are located; b) Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities c) Be the body/institution entitled to take action in the field/fields addressed by the project; d) Have at least one partner on the other side of the border, which must fulfill the same eligibility criteria. Applicants without any partners from the other side of the border will not be eligible (with the exception of sole beneficiaries, as defined by art. 12 of Regulation 1299/2013);
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I.33	<p>Va rog sa-mi precizati daca un institut national de cercetare-dezvoltare, unic in Romania, care nu are sediul in zona eligibila, nu are filiala/sucursala locala in zona eligibila, dar a carui zona de competenta, stabilita prin acte juridice, se extinde asupra zonei eligibile a programului poate aplica pentru asistenta financiara fara a se limita la 20% din bugetul total al proiectului.</p>	<p>Please let me know whether a national research and development institute, unique in Romania, which is not located in the eligible area, does not have any local branch in the eligible area, but whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the programme's eligible area can apply for funding without being limited to 20% of the total project budget.</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, the applicants have to fulfill a number of conditions in order to be eligible, among which:</p> <p>a) Be Romanian or Bulgarian non-profit making bodies/organizations (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit), legally established according to the national legislation of the state on whose territory they are located;</p> <p>b) Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria: have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area; are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme.</p> <p>The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization. Therefore, in case of Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities, whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme, the 20% budgetary limitation as mentioned above does not apply. Nevertheless, please keep in mind that the project activities have to be implemented in the Programme eligible area. In case a project has to be implemented partially outside the eligible area, it has to prove that it is for the benefit of the programme area. The total costs incurred outside of the eligible area (related to any activity or any category of expenditure) shall be limited to 20% of the ERDF total eligible project budget, irrespective of the location of the partner.</p>
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<p>I.34</p>	<p>The applicant who intends to submit a project is a specialized body of the central public administration, with legal personality, which is subordinated to a ministry and has its headquarters in Bucharest. This public institution has in charge regional agencies as decentralized public services with legal personality, including within the eligible border of Interreg Programme.</p> <p>According to the Guide for Applicants, in order to be eligible, an entity must meet a set of criteria relating to the legal status, geographical location and professional history / finance.</p> <p>Thus, regarding geographical location, the guide mentions that the applicant "must meet one of the following criteria (p. 18-19):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; - are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area. - are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme <p>The institution meets the eligibility criteria for legal status, and in terms of geographical location, meets the criteria stated paragraph 2 above.</p> <p>Therefore, may we conclude, according to the Guidelines for Applicants, that an institution "whose registered office is not located in the eligible regions, but which is located in Romania or Bulgaria and has local/regional offices with legal person established in the eligible region" is eligible to apply within the INTERREG program through its headquarters?</p>		<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, the potential eligible applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; -are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area. -are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme. <p>The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization.</p> <p>Therefore, in case of organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible are, the applicant should be the local/regional branch office.</p>
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I.35	<p>O arhiepiscopie localizata in aria eligibila a programului se incadreaza in categoria beneficiarilor eligibili? Conform art 41 din Statutul Bisericii Ortodoxe Romane Art. 41 - (1) Patriarhia, mitropolia, arhiepiscopia, episcopia, vicariatul, protopopiatul (protoieria), mănăstirea si parohia sunt persoane juridice de drept privat si utilitate publică, cu drepturile si obligabiile prevăzute de prezentul statut. (2) Aceste persoane juridice au dreptul la două coduri unice de înregistrare fiscală, atât pentru activitatea non-profit, cât si pentru cea economică.</p>	<p>An archdiocese located in the eligible area of the programme falls into the category of eligible beneficiaries? According to Article 41 of the Romanian Orthodox Church Statute Art. 41 - (1) Patriarchate, Metropolitan, Archbishops, Bishops, vicariate, deanery (deanery), monasteries and parish are legal persons of private law and public utility, rights and obligations provided by the present status. (2) Such persons are entitled to two single fiscal registration codes for both the non-profit, and for the economy activity.</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, beneficiaries must fulfill a series of criteria in order to be eligible, among which: -Be Romanian or Bulgarian non-profit making bodies/organizations (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit), legally established according to the national legislation of the state on whose territory they are located; -Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria:have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or;are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area; are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme. The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization. Unfortunately, we may not provide a clear opinion regarding the eligibility of an applicant, as this will be the task of the evaluators, the final decision belonging to the Monitoring Committee.</p>
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<p>I.36</p>	<p>In Ghidul Solicitantului, se mentioneaza ca aplicanti eligibili, organizatii care au sediul in regiunile de frontiera SAU organizatii care nu au sediu in regiunile de frontiera insa au filiale cu personalitate juridica in regiunea eligibila. Consiliul National al Intreprinderilor Private Mici si Mijlocii din Romania are sediul in Bucuresti insa are filiale in 4 dintre cele 7 judete din Romania eligibile. In aceste conditii, Consiliului National al Intreprinderilor Private Mici si Mijlocii din Romania poate fi considerat aplicant eligibil, este necesar sa ia ca parteneri filialele regionale? Sau este limitat, din start, la 20% din bugetul intregului proiect?</p>	<p>In the Applicant Guide, says that the eligible applicants are the organizations located in border regions or organizations that doesn't have the headquarter in the border regions but have subsidiaries with legal personality in the eligible region. National Council of Small and Medium Private Enterprises in Romania is located in Bucharest but has branches in 4 of the 7 eligible counties in Romania. In these conditions, the National Council of Small and Medium Private Enterprises in Romania can be considered eligible applicant, is required to take regional branches as partners? Or is limited, from the start, to 20% of the total project budget?</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, beneficiaries have to fulfill a number of conditions in order to be eligible for funding, among which: a) Be Romanian or Bulgarian non-profit making bodies/organizations (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit), legally established according to the national legislation of the state on whose territory they are located; b) Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria: have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area; are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme. The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization. Therefore, the Applicant's Guide foresees the possibility for beneficiaries located outside the eligible area to participate in the second call for proposals, provided that <u>they cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality</u> in the eligible area and that <u>their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget</u>. Unfortunately, we may not provide an opinion regarding the eligibility of an applicant, as this is the task of the evaluators, the final decision belonging to the Monitoring Committee.</p>
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<p>I.37</p>	<p>As dori sa stiu daca o organizatie sindicala organizata pe Legea 62/2011 (Legea dialogului social) este eligibila in calitate de partener in cadrul unui proiect Romania-Bulgaria?</p>	<p>I would like to know if a trade union organized by Law 62/2011 (Social Dialogue Law) is eligible as a partner in a Romania-Bulgaria project?</p>	<p>The Applicant Guide states a number of general eligibility conditions the applicants have to fulfill in order to be eligible, without distinguishing between any organization according to the legislation they have been set up. Therefore, as long as the eligibility conditions are satisfied, the beneficiaries are eligible according to the Applicant's Guide. Unfortunately, we mai not provide an opinion regarding the eligibility of an applicant, as this is the task of the evaluators, the final decision belonging to the Monitoring Committee.</p>
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<p>I.38</p>	<p>In Ghidul Solicitantului, se mentioneaza ca aplicanti eligibili, organizatii care au sediul in regiunile de frontiera SAU organizatii care nu au sediu in regiunile de frontiera insa au filiale cu personalitate juridica in regiunea eligibila. Consiliul National al Intreprinderilor Private Mici si Mijlocii din Romania are sediul in Bucuresti insa are filiale in 4 dintre cele 7 judete din Romania eligibile. In aceste conditii, Consiliului National al Intreprinderilor Private Mici si Mijlocii din Romania poate fi considerat aplicant eligibil, este necesar sa ia ca parteneri filialele regionale? Sau este limitat, din start, la 20% din bugetul intregului proiect?</p>	<p>In the Applicant Guide, says that the eligible applicants are the organizations located in border regions or organizations that doesn't have the headquarter in the border regions but have subsidiaries with legal personality in the eligible region. National Council of Small and Medium Private Enterprises in Romania is located in Bucharest but has branches in 4 of the 7 eligible counties in Romania. In these conditions, the National Council of Small and Medium Private Enterprises in Romania can be considered eligible applicant, is required to take regional branches as partners? Or is limited, from the start, to 20% of the total project budget?</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, beneficiaries have to fulfill a number of conditions in order to be eligible for funding, among which: a) Be Romanian or Bulgarian non-profit making bodies/organizations (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit), legally established according to the national legislation of the state on whose territory they are located; b) Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria: have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area; are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme. The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization. Therefore, the Applicant's Guide foresees the possibility for beneficiaries located outside the eligible area to participate in the second call for proposals, provided that <u>they cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality</u> in the eligible area and that <u>their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget</u>. Unfortunately, we may not provide an opinion regarding the eligibility of an applicant, as this is the task of the evaluators, the final decision belonging to the Monitoring Committee.</p>
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<p>I.39</p>	<p>Is it possible this "unique state organization" located outside eligible area to be Romanian partner for project observing the condition of the guidelines to 20% of eligible costs?</p>		<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, beneficiaries located outside the eligible area may participate in projects financed within the Programme, under certain conditions. One of the conditions is connected to budget limitation (if that beneficiary has not or cannot open a branch with legal personality or if it does not have competences in the eligible area). According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, the total budget of this type of beneficiaries must be limited to 20% of the project's total budget.</p>
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<p>I.40</p>	<p>In Ghidul aplicantului, la secțiunea "Eligibilitatea aplicanților" se menționează ca: <i>"The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization."</i> Întrebarea este dacă un aplicant care este un organ de specialitate al administrației publice centrale, aflat în subordinea unui ministru, care are organisme descentralizate în teritoriul transfrontalier, și care va depune un proiect prin intermediul unuia dintre aceste organisme descentralizate, poate participa ca membru distinct în parteneriat cu agenția centrală (sediul la București), respectând condiția de a se aloca maximum 20% din bugetul total al proiectului? Ca arie de competență, Agenția centrală asigură coordonarea, îndrumarea și controlul activității agențiilor județene (teritoriale), în scopul aplicării unitare a legislației în domeniul specific de activitate și al realizării atribuțiilor ce le revin acestora, potrivit legii.</p>	<p>In the Applicant's Guide, section "Eligibility of Applicants" says: <i>"The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization."</i> The question is whether an applicant which is a specialized body of central public administration, subordinated to a ministry that has decentralized bodies in the border regions, that will submit a project through one of these decentralized bodies can participate as a distinct member in partnership with the central agency (headquarters in Bucharest), respecting the condition to be allocated maximum 20% of the total project budget? As area of jurisdiction, the central agency provides coordination, guidance and controls the activities of district (territorial) agencies, when applying a uniform legislation in the specific area of activity and achieving their duties according to the law.</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, beneficiaries must fulfill a series of criteria in order to be eligible, among which: a) Be Romanian or Bulgarian non-profit making bodies/organizations (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit), legally established according to the national legislation of the state on whose territory they are located; b) Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria: have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area; are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme. The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization. Unfortunately, we may not provide a clear opinion regarding the eligibility of an applicant, as this will be the task of the evaluators, the final decision belonging to the Monitoring Committee.</p>
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<p>I.41</p>	<p>The Confederation of Independent Trade Unions in Bulgaria KNSB is the biggest civil organization in Bulgaria, uniting 35 branch federations and 28 regional structures in the whole country. It is acknowledged as a nationally representative organization with a Decision by the Council of Ministers № 635 from 26 July 2012</p> <p>According Art. 34 from the Bulgarian Labour Code a representative organization of the workers and employees on national level should be any organization having local bodies/structures in more than 50% of the municipalities in the country and national leading headquarters. This condition and the lack of additional legislative base predetermines the obligatory legal registration of KNSB/CITUB in the town of Sofia and supporting regional structures which cannot be registered as independent legal entities.</p> <p>In this case is KNSB an eligible applicant/ leading beneficiary for the current Call for proposals? If yes, is KNSB going to be a subject to the 20% rule?</p>		<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, beneficiaries have to fulfill a number of conditions in order to be eligible, among which:</p> <p>a) Be Romanian or Bulgarian non-profit making bodies/organizations (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit), legally established according to the national legislation of the state on whose territory they are located;</p> <p>b) Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria: have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area; are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme.</p> <p>The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization. Unfortunately, we may not provide a clear opinion regarding the eligibility of an applicant, as this is the task of the evaluators, the final decision belonging to the Monitoring Committee.</p>
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<p>I.42</p>	<p>We intend to implement a project that implies cooperation between hospitals in the cross-border region. The Romanian entities are organized as public institutions and are considered eligible according to the applicant's guide, but the hospitals in Bulgaria are joint stock companies registered under the Commerce Act, even if they are under public ownership and administration. Can you confirm that they are eligible in the context of the current programme?</p>		<p>In general, the eligibility of any applicant should be determined in consideration of its legal status according to the national legislation and the eligibility criteria for applicants described in the Applicant's Guide for the 2nd Call for proposals.</p> <p>According to section II.2 i. Eligibility of Applicants of the Applicant's Guide in order to be eligible the applicants must meet certain requirements, the first of which is to be Bulgarian or Romanian organizations that are "non-profit making bodies/organisations" (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit). In next paragraph the Applicant's Guide defines that "public sector operators" are also eligible applicants but all criteria listed in section II.2 i. Eligibility of Applicants are cumulative which means that both requirements should be fulfilled simultaneously.</p> <p>Having in mind that state/municipal hospitals are public legal bodies established under Commerce Act that implement activities in a competitive sphere as economic operators according to the Medical Establishments Act (promulgated in SG No 62, 1999), the National Authority cannot state unconditionally that medical establishments are "non-profit making", i.e. are not established with the goal to obtain profit.</p> <p>Concluding, in order to be eligible, the potential applicants should comply with all criteria listed under section II.2 i. Eligibility of Applicants. Covering the eligibility criteria for applicants by each project partner is strictly individual and depends on the type of the organization, its legal status and the submitted supporting documentation. Unfortunately, we may not provide a clear opinion regarding the eligibility of a project, as this will be the task of the evaluators, the final decision belonging to the Monitoring Committee."</p>
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I.43	<p>-Aplicantul (liderul de parteneriat) este un ONG din orasul Ruse (Bulgaria, din zona de eligibilitate cf Ghidului Solicitantului) care intentioneaza depunerea unui proiect pe axa 4 in parteneriat cu două ONG-uri din Romania.</p> <p>Un partener este din județul Olt cu activitati în cadrul proiectului în zonele eligibile de pe teritoriul României și, după caz în Bulgaria.</p> <p>Celălalt partener are sediul social în Ilfov și va desfășura activități tot în zonele eligibile de pe teritoriul României și, după caz în Bulgaria.</p> <p>In masura in care bugetul pentru partenerul din judetul Ilfov este limitat la 20%, respectand si celelalte conditii din Ghid, este acesta eligibil ca partener in cadrul proiectului?</p> <p>Sunt eligibile filialele/sucursalele ONG-urilor din Romania, deoarece nu au personalitate legala? ~</p>	<p>The applicant (the lead partner) is a NGO based in the city of Ruse (Bulgaria, from the eligible area according to the Applicant's Guide) which intends to apply with a project proposal under Priority Axis 4 in partnership with two NGOs from Romania.</p> <p>One partner from Olt County with the project's activities in the eligible areas of Romania, and if necessary in Bulgaria.</p> <p>The other partner's registered office is in Ilfov and will carry out all the activities in the eligible areas from Romania and, if necessary, also in Bulgaria.</p> <p>The extent to which the budget for the partner from Ilfov county is limited to the 20%, respecting the other conditions from the Guide, is this an eligible project partner?</p> <p>Are eligible the branches of NGOs from Romania because they doesn't have legal personality?</p>	<p>To the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, beneficiaries have to fulfill a number of conditions in order to be eligible for funding, among which:</p> <p>a) Be Romanian or Bulgarian non-profit making bodies/organizations (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit), legally established according to the national legislation of the state on whose territory they are located;</p> <p>b) Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria: have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area; are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme.</p> <p>The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization.</p> <p>Therefore, the Applicant's Guide foresees the possibility for beneficiaries located outside the eligible area to participate in the second call for proposals, provided that they cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. Unfortunately, we may not provide an opinion regarding the eligibility of an applicant, as this is the task of the evaluators, the final decision belonging to the Monitoring Committee.</p>
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<p>I.44</p>	<p>Our association - REPER21 - is situated in Bucharest and we do not have a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area. Shall we understand that in this case we are not eligible as partners? How it is intended to assess the "impossibility" to open a local/regional branch office?</p>		<p>A NGO outside the eligible area which can open a branch with legal personality in the eligible area but chosed not to is not eligibile. According to the Guide: <i>The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization.</i> Therefore, the Guide is clear, only applicants who cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality are eligible within the 20% threshold. If there is no legal restriction for you to open a branch, then you cannot benefit of the 20% flexibility. The applicant should be the branch from the eligibile area (namely, in case an applicant with headquarters outside the eligible area should open a branch-with legal personality- if it wishes to apply under our Programme, and also, of course, is not in other situations mentioned by the guide: eg, competences which extend in the eligible area) The impossibility to open a local/regional branch office will be evaluated according to the statute of the organization.</p>
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<p>I.45</p>	<p>Va rog sa ma ajutati cu un raspuns la urmatoarea intrebare: un aplicat din jusetul Olt, Facultatea de Management - Filiala Slatina, care are HG dar apartine de USAMV Bucuresti, fiind in zona eligibila, poate accesa mai mult de 20% din bugetul proiectului.</p>	<p>Please help me with an answer to this question: can one applicant from Olt county, Faculty of Management - Branch Slatina, which has a Government Decision, but belongs to USAMV Bucharest, being located in the eligible area, access more than 20% of the project budget.</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, the applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization.</p> <p>In case the applicant, located in the eligible area, has legal personality and meets all the other eligibility criteria mentioned in the Applicant's Guide, then the 20% limitation does not apply. Nevertheless, please pay attention that the Guide also sets a limitation to the budget allocated to activities located outside the eligible area, irrespective of the location of the applicant (the total costs incurred outside of the eligible area (related to any activity or any category of expenditure) shall be limited to 20% of the ERDF total eligible project budget, irrespective of the location of the partner).</p>
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II. Eligibility of expenditure



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<p>II.1</p>	<p>Referring to the second call for the proposals, the ceilings for expenditures for the Coaching services was established at 50 Eur/participant. No reference is available regarding the period covered by the service: 50 Eur/participant/day or 50 Eur/participant/training session? Therefore, please indicate if the amount is per day or per training session.</p>		<p>The rate is per person, e.g. for a person who benefited from these services, maximum 50 Euro are reimbursed (regardless of the duration of the session / course / training ...). Yet, taken into account that within the new ceilings (those approved through MC decision from 16.10.2015) these services do not exist anymore, you may submit 3 offers.</p>
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<p>II.2</p>	<p>Costurile de pregatire ale proiectului- Am rugamintea sa imi clarificati daca aceste costuri trebuie realizate/platite de beneficiar din surse proprii, pana la momentul depunerii proiectului, sau doar le realizeaza beneficiarul, si daca proiectul este selectat, beneficiarul va realiza platile pentru acest serviciu, ulterior semnarii contractului de grant, din grant.</p> <p>Activitati eligibile: activitati legate de domeniul sportiv sunt eligibile? Mai exact o Academie de fotbal pentru juniori (fundatie), in parteneriat cu o Scoala de fotbal din Varna, doresc un proiect de dezvoltare a infrastructurii deja existente, creand astfel si conexiunile necesare pentru mobilitatea intre cele doua regiuni, din punct de vedere al gestionarii fotbalului pentru juniori.</p>	<p>The costs of project preparation: - Please, let me know if these costs should be paid by the beneficiary from its own resources up to the moment of project submission, or if they are just realized by the beneficiary, and afterwards, if the project is selected, the beneficiary will make payments for this service from grant, after signing the financing contract.</p> <p>Eligible activities: Are the sports-related activities eligible? More accurately, a Football Academy for juniors (foundation) in partnership with a Football School from Varna, would like to submit a project in order to develop the existing infrastructure, hence, to create even the necessary connections for mobility between the two regions, in terms of junior football management.</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide annex D - LIST OF ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES for INTERREG V-A ROMANIA-BULGARIA PROGRAMME applicable to Priority axis 1-5 - art. 1 .sec. e - " Preparation costs are eligible if they were incurred between 1.01.2014 and the submission of the Application Form". Expenditure is incurred when the activity that has generated the expenditure (for example the works executed in accordance with the conditions of the contract) has been completed or the services foreseen in a contract have been provided and accepted by the beneficiaries. Proof of expenditures incurred relates to supporting documents indicating the completion of the activity, for instance take over certificates or confirmation of service delivery. Also, please be informed that expenditures related to project preparation can be paid before submitting the application form or even after (no later than submitting the first reimbursement claim since in order to be eligible preparation cost should be included in the first reimbursement claim), as long as the payment is in accordance with national legislation.</p> <p>To resume, preparation costs are paid from own resources and reimbursed if the abovementioned conditions are observed (and, of course, the project is selected). 2. Please be informed that regarding the eligibility of actions, in the interest of equal treatment of applicants, the JS cannot give a prior opinion on this, the assessment working group and the Monitoring Committee of the Programme being entitle to decide on this.</p>
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<p>II.3</p>	<p>Staff costs refer only to project management, respectively the project management team = the positions for project manager, assistant manager, legal expert, financial expert and possibly partner coordinator?</p>		<p>Staff costs refer to expenditure on cost of staff members employed by the beneficiary, who are formally engaged to work on the project.</p>
<p>II.4</p>	<p>Can you give us an example of “correctly framed Travel and Accommodation expense” and an example for correctly framed Equipment expense ?</p>		<p>When defining the budget, beneficiaries should take into consideration a series of principles. First of all, the expenditures have to be necessary for initiating and carrying out the project and need to comply with the principles of sound financial management, in particular value for money and cost-effectiveness. Furthermore, they have to be correlated with the project’s proposed activities. For further information, please refer to Annex D - List of eligible expenditure and the general provisions of the Applicant’s Guide.</p>

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II.5	<p>In outlining the budget and in order to meet all the benchmarks required, please clarify: The contribution of each partner to the project should be described in each action (A1, A2, A3, An ... etc). The contribution of each partner (except for the 2%) is also quantified in: internal staff (already hired) involved directly in activities, support staff, administrative staff, etc. In the budget, how will this contribution be categorized? As staff? As part of the 2% contribution? As non-eligible? Will there be categorized at all? If the project management is outsourced how much should it not exceed the budget, as %? In Annex List of eligible expenditures: external expertise and services at point n) "Other specific expertise and services needed for operations" = should we include here any type of expert, as long as clear and objective arguments are provided as to its necessity in the implementation of one or more operations/ actions (for instance, expert in micro-financing within a business incubator activities). Please confirm?</p>		<p>According to the template of the Application form, section 2.3 Project activities, the beneficiaries have to fill in information regarding the beneficiary that is responsible for each activity and mention the other beneficiaries that are involved in each activity. Furthermore, you should describe the resources each beneficiary is planning to use for implementing the respective project activity. Please be informed that in-kind contribution is not eligible within the Programme. Each beneficiary will have to contribute financially to the project with 2%. Please be informed that the Applicant's Guide provides no restriction as to the percentage the project management represents of the total budget. Nevertheless, the beneficiaries, should always take into consideration the principle of sound financial management when drafting the budget. Furthermore, in case you decide to use the flat rate option for staff costs, please take into consideration that the estimated value of the externalised parts of the project management will be mentioned within the application form and the flat rate will be diminished proportionally:</p> $\text{Staff flat rate} = \frac{\text{[Flat rate for staff for the respective Type of project * calculation basis - amount for project management]} * 100}{\text{calculation basis}}$ <p>The list of eligible expenditures list the type of external expertise and services costs which are eligible under the Programme. Nevertheless, this is not an exhaustive list, as according to point "n" other specific expertise and services needed for the operations may be eligible in case they are not enumerated in point a-m. Nevertheless, each service has to be fully justified and be in accordance with the project activities.</p>
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<p>II.6</p>	<p>Va rugam sa ne precizati daca in exemplul unui proiect de tip "hard" cu 2 parteneri LB si B1, in care bugetul LB este 1.000.000 euro iar bugetul B2 - 500.000 euro, costurile eligibile de tip "staff" (de tip flat rate) pot fi repartizate dupa cum urmeaza: 4% (60.000 euro) din valoarea totala a bugetului (LB+B2) in bugetul B2 1% (15.000 euro) din valoarea totala a bugetului (LB+B2) in bugetul LB respectiv sa ne confirmati ca procentul de 5% nu se aplica si la nivelul bugetului fiecarui beneficiar.</p>	<p>Please clarify if in the example of a "hard" project with 2 partners (LB and B1), if the budget of LB is 1.000.000 euro and the budget of B2- 500.000 euro, the eligible costs for staff (flat rate) can be established as follows: 4% (60.000 euro) out of the total value of the budget (LB+B2) in budget of B2 1% (15.000 euro) out of the total value of the budget (LB+B2) in budget of LB respectively confirm that the 5% percent is not applied also at the level of each beneficiaries budget.</p>	<p>The 5% is automatically calculated, it applies automatically in the Excel file per each partner's budget and cannot be changed. Therefore, your example is incorrect.</p>
<p>II.7</p>	<p>Only the Lead partner pays 2% own contribution or each partner pays 2% of its share of eligible costs?</p>		<p>Each partner shall contribute to the project with its own contribution in amount of 2% of the eligible cost, as well as cover any ineligible costs occurred during the implementation of the project.</p>
<p>II.8</p>	<p>What do you mean by "financial capacity" -each partner to prove that can ensure the 2% own contribution?</p>		<p>The applicants must have the capacity to ensure their own contribution and the financing for non-eligible expenditures of the project; they must also have the capacity to ensure the temporary availability of funds until they are reimbursed by the programme.</p>

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II.9	Кога и на какви траншове/проценти ще се извършва финансирането на одобрените проекти?	When and on what tranches / percentages will be carry out the financing of approved projects?	According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, the ERDF will finance 85% of the eligible expenditure and the state budgets of the two countries shall provide an additional 13% to public bodies and NGOs. 2% represents own contribution of project partners. Beneficiaries will be granted advance payments from the national co-financing (13%), in a percentage established by each Member State: from national co-financing estimated at 60% for the Romanian beneficiaries (co-financing contracts will state the exact percent) and 80% for the Bulgarian beneficiaries. The ERDF funding shall be paid for each reimbursement claim submitted by the beneficiaries.
II.10	The advance payments will be provided only from national budgets - is it correct?		Beneficiaries will be granted advance payments from the national co-financing (13%), in a percentage established by each Member State: from national co-financing estimated at 60% for the Romanian beneficiaries (co-financing contracts will state the exact percent) and 80% for the Bulgarian beneficiaries.
II.11	In the Guidelines is mentioned only the allocation of funding from national budgets - when and how, in what tranches / percentages will be allocated the ERDF funding?		The ERDF funding shall be paid for each reimbursement claim submitted by the beneficiaries.
II.12	Допустим разход ли е подготовката на проектното предложение от консултантска фирма, специализирана в подготовка, изпълнение и управление на европейски проекти? Ако отговорът е „да“ - в коя бюджетна линия трябва да се включи?	Is the preparation of the application by consultancy agency eligible? If "Yes" - ; in which budget line should be included the expenditure?	Yes. The expenditure should be included in budget line Preparation costs, observing the requirements of the Applicants Guide and Annex C Ceiling of expenditure.



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<p>II.13</p>	<p>Va rugam sa ne spijiniti in incadrarea corecta a urmatoarei achizitii pe care intentionam sa o efectuam in cadrul unui proiect: dezvoltarea unui soft personalizat. Intrucat softul personalizat nu este disponibil pe piata, dorim sa contractam un serviciu specializat care sa il dezvolte in forma dorita de noi. Asadar, aceasta cheltuiala va fi incadrata la servicii, sau la echipamente? Mentionam faptul ca produsul finit va fi on soft ce va fi inregistrat in contabilitate ca un mijloc fix intangibil.</p>	<p>Please support us with the correct classification of the next acquisition that we intend to perform within a project: development of custom software. Since this custom software is not available on the market, we want to contract a specialized service to develop the software in as we want. So, this expense will be framed to services or equipment? We mention that the finished product will be a software that will be accounted for as an intangible asset.</p>	<p>The framing of this kind of expenditure is linked to the use of the developed software. Where the software is used for administrative purposes of the project, the cost falls under <i>Office and administration</i>, provided the software concerns the beneficiary (i.e. it is used for administrative purposes of the project). Where the software is used to implement content activities of the project, the cost falls under <i>External expertise and services</i> (d. IT systems and website development, modifications and updates).</p>
<p>II.14</p>	<p>Exista posibilitatea sa fie Lead Partner o fundatie sa beneficieze de 20% din bugetul proiectului deoarece nu se afla in zona eligibila iar partenerii in acest proiect sa detina procentaje mai mari decat Lead partenerul? Respectiv 30-40% ?</p>	<p>Is it possible for a foundation Lead Partner, to have 20% of the project budget, as it is not in the eligible area, and the partners in this project to have higher percentages than the Lead partner? Respectively 30-40%?</p>	<p>As regards the percentages of the partners budget, there are no rules for budget formation. The percentage distribution is established based on the activities to be realized under the proposed application (project).</p>

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II.15	<p>We noticed that in current applicant pack there is not a line in the Annex C Ceilings for expenditures, related to transportation by car. The only rows related to transportation services are related to traveling by bus and micro bus within the country and abroad. So my question is: How to calculate the transport expenditures for project staff participating at project events or technical partners meetings? We need this clarification especially for Bulgarian part because in Bulgaria does not exist a National Law with this regard, as it is in Romania (7,5liter/100km).</p>		<p>The budget should be filled in as following : estimated number of kilometers for the activities (be aware of meetings location and calculate distances, for example use google maps instrument and choose the shortest route), multiplied with the consumption of the car used for travelling (according to the auto vehicle documents and legislation in force) and also multiplied with the price for fuel (per liter).</p> <p>According to the provisions of the Ordinance on business trips in the country, section III. Travel costs, art. 13, "In cases when within the Travel order is specified the travel to be realized by personal car, the travel costs that should be reimbursed should be the costs spent for fuel considering the fuel consumption rate, envisaged by the manufacturer (producer) of the vehicle for the most economical mode of travel. " On "Ciela" Software is available the "List of basic standards for fuel consumption of personal vehicles when traveling on business trips"</p>
II.16	<p>Are salaries of employees working strictly on studying the CBC area that are employed by a RO or BG organization outside the CBC area, considered as "incurred outside of the eligible area"?</p>		<p>The salaries of employees working for an organization located outside the eligible area of the Interreg V-A Ro-Bg Programme, will be considered as incurred outside of the eligible area. Please be aware that the project still must demonstrate how the programme area will benefit from this activity (study in this case) and why the project cannot be implemented if this activity is not carried out.</p>

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<p>II.17</p>	<p>In faza de scriere a proiectului putem considera un PrintScreen dupa un site comercial sau un catalog de produse drept o oferta comerciala? Am remarcat ca in faza de implementare, in ceea ce priveste achizitiile directe, sunt permise Print Screen-urile dupa web site-uri. Citat din ghid, pag.14: <i>For direct procurements the market price level is observed (try to refer to any well-known suppliers available at national level - print screen from websites are accepted and recommended).</i></p>	<p>In the writing stage of the project can a PrintScreen after a commercial site or a product catalog be considered as a commercial offer? I have noticed that in the implementation phase, in terms of direct purchases, Print Screen from websites are allowed. Quote from the guide, page 14: <i>For direct procurements the market price level is observed (try to refer to any well-known suppliers available at national level - print screen from websites are accepted and recommended).</i></p>	<p>The Applicant's Guide provides for a series of eligibility conditions for the expenditure included in the budget of the project. These conditions should be observed by the beneficiaries both in the preparation phase of their project, as well as during the implementation, should their project be selected. According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, an expenditure in order to be eligible should not exceed the ceiling set in the Applicant's Guide (Annex C). Please note that the prices in the annex exclude the VAT, so in case your organization does not recover the VAT you can add it in the prices budgeted for the project. In case one item is not found in Annex C, the projects must submit evidence about the market price of that particular item (either 3 offers from operators well-known on the market - print-screens from websites of such operators are accepted, prints from national systems on public procurements are accepted - or an independent evaluation of the cost of that particular item). In case of 3 offers, the budgeted prices must not exceed the average value of the 3 offers (calculated at the Inforeuro exchange rate from October 2015). In case equipment is not on the list or beneficiary dully justifies enhanced/superior technical specifications for an item, 3 offers or an independent evaluation of the cost will be provided. The applicant should prove the absolute necessity of purchasing of equipment with enhanced/superior parameters and demonstrate how it will contribute to the implementation of project activities and achievement of programme indicators. In case the service which is going to be purchased is not following the list of ceilings, the proposal to exceed the ceiling will be analyzed, provided a proper and clear justification is provided, as well as the related supporting documents (including 3 offers or an independent evaluation of the cost). The proposal will be analyzed and will be subject to acceptance / rejection from the evaluators. Annex C values will be periodically updated and during the implementation period of the projects, the beneficiaries may use the updated version, provided the total budget per category of expenditure is not exceeded.</p>
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II.18	<p>Am cateva nelamuriri legate de Ceilings for Expenditures - call 1 comparativ cu call2: - in lista aferenta call 2 nu mai apar urmatoarele tipuri de cheltuieli eligibile si plfoanele lor, cheltuieli care sunt vitale pentru buna derulare a proiectului:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Servicii de consultanță financiară - consultanta si asistenta in vederea obtinerii finantarii, pregatirea documentatiei necesare pentru obtinerea finantarii - 1200 euro/proiect contractat 2. Servicii de proiectare de site-uri WWW (World Wide Web) 3. Servicii de auditare financiară 4. Servicii generale de consultanță în management - management proiect - proiect "soft"(incl.asistenta/intocmire documentatii pentru achizitii publice) <p>Sa intelegem ca in call 2 aceste cheltuieli NU mai sunt eligibile, atata vreme cat nu mai apar in acea lista? Nu mai putem externaliza managementul? Si nici auditul, care este o conditie obligatorie in orice proiect cu fonduri europene? Sau serviciile pentru crearea de site????</p>	<p>I have a few questions regarding the Ceilings for Expenditures - call 1 versus call2: - In the corresponding list for the second call for proposals the following budget items and their ceilings, expenses that are vital for the smooth project implementation, no longer appear:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Financial advisory services consultancy and assistance in order to obtain financing, preparing the necessary documentation for obtaining financing - 1200 euro / contracted project 2. Design services for websites WWW (World Wide Web) 3. Financial auditing services 4. General management consultancy services - Project management Soft project (incl. assistance / drawing procurement documentation) <p>Should we understand that these expenses are not eligible under the second call for proposals, as long as they no longer appear on that list? Can't we outsource the management? And audit, which is a prerequisite in any project financed from European funds? Or services for creating websites ????</p>	<p>Annex D sets the list of eligible expenditures, not Annex C. Annex C simply sets ceilings for certain expenditures. According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, in case one item is not found in Annex C (Ceilings for expenditures), the projects must submit evidence about the market price of that particular item (either 3 offers from operators well-known on the market - print-screens from websites of such operators are accepted, prints from national systems on public procurements are accepted - or an independent evaluation of the cost of that particular item). In case of 3 offers, the budgeted prices must not exceed the average value of the 3 offers (calculated at the Inforeuro exchange rate from October 2015). In case equipment is not on the list or beneficiary dully justifies enhanced/superior technical specifications for an item, 3 offers or an independent evaluation of the cost will be provided. The applicant should prove the absolute necessity of purchasing of equipment with enhanced/superior parameters and to demonstrate how it will contribute to the implementation of project activities and achievement of programme indicators. In case the service which is going to be purchased is not following the list of ceilings, the proposal to exceed the ceiling will be analyzed, provided a proper and clear justification is provided, as well as the related supporting documents (including 3 offers or an independent evaluation of the cost). The proposal will be analyzed and will be subject to acceptance / rejection from the evaluators. Annex C values is periodically updated and during the implementation period of the projects, the beneficiaries may use (in implementation also) the updated version, provided the total budget per category of expenditure is not exceeded.</p> <p>As regards, the audit of projects, please be advised that in case of Interreg V-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme, the Applicant's Guide does not mention as mandatory the auditing of the project. However, this type of expenditure is also not mentioned as not eligible, therefore, in case you can justify its necessity for the project and observe all the other rules of the calls, the assessors will evaluate your project accordingly.</p>
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<p>II.19</p>	<p>I have great concern about the ceiling values, which can be changed later and even to disappear. I want a very clear answer to the question is there a risk ceiling value of an concrete item to be REDUCED in the next update? How to interpret the DISAPPEARANCE of certain items, for which before there was a ceiling price, and now there is not? The question is important because according to the PIM is seen that if the CURRENT (last, actual) ceiling price will be exceeded, the loss is for the beneficiary. If such prise ever missing after updating, and the contract stipulates that the price is formed on the basis of Ceilings, then it seems that we are still in error and the cost will be not recognized.</p> <p>Do we have any guarantee from the MA that game with Ceilings will not to lead to losses for the beneficiaries???</p> <p>Finally - In my view, the Ceiling table was set very unprofessional. For important and commonly used expenditures there are no ceilings, but e.g. for scanning of documents - there are plenty. I conclude that if you do not want trouble, you'd better go around the ceilings and use 3 offers for everything.</p>	<p><i>Disclaimer: The reply to these questions is not equivalent with a guarantee for selection. Only evaluators propose and the Monitoring Committee decides on issues related to eligibility and scoring</i></p>	<p>The Applicant's Guide for the second call for proposals, one of the conditions an expenditure has to observe in order to be eligible is not to exceed the ceilings set in Annex C to the Applicant's Guide. In case one item is not found in Annex C, the projects must submit evidence about the market price of that particular item (either 3 offers from operators well-known on the market - print-screens from websites of such operators are accepted, prints from national systems on public procurements are accepted - or an independent evaluation of the cost of that particular item). In case of 3 offers, the budgeted prices must not exceed the average value of the 3 offers (calculated at the Inforeuro exchange rate from October 2015). In case equipment is not on the list or beneficiary dully justifies enhanced/superior technical specifications for an item, 3 offers or an independent evaluation of the cost will be provided. The applicant should prove the absolute necessity of purchasing of equipment with enhanced/superior parameters and to demonstrate how it will contribute to the implementation of project activities and achievement of programme indicators. In case the service which is going to be purchased is not following the list of ceilings, the proposal to exceed the ceiling will be analyzed, provided a proper and clear justification is provided, as well as the related supporting documents (including 3 offers or an independent evaluation of the cost). The proposal will be analyzed and will be subject to acceptance / rejection from the evaluators. Therefore, we believe that beneficiaries have an extensive flexibility in what concerns the use of the Ceilings list, the Applicant's Guide including provisions for cases when an item is not found in the list, or when beneficiaries decide not to use the Ceilings list. Furthermore, Annex C values will be periodically updated and during the implementation period of the projects, the beneficiaries may use the updated version, provided the total budget per category of expenditure is not exceeded. This implies that beneficiaries may use the updated price list during implementation. According to the exemple provided in the Project Implementation Manual, Ceilings chapter, page 22, in case a beneficiary has budgeted an equipment at a price of 4,500 euro, and according to the updated price list, the maxim price reimbursed by the programme for this type of equipment is 5,000 euro, the beneficiary may use the updated ceiling, provided that the total budget per category of expenditure is not exceeded. We believe this ensures a degree of flexibility for beneficiaries during implementation, as market prices for particular items may vary over time.</p>
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<p>II.20</p>	<p>If we apply for a purchase of specialized medical equipment, are the installation and construction costs considered an eligible expenditure?</p>		<p>The Applicant's Guide for the full list of eligibility criteria. For more information regarding sole beneficiaries (EGTC) please refer to Regulation 1302/2013. According to Annex D to the Applicant's Guide - LIST OF ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES for INTERREG V-A ROMANIA-BULGARIA PROGRAMME applicable to Priority axis 1-5, expenditures connected to equipment and infrastructure and works are considered as eligible expenditures within the Programme.</p>
<p>II.21</p>	<p>Please, give clarification about the terminology "independent evaluation". Are there any lists of independent evaluation. What does this "independent evaluation" consist of?</p>		<p>First of all, please be informed that there is no "official" definition of what independent evaluation means. According to the understanding of the managing bodies of the programme, independent evaluation is that evaluation done by a third party which don't have any relation with any of the project`s partners, having expertise in the respective field and no interest in the award of the contract in concern that could affect the objectivity of the evaluation. Also, there is no predefined list of independent evaluators. The output of such independent evaluation shall be a document (report) which justify and details in the same time, the proposed amount.</p>



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<p>II.22</p>	<p>What could be an appropriate justification for a vehicle to be supplied under the project? The project idea has a very large geographical coverage and involves lots of travel of the partners during project implementation and after the project end.</p>		<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, it is mandatory for applicants to provide a short description including the duly justification of the need to use equipment purchased within the project and their link to project activities. For equipments, you should provide a list of all technical specifications and permits (if the case) required for the purchase of the equipment, according to the national legislation. If such permits are available, scan and attach them to the Application Form; otherwise indicate when you expect them to be available. Please be advised that your application will be assessed by evaluators (including the justification you provide for the purchase of equipment), who will express an opinion regarding the necessity of buying such equipment, the final decision belonging to the Monitoring Committee. Unfortunately, we may not provide a clear opinion on this matter.</p>
<p>II.23</p>	<p>During contract implementation, can we ask for reimbursement of costs which include only advance payments to external subcontractors?</p>		<p>Applicants may include in the reimbursement claims advance payments to external subcontractors, provided all eligibility rules are observed.</p>

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II.24	<p>If we select “flat rates”, how can be budgeted the costs for employees of the partner which perform some other activity than project management instead of subcontracting it to external contractor?</p>		<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, applicants have the possibility of choosing between using flat rates or real costs in case of staff costs. In case flat rates are used these will be generated automatically by applying percentages to direct costs you fill in in the budget form, according to the rules of the call for proposals - see Annex E- Simplified Costs). This means that applicants will not have to justify these costs to the programme management bodies when requesting them for reimbursement. Nevertheless, all applicable national and European legislation has to be observed. In case of flat rates, it is very important that there is no duplication of functions between the activities performed by the applicant's own staff and that sub-contracted to external experts (beneficiaries should pay particular attention to avoiding any double-financing of activities). To this respect, no activities that are foreseen to be externalised will be also performed by own staff (especially in case of projects externalising parts or hole of the project management, including external expertise related to the organisation of the public procurements for the project, services related to the financial and technical reporting for the project or other activities). In case project management is externalized, these costs will be deducted from the basis of calculus for the flat rates, if this option is used (mechanism described in Annex E).</p>
II.25	<p>Is it eligible to give prizes in cash, and if yes - what would be the maximum value, if any?</p>		<p>Please be advised that the list of eligible expenditure makes no reference to prizes. In order to provide an accurate answer, we will consult with the European Commission and get back to you with an answer.</p>



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<p>II.26</p>	<p>In cadrul proiectelor INTERREG V-a Romania Bulgaria , al doilea apel de proiecte cu termen de depunere 15.03.2016, taxa pe valoare adaugata poate fi o cheltuiala eligibila in cazul institutului prinsa in bugetul proiectului , aceasta nefiind recuperata din alte surse si in acest sens se va da o declaratie pe propria raspundere ca nu se recupereaza din alte surse?</p>	<p>Within Interreg V-A Romania-Bulgaria projects for the second call for proposals, having as submission deadline 15.03.2016, is the VAT an eligible expenditure if included in the institute's project budget? This will not be recovered from other sources and the beneficiary will provide a declaration that it does not recover VAT from other sources?</p>	<p>According to the provisions of Annex D - List of eligible expenditure, to the Applicant's Guide, VAT is non-eligible expenditure within the Programme, except where it is non-recoverable under national VAT legislation. Therefore, in case the beneficiaries can not recover VAT according to the legislation in force, corresponding to the activities implemented within the project, then VAT is eligible under the Programme. Please pay attention to the fact that this is not an option for the beneficiary (i.e. the institution may choose to recover or not VAT), but rather a legislative restriction (i.e. according to the national VAT legislation the beneficiary is not entitled to recover VAT for the activities implemented within the project).</p>
<p>II.27</p>	<p>Както е известно, при печат на материали от типа на плакати, дипляни и пр. тиражът влия върху цената. Понеже в таблицата често тиражите са сравнително малки, това значи ли, че ако искаме да поръчаме такива материали със същите останали характеристики, но с по-голям тираж, трябва да предоставим 3 оферти?</p>	<p>As is known, for printing materials such as posters, leaflets etc. the print run influences the price. Because in the table of ceilings often the print runs are relatively small, it means that if we want to order these materials with the same characteristics but with a larger print run we must provide 3 offers?</p>	<p>Yes, in this case you may submit three offers. In case the service which is going to be purchased is not following the list of ceilings, the proposal to exceed the ceiling will be analyzed, a proper and clear justification is provided, as well as the related supporting documents (including 3 offers or an independent evaluation of the cost). Independent evaluations are to be provided in case of special items, where 3 offers cannot be provided.</p>



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<p>II.28</p>	<p>Are activities developed outside the country eligible (for example in France)? Are the costs related to an activity that we are planning to develop outside Romania (in France) eligible (clearly, taking in account the 20% limit of the total budget)?</p>		<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, activities have to be implemented in the Programme eligible area. However, in case a project has to be implemented partially outside the eligible area, it has to prove that it is for the benefit of the programme area. The total costs incurred outside of the eligible area (related to any activity or any category of expenditure) shall be limited to 20% of the ERDF total eligible project budget, irrespective of the location of the partner. According to the provisions of the European Regulations, activities may be implemented outside of the Union part of the Programme area. "Outside the Union part of the programme area" covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-EU countries that are part of the programme area (not the case for Interreg V-A RoBg). • EU countries outside the programme area • Non-EU countries outside the programme area
<p>II.29</p>	<p>For the „staff“ category of the budget, in case we opt for real costs and at the same time we externalize part of the management (technical reporting expertise), in this case does the programme impose any limit to staff costs?</p>		<p>As regards the staff costs, beneficiaries have to pay particular attention to avoiding the double financing (for example asking for reimbursement of expenditure under staff costs and external expertise for the same activities). In case part of the project management is externalized, then these type of expenditures should not be requested for reimbursement also under staff costs. These aspects shall be analyzed by the evaluators during the assesement process, and also during implementation when you request the reimbursement of expenditure.</p>



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<p>II.30</p>	<p>Am dori sa va intrebam care este modalitatea de calculare a salariilor in cadrul unui proiect in cazul unui aplicant care nu a avut salariati, ci doar voluntari?</p>	<p>We would like to ask what is the method of calculation of salaries within a project In the case of an applicant who had no employees, only volunteers?</p>	<p>In case that you have employees in project implementation, the salary is calculated as follows :</p> <p>a) if you opt for using the simplified costs option this means that a flat rate (15% percent or 5% percent depending on the project - soft or hard) will apply to direct costs. No supporting documents will be provided for justification/verification of the salaries costs.</p> <p>b) in case you opt for real costs , the salaries will be calculated depending on the hours worked for the project, labour contracts, time sheets, payrolls etc. these documents will be subject of verification.</p> <p>If you only have volunteers, then there is no need for salaries.</p>
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II.31	<p>In case we opt for real costs for the staff category of the budget, should we provide documents in order to justify the amounts we establish for salaries for each type of expert that we foresee to hire within the project? we are aware that the programme does not impose any limit for staff real costs, still, we need to know if we have to explain the amounts established for salaries;</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, staff costs may be reimbursed either as flat rate or based on real costs. In case of real costs, beneficiaries should indicate the positions allocated at the level of each beneficiary, describe the position within the project and indicate the budget for that position. Please make sure the sums are correlated with the ones indicated in the Project budget. According to the provisions of the list of eligible expenditure, annex D to the Applicant's Guide, In case the option to use real costs is used for staff costs, then:</p> <p>a) Expenditure on staff costs shall consist of gross employment costs of staff employed by the beneficiary in one of the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. full time; ii. part-time with a fixed percentage of time worked per month; iii. part-time with a flexible number of hours worked per month; or iiii. on an hourly basis. <p>b) Expenditure on staff costs shall be limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. salary payments related to the activities which the entity would not carry out if the operation concerned was not undertaken, fixed in an employment/work contract, an appointment decision (both hereinafter referred to as "employment document") or by law, relating to responsibilities specified in the job description of the staff member concerned; ii. any other costs directly linked to salary payments incurred and paid by the employer, such as employment taxes and social security pensions as covered by Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council provided that they are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. fixed in an employment document or by law; 2. in accordance with the legislation referred to in the employment document and with standard practices in the country and/or organization where the individual staff member is actually working; and 3. not recoverable by the employer
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<p>II.31</p>			<p>c) Staff costs related to individuals who work on part-time assignment on the operation, shall be calculated as either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. a fixed percentage of the gross employment cost, in line with a fixed percentage of time worked on the operation, with no obligation to establish a separate working time registration system; or ii. a flexible share of the gross employment costs, in line with a number of hours varying from one month to the other worked on the operation, based on a time registration system covering 100% of the working time of the employee. <p>d) For part-time assignments under point i. of point c., the employer shall issue a document for each employee setting out the percentage of time to be worked on the operation.</p> <p>e) For part-time assignments under point (ii) of paragraph c., the reimbursement of staff costs shall be calculated on an hourly rate basis determined either by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. dividing the monthly gross employment cost by the monthly working time fixed in the employment document expressed in hours; or ii. dividing the latest documented annual gross employment cost by 1720 hours in accordance with Article 68(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 <p>f. The hourly rate shall be multiplied by the number of hours actually worked on the operation.</p> <p>g. As regards staff costs related to individuals who, according to the employment document, work on an hourly basis, such costs shall be eligible applying the number of hours actually worked on the operation to the hourly rate agreed in the employment document based on a working time registration.</p>
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<p>II.32</p>	<p>In case it is necessary to provide documents to justify the salaries established under staff real costs, what kind of documents should we provide? for example, is it relevant to offer an accountancy salary report that has been paid last year for a similar position that is foreseen within the project? is the salary report relevant if the salary was not paid by one of the beneficiary organization, or is it necessary that the salary report to be provided by the expert only as employee of the organization that appoints him/her to work in the CBC project? example: it may be the case that one of the persons foreseen to be hired in the project has had previously a position similar to the one foreseen in the CBC project, but the person has held this position within a different organisation than the beneficiary organisation; therefore, in this case are this person's salary reports relevant as justifying documents to establish his/her current salary in the CBC project?</p>		<p>During the submission process, the applicants are not requested to include justifying documents for the amounts included in the budget under the staff costs. Nevertheless, these costs, including the value set by the applicant shall be verified during implementation, when the expenditures are requested for reimbursement. When setting the amounts for each position, the applicants should refer to historical data for similar position held in the beneficiary's organisation.</p>
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<p>II.33</p>	<p>În ghidul aplicatului, la pagina 25, la secțiunea Bugetul proiectului, se menționează faptul că pentru proiectele care conțin componenta de infrastructură, sprijinul financiar total acordat de program, pentru un proiect este de minim 200.000 Euro și de maxim 1.500.000 Euro. Totodată, se menționează faptul că din FEDR se va finanța 85% din cheltuielile eligibile, ca din bugetul de stat se va finanța un procent de 13% iar contribuția proprie a beneficiarului este de 2%. Urmare a celor mai sus menționate vă rog să ne comunicați dacă, pentru proiectele hard, valoarea maximă a sprijinului financiar total acordat de program, respectiv 1.500.000 Euro include atât cei 85% FEDR cât și cei 13% contribuția de la bugetul de stat sau valoarea maximă a sprijinului financiar total acordat de program, respectiv 1.500.000 Euro, reprezintă doar procentul de 85% FEDR.</p>	<p>On page 25 of the Guidelines for Applicants, section budget of the project, it is mentioned that for projects containing the infrastructure component, the total financial support from the program for a project is at least EUR 200,000 and maximum of 1,500,000 Euro. It is also noted that the ERDF will finance 85% of eligible expenditure, the state budget will finance 13% and a beneficiary's own contribution is 2%. Following the above mentioned please let us know if for hard projects, the maximum total financial support provided by the program, ie 1,500,000 Euro ERDF includes both the 85% and 13% contribution from the state budget or the maximum total financial support provided by the program, ie 1,500,000 Euro represents only 85% of the ERDF.</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, for "hard" projects, the total financial support from the programme for one project will range between 200.000 Euro and 1,500,000 Euro. The ERDF will finance 85% of the eligible expenditure and the state budgets of the two countries shall provide an additional 13% to public bodies and NGOs. 2% represents own contribution of project partners. The total financial support from the Programme (98%) shall be understood as the contribution from ERDF and national co-financing.</p>
<p>II.34</p>	<p>In vederea clarificarii anumitor aspecte privind eligibilitatea unor actiuni in cadrul celui de-al doilea apel de proiecte aferent Programului Interreg VA Romania-Bulgaria, va rugam sa ne precizati daca, in contextul Programului de finantare, este eligibila constructia unei cladiri in care se vor desfasura activitatile proiectului.</p>	<p>In order to clarify certain aspects regarding some action's eligibility for the 2nd call for proposals of the Interreg V-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme, please specify if, in the context of the Programme, the construction of a building where the project's activities will be held is eligible.</p>	<p>According to the List of eligible expenditures for the Interreg V-A Ro-Bg Programme, the construction of buildings is eligible. However it is very important to demonstrate the necessity of the building for the project, namely for achieving the objectives of the project and the contribution to the Programme indicators the construction of this building is necessary. You should also take into consideration the sustainability of the project, the use of the building after the implementation is finalized.</p>



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<p>II.35</p>	<p>In excelul cu plafoane de cheltuieli apar plafoane doar pentru inchirierea de autobuze si autocare. Pentru vehicule cu 4/5 locuri presupun ca este nevoie de oferte. Este corect? Dorim sa intelegem ce servicii include aceasta linie: Servicii de reuniuni și conferințe organizate la hotel; deoarece dorim sa realizam o serie de evenimente si nu stim in ce context se foloseste acest tip de cheltuiala. Substituie inchirierea de sala? Include o serie de servicii?</p>	<p>The Excel with expenditure ceilings is only for rental of buses and coach buses. For vehicles with 4/5 seats I assume that offers are needed. Correct? We want to understand what services are included under this line: Services reunions and hotel organized conferences; because we want to accomplish a series of events and we do not know in what context we can use this type of expense. It substitutes renting a room? It includes a number of services?</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, in case one item is not found in Annex C, the projects must submit evidence about the market price of that particular item (either 3 offers from operators well-known on the market - print-screens from websites of such operators are accepted, prints from national systems on public procurements are accepted - or an independent evaluation of the cost of that particular item). The CPV code 55120000-7 comprises services such as meeting and conference facilities(for example, a conference hall with all facilities required like sound system, flipcharts, laptops, projectors, furniture etc), food, entertainment(for meetings/conferences) but also other services normally provided with and included in the lodging price, such as breakfast, room service, desk service, mail service. All these services are included here only if they are included in the price of lodging. If they are priced separately, they are classified according to the service provided and included in other CPV codes.</p>
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<p>II.36</p>	<p>Care este valoarea prefinantarii? Ce mecanism este? De cerere de plata/cerere de rambursare? Care este mecanismul de deducere a prefinantarii?</p>	<p>What is the pre-financing value? What mechanism is? Request for payment/reimbursement claim? What is the deduction mechanism of the pre-financing?</p>	<p>As mentioned in the Applicant's Guide an advance may be granted in an amount ranging between 60%-80% of the national co-financing. After the co-financing contract is signed, but before submitting the first reimbursement claim, each Romanian beneficiary may send to the Managing Authority an advance request for maximum 60% of the value of its co-financing contract and similarly, each Bulgarian beneficiary may send to the National Authority request for an advance payment of maximum 80% of the value of its co-financing contract.</p> <p>Reimbursement claim.</p> <p>The national co-financing amounts included into reimbursement claims and accepted for payment are deducted proportionally until the entire advance payment is recovered. (The advance payment should be recovered until the final reimbursement claim is submitted). After complete recovery of the advance payment, the national co-financing amounts are directly paid to the beneficiaries.</p>
<p><u>III. Eligibility of actions</u></p>			



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<p>III.1</p>	<p>In connection with the output indicator for the Priority Axis 5: An efficient region, Number of supported cross border mechanisms (agreements, networks, regulations, studies, policies, strategies, information exchange tools) to enhance cooperation capacity; please let us know if the list of the mechanisms enumerated between brackets is an indicative or exhaustive one.</p> <p>The question is requested by the indicative operations listed in the Applicant Guide which cannot be directly linked to the mechanisms mentioned at the output indicator, like IO (indicative operation) 6- training....; IO 7 - developing cross-border models.....; IO9 - raising awareness....; IO10 - supporting the modernization of public services.....; IO 12 - promoting the actions....</p>		<p>The list of mechanisms enumerated for the output indicator applicable to Priority Axis 5 is an exhaustive one. Projects should be developed so as to contribute to the achievement of both output and result indicators defined at the level of the Programme.</p>
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III.2	<p>Two of the output indicators are not quantified: No of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training = N/A No of participants in joint educational and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders = N/A Nevertheless, the Application Form requires that they are quantified. What should we take into account in their quantification so as to optimize the cost effectiveness and the expected relevance? For the result indicator corresponding to Priority Axis 4, in order to quantify it in a reasonable manner, the baseline is set at a minimum value (200,000) and target for this indicator ?? Please provide an example in which a result indicator is quantified for 1 project, soft or hard, at your choice. What is the formula?</p>		<p>Each project should contribute to at least one output and one result indicator and the contribution of the project to these indicators should be quantified by the beneficiaries. At Programme level, according to the provisions of the European regulations, the baseline for output indicators is always set at zero.</p> <p>The result indicator set for PA 4 is Population that have access to joint employment initiatives. The baseline set for this indicator at Programme level is 200.000, while the target is 500.000. This means that by the end of the programme implementation, the programme, through the finalized projects, should contribute with an increase of 300.000 people that have access to joint employment initiatives. Please also refer to answer 1 for more information.</p>
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III.3	<p>The rule of Joint staffing, namely that “the project should not duplicate functions on either side of the border” applies only for the project staff (ie, PM, legal, financial, PM assistant, etc.)? For instance, is it allowed to have duplicate positions as in: Expert in local rural development Ro + Expert in local rural development or Questionnaire operator Ro+ Questionnaire operator BG.</p>		<p>The joint staffing means that the project should not duplicate functions on either side of the border. Therefore, regardless of where the person is located, there should be one joint project manager, one joint financial manager etc., (of course more staff may be required for larger projects). These staff will be responsible for project activities on both sides of the border. The Lead Beneficiary is generally the employer of core project staff. Therefore, the provisions refer mainly to the project management staff.</p>
III.4	<p>Is it eligible activities to be carried out on land and buildings leased to the Lead partner and owned by NGO established in private benefit?</p>		<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant’s Guide, for investment projects, the applicants must prove they hold a right under the real property law over the land and/or building. The Guide distinguishes between two possibilities: the applicant is the owner of the land and/or building and the applicant has received the land and/or building in concession or holds any other right under the real property law. For each case, the Guide lists the type of documents the beneficiaries need to provide, along with other conditions that need to be fulfilled by the land and/or building.</p>
III.5	<p>Is it eligible investment project activities to be carried out on land and building owned by a NGO established in private benefit and rented by the Lead partner, other NGO but in public benefit? And - both NGOs have the same Chairman.</p>		<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant’s Guide, for investment projects, the applicants must prove they hold a right under the real property law over the land and/or building. The Guide distinguishes between two possibilities: the applicant is the owner of the land and/or building and the applicant has received the land and/or building in concession or holds any other right under the real property law. For each case, the Guide lists the type of documents the beneficiaries need to provide, along with other conditions that need to be fulfilled by the land and/or building.</p>



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<p>III.6</p>	<p>Politia de Frontiera Romana (prin structura teritoriala de la nivelul jud. Constanta, respectiv Garda de Coasta) intentioneaza sa aplice, impreuna cu omologii din Bulgaria, in cadrul celui de-al doilea apel de proiecte, pentru Axa 5. Actiunile ar viza implementarea unui soft/platforma de transmitere date in domeniul traficului de persoane (la frontiera terestra) si de ambarcatiuni prin zona maritima (marea teritoriala), in zona comuna de patrulare Romano-Bulgara.</p> <p>Intrucat, la una din intalnirile de la Craiova din 2014, de la momentul cand se pregatea Programul , imi amintesc ca s-a specificat ca doar zona terestra ar fi eligibila pt acest program, va rog sa imi specificati daca <u>actiunile preconizate a se desfasura la frontiera maritima (la marea Neagra)/ sau care privesc activitati derulate la Marea Neagra, (cum ar fi monitorizarea traficului de nave) sunt eligibile in cadrul Programului si in cadrul acestui apel.</u></p>	<p>The Romanian Border Police(through the territorial structureoftheConstanta County,respectively the Coast Guard) intends to apply, along with counterparts fromBulgaria, inthe framework ofthe second call forprojectsunder Priority Axis5. The activitieswould aimto implement asoftware/datatransmissionplatformin human trafficking (for border land) andboatsbysea area(territorial sea) intheRomanian-Bulgarianjoint patrolling area.</p> <p>Whereasatonemeeting inCraiovain 2014,at the timewhen the programme was being prepared, I remember that it was specifiedthat onlythelandwould be eligibleforthis program, please let meknow whether the actionsto be heldatthe maritime border(Black Sea) /or concerningactivities carried outinthe Black Sea(such as vessel trafficmonitoring) are eligible under the program andin thiscall for proposals.</p>	<p>The Programme may finance activities carried out in the Black Sea/maritime border. Unfortunately, we may not provide an opinion regarding the eligibility of a specific type of actions, as this is the task of the evaluators, the final decision belonging to the Monitoring Committee.</p>
<p>III.7</p>	<p>Допустим разход ли е изпълнението на някои дейности от проектното предложение като подготовката на тръжна процедура и др. от изпълнението на проекта от консултантска фирма, специализирана в подготовка, изпълнение и управление на европейски проекти?</p>	<p>Is the implementation of some activities as preparation of public procurement procedure, etc. by consultancy agency eligible?</p>	<p>Observing the requirements of the Applicants Guide and Annex C Ceiling of expenditure regarding the consultancy services.</p>



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<p>III.8</p>	<p>Приготвяме проект по приоритетна ос 5 „Ефективен регион“, имам следния въпрос: 1. Може ли да се приложат мерки за енергийна ефективност на училищна сграда при условие, че дограмата на сградата е подменена, но нищо друго не е правена за енергийна ефективност. 2. Какъв процент трябва да е съотношението м/у меката и твърдата част в проекта.</p>	<p>We prepare a project under the Priority Axis 5 "An effective region", and we have the following question: 1. If it is possible to apply energy efficiency measures to a school building with the proviso that the windows of the building were replaced, but nothing else was done for energy efficiency? 2. What is the percentage distribution for soft and hard part in the project? "</p>	<p>In the Applicant's Guide you will also find a list of indicative actions, please be informed that any activity could be eligible if it contributes to the Programme indicators and proposed objectives. Unfortunately, we may not provide a "tailor made" opinion regarding the eligibility of a measure, as this will be the task of the evaluators, the final decision belonging to the Monitoring Committee. For the second question, please be informed that a percentage distribution between soft and hard activities within a project, does not exist. A project may implement in the same time soft and hard activities, provided that it observes all the conditions from the Applicant's Pack. Please note that the assessment working group will assess your project according to the information provided.</p>
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III.9	<p>In cadrul unui proiect hard, care implica doar dotari noi, este necesar DALI? Ce tipuri de documente tehnice trebuie prezentate pentru proiecte hard care implica doar dotari si lucrari de genul igienizarii spatiilor, inlocuirea unei dusumele sau turnarea unei sape autonivelante, alte lucrari similare?</p>	<p>Do we needed a DALI for a hard project which involves only facilities? What types of technical documents must be submitted for hard projects that involve only endowments and works like cleaning of spaces, replacement of floor coverings, pouring of self leveling compounds, other similar works?</p>	<p>Regarding the second question we are not in the position to provide a “yes or no” answer, as the question (therefore the executed works) doesn’t provide sufficient details in order to clearly frame the activities within specific category of works. The used terms “wall painting and floor renovating” could include a simple painting of the interior walls and simple change of the parquet (for example), in this case for sure we are not in the presence of an investment / hard project (as the applicant asked) and the Applicant’s Guide doesn’t foresee additional annexes to be submitted (although bill of quantities or offers including bill of quantities could prove necessary). Still, in case the wall painting regards the painting of exterior facade of a building, or a building included within the category of historical monuments, here we are speaking about a different applicable legislation and required authorizations, etc.</p> <p>Also, painting of walls can cost a few euros or could cost thousands of euros as may include additional works, for example: installation of scaffolds; removal of the old paint, repair works for preparation of the walls in order to apply the new paint, preparation and application of new paint, etc.</p> <p>Therefore, in our opinion, the only one in the position to answer the question whether this is or not a hard project is the applicant itself, based on the details of his investment and the definition hard projects and investment projects.</p>
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<p>III.10</p>	<p>Se doreste achizitionarea unor echipamente/software pentru dezvoltarea unei rețele de centre de video-conferințe pentru realizarea unei comunicari interactive intre administratiile publice din regiunea transfrontaliera. Intrucat printre beneficiarii/grupul tinta acestor actiuni se numara si UAT-urile din judetul Calarasi, va rugam sa ne clarificati daca transmiterea(printr-un contract de comodat sau alta forma juridica) echipamentelor necesare dezvoltarii rețelei de centre de video-conferința catre acestea este o actiune eligibila conform Ghidului solicitantului,</p>	<p>Is intended purchase equipment /software in order to develop the network centers of video conference to accomplish an interactive communications between pulic administration from the cross border area. Whereas, among the beneficiaries/target groups of this actions from Calarasi, please clarify if sending (through a bailment agreement or any other legal form) the equipments for the development of the network centers of video conference to by them is an eligible action according Applicant’s Guide.</p>	<p>The considering the fact that your question includes many aspects related with the legal aspects regarding the transfer of the equipment to be purchased within a future possible project (as you mentioned “any other legal form”), we can recommend to implement a legal solution which shall not fall under the provisions of article 71 within EU Regulation no. 1303/2013 or of the subsidy contract.</p> <p>Article 71 within EU Regulation no. 1303/2013 states that an operation comprising investment in infrastructure or productive investment shall repay the contribution from the ESI Funds if within five years of the final payment to the beneficiary or within the period of time set out in State aid rules, where applicable, it is subject to any of the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -a cessation or relocation of a productive activity outside the programme area; - change in ownership of an item of infrastructure which gives to a firm or a public body an undue advantage; - a substantial change affecting its nature, objectives or implementation conditions which would result in undermining its original objectives. <p>Sums unduly paid in respect of the operation shall be recovered by the Member State in proportion to the period for which the requirements have not been fulfilled.</p> <p>Annex G of the Applicant’s Guide for Second call for proposals - “Template Framework subsidy contract”, art. 14, paragraph 3, letter e foresees that: MA is entitled to terminate the contract in case it finds that during the implementation period of the project including 5 years after the final payment, the LB or any project partner wholly or partly sells or transfer in any form the right of property of the goods purchased from the financing, including under the conditions of article 71 from Regulation 1303/2013 (change in the nature of ownership of an item of infrastructure or the cessation of a productive activity and which affects the nature or the implementation conditions of the project or gives to a firm or a public body an undue advantage).</p>
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III.11	<p>Concerning PA4 A skilled and inclusive region: Is a project proposal considered as a “Hard” project if one of the activities is related to a hall renovation (for example wall painting and floor renovation) and is it necessary to provide a bill of quantities?</p>	<p>The question doesn't provide sufficient details, the answer might be yes or no, in the same time, as following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The used terms “wall painting and floor renovating” could include a simple painting of the interior walls and simple change of the parquet (for example), in this case for sure we are not in the presence of an investment / hard project (as the applicant asked) and the Applicant's Guide doesn't foresee additional annexes to be submitted (although bill of quantities or offers including bill of quantities could prove necessary). b. Still, in case the wall painting regards the painting of exterior facade of a building, or a building included within the category of historical monuments, here we are speaking about a different applicable legislation and required authorizations, etc. c. Also, painting of walls can cost a few euros or could cost thousands of euros as may include additional works, for example: installation of scaffolds; removal of the old paint, repair works for preparation of the walls in order to apply the new paint, preparation and application of new paint, etc. <p>Therefore, in our opinion, the answer to the question whether this is or not a hard project has to be based on the details of the investment correlated with the definition of hard projects and investment projects. If the project is an investment one, yes, you should submit the bills of quantities. In this case, please pay attention to the national legislation; if the desired works category impose technical documentation, then you should submit in addition, the related documents.</p>
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<p>III.12</p>	<p>La pag.12 in Ghidul Solicitantul este stipulat faptul ca proiectul trebuie sa contribuie atat la indicatorii de output, cat si la cei de result. Citat din Ghid: <i>each project must contribute to the achieving of the programme indicators (both output and result indicators)</i>. Dorim sa stim daca un proiect aplicat sub axa 4 trebuie sa contribuie la toti cei 3 indicatori de output, ca proiectul sa fie eligibil? Sau aceasta nu reprezinta o conditie eliminatorie? Cu alte cuvinte, daca proiectul contribuie doar la primii 2 indicatori de output si nu si la al treilea, acesta reprezinta un proiect eligibil?</p>	<p>On page 12 in the guide applicant stated that the project should contribute both to the output and result indicators. Quote from the guide: <i>each project must contribute to the achieving of the programme indicators (both output and result indicators)</i>.. We would like to know if project submitted under Priority Axis 4 should contribute to all three output indicators, in order for the project to be eligible? Or this does not represent an eliminatorie condition? In other words, if the project contributes only to the first two output indicators and not to the third, does this represent an eligible project?</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, each project should clearly contribute to at least one output and one result indicator for the respective Priority Axis. Considerable contribution to more than one output indicator is awarded extra points in evaluation.</p>
<p>III.13</p>	<p>If one beneficiary, for example an university, intends to perform activities with its own personnel like elaboration of a strategy, elaboration of a study, conducting trainings, is this an eligible expenditure and if it is how do we budget it? Do we have to find three offers, how are we going to hire them as external experts when they are lecturers in the university with labor contracts.</p>		<p>If the persons involved in developing project activities are employees (labor contracts) of the respective beneficiary the cost should be enclosed in budget line staff. Depending on the option of the beneficiary for PA 4 and PA 5 of the programme the staff costs can be reimbursed on flat rate or real cost principle (detailed in the LIST OF ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES for INTERREG V-A ROMANIA-BULGARIA PROGRAMME applicable to Priority axis 1-5).</p>

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III.14	<p>In Application Form, la sectiunea Activities outside the programme area - All activities to be carried out outside the fund eligible area should be described (including activities by partners located inside and partners located outside the programme area).trebuie descrie acele activitati derulate in afara zonei eligibile.</p> <p>1. Aplicantul se afla in urmatoarea situatie - are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities <u>whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme.</u></p> <p>Are sediul in Bucuresti, dar aria de competenta este extinsa la zona eligibila.</p> <p>Activitatile transversale aflate in sarcina lui sunt managementul, achizitiile, publicitatea proiectului, etc. plus acele activitati tehnice de care raspunde Normal ca vor fi cordonate/derulate de la sediul din Bucuresti. Ele trebuie descrie in sectiunea <i>Activities outside the programme area</i>?</p>	<p>In the Application Form, within the section Activities outside the program area - All activities to be carried out outside the fund eligible area should be described (including activities by partners located inside and partners located outside the programme area). We have to described those activities undertaken outside the eligible area.</p> <p>1. The applicant is in the following situation - - are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities <u>whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme</u></p> <p>It is headquartered in Bucharest, but its area of competence is extended to eligible area.</p> <p>The transversal activities under its responsibility are management, procurement, publicity etc. and other technical activities for which it is responsible. These activities will be coordinated/run from the headquarters in Bucharest. Should they be described in the section Activities outside the program area?</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, the activities have to be implemented in the Programme eligible area. However, in case a project has to be implemented partially outside the eligible area, it has to prove that it is for the benefit of the programme area. The total costs incurred outside of the eligible area (related to any activity or any category of expenditure) shall be limited to 20% of the ERDF total eligible project budget, irrespective of the location of the partner. Furthermore, the activities located outside the Programme's area have to be for the benefit of the programme area, they must be essential for the implementation of the project and have to be mentioned in the approved Application Form. The location of the activity is the decisive factor when determining whether the implementation of an activity is outside the Programme's eligible area. For example, in case of investments or infrastructure, the determining factor is the location of the infrastructure. In what concerns accomodation and catering the determining factor is whether the accommodation is located/the catering is delivered inside or outside the Programme's eligible area. For other activities, which are of non-material nature, the determining factor is the location of the project partner that incurred the costs. For example, the salaries of the project management staff of the partners located outside the Programme's eligible area are considered to be expenditures incurred outside the Programme's area. Therefore, it is important that each invoice/expenditure is assigned to an activity, which shall be assessed whether it is implemented inside our outside the Programme's eligible area.</p>
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<p>III.15</p>	<p>Organizatia pe care o reprezint este din afara zonei de eligibilitate (Bucuresti), stim ca bugetul pentru un astfel de partener este de max. 20%. Problema este daca noi derulam doar activitati care au loc in zona eligibila a programului, mai este nevoie sa descriem ceva la sectiunea la care am facut referire mai sus?</p>	<p>The organization I represent is outside the eligible area (Bucharest), and we know that the budget for such a partner is max. 20%. The problem is if we just carry on activities taking place in the program area, is there a need to describe them within the section I referred above?</p>	<p>As mentioned in the Applicant's Guide, the beneficiaries have to describe within the section - Activities outside the programme area - If the project has activities that will be carried out outside the programme eligible area, describe how the programme area will benefit of these activities and why the project cannot be implemented if these activities outside the eligible area are not carried out. The applicants should mention the total indicative eligible budget of the activities that will be carried out outside the programme eligible area. These activities may concern either partners located inside or outside the programme's area. In case a partner located outside the programme's area implements only activities within the eligible area, these activities should not be mentioned within this section. The requirement for completing this section refers to the location of activities, and not the location of the partner.</p>
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III.16	<p>In vederea pregatirii documentatiei necesare obtinerii finantarii se poate incheia o conventie civila cu un consultant?</p> <p>O firma de consultanta implicata in pregatirea documentatiei/obtinerea finantarii poate fi si partener in cadrul proiectului pregatit?</p>	<p>In order to prepare the necessary documentation to obtain the financing can we sign a civil convention with a consultant?</p> <p>Can a consulting company involved in preparing the documentation for obtaining the financing be a partner in the project it has prepared?</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, preparation costs are eligible in amount of maximum 10% of direct costs at project level.</p> <p>Preparation costs shall be reimbursed based on real cost principle (supported by documents) and shall include costs related to the following categories of expenditures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travel and accommodation costs related to meetings between project beneficiaries. - External expertise and services - feasibility study or equivalent technical documents, Cost Benefit Analysis, studies and costs for documentation necessary to obtain the necessary endorsements and authorizations, documentation concerning the urban planning plan, impact assessments, location studies/appraisals, including their technical verification <p>In order to be eligible, the expenditures have to observe the provisions of Annex D - List of eligible expenditures and the applicable national and European legislation. As regards expenditure on external expertise and services they have to be provided by a public or private law body or a natural person other than the beneficiaries of the operation (please refer to Annex D to the Applicant's Guide).</p>
III.17	<p>Във връзка с подготовка на проектно предложение по Приоритетна Ос 5, се обръщаме към вас със следния въпрос:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - планираме извършването на вътрешен ремонт в три помещения на сграда (училище) като се предвиждат (циклене на под, боядисване, обзавеждане, подмяна на дограма и оборудване). - Следва ли да има извършено проектиране? - Следва ли да има разрешение за строеж? 	<p>In connection with the preparation of project proposals under Priority Axis 5 is obrshame to you the following question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning for the national repair in three rooms of the building (school) while permitting (floor polishers, painting, furniture, window replacement and equipment). - Should there be a committed design? - Should there be a building permit? 	<p>You must comply with the applicable national legislation in force (BG Spatial Planning Act/Закон за устройство на територията), laying down the specific provisions regarding necessary technical documentation, authorizations and permits. If the legislation stipulates that you need a design and building permit for the activities/works you intend to perform, then you should attach Preliminary design including the BoQ with values according the provisions of the AG. The building permit is not required at application stage anyway.</p>



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<p>III.18</p>	<p>In cadrul Axei prioritare 5 se poate depune un proiect referitor la intocmirea unor harti de risc pentru alunecari de teren, deoarece nu am identificat clar in Ghidul Aplicantului acest aspect.</p>	<p>Under Priority Axis 5, can a project regarding drafting some risk maps for landslides be submitted, because we have not clearly identified this in the Applicant Guide.</p>	<p>Regarding the eligibility of an action, in the interest of equal treatment of applicants, we cannot give a prior opinion on this, the assessment working group and the Monitoring Committee of the Programme being entitle to decide. However, we inform you that the actions mentioned in the Applicant's Guide and in the Programme are only indicative, any activity could be eligible under Priority Axes 5 if it contributes to the Programme indicators and proposed objectives, so please pay close attention to what it is the main objective of the priority axes and what does the Programme wish to accomplish through it.</p>
<p>III.19</p>	<p>Am dori sa va intrebam daca este obligatorie includerea in dosarul de finantare a studiului de fezabilitate in cazul in care in cadrul unui proiect pe finantarea Interreg RO-BG CBC se doreste achizitionarea unei cladiri in vederea desfasurarii activitatilor in incinta acesteia?</p>	<p>We would like to ask if is mandatory to include the feasibility study within the finance file in case of a project financed within Interreg RO-BG CBC in which purchasing a building is wanted in order to carry out activities in its premises?</p>	<p>In case the application foresees only the purchase of the building the feasibility study is not necessary. We cannot express a point of view regarding the eligibility in case a building is envisaged to be purchased, because the necessity and opportunity of the acquisition will be assessed by the AWG, taking into consideration the proposed application form.</p>
<p>III.20</p>	<p>Are there obstacles Bulgarian leader partner to provide specific compensatory action for Romania as: explorations, creation of education textbooks , conducting specific distant learning for Romania, as in this case services will be implemented by joint(mixed) teams , described in technical specifications?</p>		<p>If we understand correctly the question: it's a problem if LP-BG purchase services through which to conduct activities in Romania (services that will be provided through mixed teams - that will be written in the technical specifications), then the answer is no. In case our understanding is not what you have meant, please rephrase.</p>



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<p>III.21</p>	<p>In vederea depunerii unui proiect in cadrul Axei 5 de catre un parteneriat format din 2 Autoritati publice locale (RO-BG), va rugam sa ne comunicati daca este considerata eligibila activitatea de creare a unei cantine sociale (justificata in raport cu nevoile comunitatilor) si de asemenea, daca sunt considerate eligibile costurile de dotare a acesteia si/sau contractare a unor servicii de catering.</p>	<p>In order to submit of a project under the Priority Axis no.5 from the partnership constructed from two local and public authorities (RO-BG), please communicate us if the activity is considered eligible for creating a social canteen (justified reported to the necessities of the communities) and also, if they consider the costs eligible for equipping this or contacting some catering services.</p>	<p>The equipping or catering services , in general, are eligible according to the list (Annex D - List of eligible expenditures to the Applicant's Guide) if they prove they are necessary for the project as long as project contribute to the specific objective and indicators of the Priority Axis, they are eligible. However, in the interest of equal treatment of applicants, we cannot give a prior opinion on this, the assessment working group and the Monitoring Committee of the Programme being entitle to decide on this.</p>
<p>III.22</p>	<p>I would like to ask if there is any specific requirement the positions under STAFF budget line to have different names between the project partners. I mean: If LP has Project Manager, the others partners should not have the same position. For example, the second partner to have Project Coordinator. If LP has Financial Manager, the second partner to call that person Accounting Officer, for example, in order not to repeat the position. I did not find any explanation about this feature in the Aplicant's Guide.</p>		<p>Changing only the names of the proposed positions but keeping the specific tasks, is not considered as a solution to observe the Joint Staffing criteria.</p> <p>The core of the below paragraph (from the AG) is referring to the fact that the project management team positions or specific tasks shall not be replicated through the projects partners staff.</p> <p><i>Joint staffing - means that the project should not duplicate functions on either side of the border. Therefore, regardless of where the person is located, there should be one joint project manager, one joint financial manager etc., (of course more staff may be required for larger projects). These staff will be responsible for project activities on both sides of the border. The Lead Beneficiary is generally the employer of core project staff.</i></p> <p>This means that the specific tasks included within a job description for a Project Manager, let`s say, should not be included also within the job description for a Project coordinator from other partner.</p> <p>Also, please be informed that joint staffing will be assessed during the evaluation process.</p>

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III.23	<p>Una dintre activitatile proiectului nostru este un training specializat pe turism si are o serie de completari specifice. Vrem sa stim daca organizatia noastra partnera, avand expertiza si angajati capabili sa poata sa faca designul acestui curs, poata sa il faca sau daca si designul trebuie externalizat impreuna cu organizarea efectiva a trainingului.</p>	<p>One of our project activities is a specialized training on tourism and it has a number of specific supplements. We would like to know if our partner organization, with expertise and capable employees can make the design of this course, or it has to be outsourced together with the effective training.</p>	<p>It is up to the beneficiary to decide which activities are going to be implemented "in house" (i.e. performed by its own employees) and which are going to be externalized based on its competence, experience and expertise and in accordance with the respective national legislation. The Programme does not set any limitation. You should pay particular attention to avoiding double financing (e.g. requesting the reimbursement of expenditure for the same type of activities under staff costs and external expertise, too).</p>
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IV. Annexes

IV.1	<p>The Applicant's guide states /p.42/ that Annex 7 Cost-benefit analysis is mandatory for all applications including infrastructure as it is an evaluation instrument regarding the advantages of the investments from the point of view of all interested target groups, on the basis of the monetary values for all positive and negative consequences of the investment. Annex D List of eligible expenditures /p.6/ states that (h) Building purchase is eligible as part of the Budget line Article 13 Infrastructure and works. So, do we have to submit Annex 7 if the project foresees only purchasing a building and no other infrastructure/ works?</p>		<p>The provisions of the Applicant's Guide, regarding the Annex 7 mentions that is mandatory for investment projects. The guide mentions for investment project the following definition - "A project whose results involve the achievement of an objective by investing capital, which means that their main component is to carry out a work, without excluding the procurement of services (as consultancy or technical assistance) or goods (procurement of necessary equipments for the respective objective) related to the respective objective". Taking into consideration that the purchase of building is listed under Infrastructure and works budget line from the List of eligible expenditures for Interreg V-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme applicable to Priority axis 1-5, we consider that in this case Annex 7 is mandatory to be submitted.</p>
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IV.2	<p>In Annex J "Methodology for measuring indicators", for Priority Axis 4, the categories of recommended target groups are not indicated. Which are these ones or what should we take into account when defining the target groups?</p>		<p>The Methodology presented in Annex J was used for setting baselines (Annex 10 to the Programme adopted by the European Commission) and will be used for measuring the achievement of indicators, based on the results of finalized projects. It is not a methodology you have to use/analysis you have to perform at project level, it is presented to you here for a better understanding of what the Programme wants to achieve and to guide you in understanding how you can contribute to those indicators. The result indicator established at Programme level for PA 4 is "Population that have access to joint employment initiatives". As mentioned in Annex J, the baseline for this indicator was set taking into consideration the number of people informed on employment opportunities. When writing the application, the applicants have to quantify the contribution of their project to the result indicator. However, as a general remark, the beneficiaries will not have to prove reaching the target for result indicators, this is a Programme task; you will simply have to prove that you have contributed to reaching the target (or, in case of qualitative indicators, explain how your project contributed to the target). As regards information about the target groups identified at Programme level for this Priority Axis, you will find detailed information in the operational programme, which is available on Programme's website.</p>
IV.3	<p>Avand in vedere ca in Anexa E se precizeaza faptul ca The advantage for not using flat rates is that the percentage for staff costs is set by the beneficiary (no limit at Programme level), va rugam sa ne confirmati ca in cazul utilizarii "real costs" pragul de eligibilitate 5% poate fi depasit.</p>	<p>Considering Annex E states that "The advantage for not using flat rates is that the percentage for staff costs is set by the beneficiary (no limit at Programme level)" please confirm that in case of opting for "real costs" the 5% ceiling can be exceeded.</p>	<p>In case of opting for real costs the 5% ceiling does not apply, it can be exceeded.</p>

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IV.4	<p>This question concerns the content of Annex F Ceilings of Expenditures, Second Call.</p> <p>I found that important budgeted items (like: <i>organising language courses or developing web sites</i>) included in the same Annex from the First Call, miss from the relevant Annex from the Second Call, I wonder if an Applicant might use the prices, indicated in this previous Annex to justify the budget categories from the Second call.</p>		<p>The List of Ceilings in force is the one currently annexed to the Second Call for proposals, therefore you may only use that one.</p> <p>The Applicant's Guide contains guidance on other means of justification for prices.</p>
IV.5	<p>Referitor la raspunsul dvs la intrebarea II.12, va rugam sa ne indicati unde in Anexa C- Ceilings of expenditures se face referire la "preparation costs"? Care este plafonul pentru cheltuielile de consultanta in elaborarea aplicatiei de finantare, exceptand studiu de fezabilitate / DALI?</p>	<p>Referring your answer to question II.12, please indicate where in Annex C -Ceilings of expenditures we can find reference to "Preparation costs"? What is the ceiling for expenditure on consultancy in drafting financing application, except feasibility studies / DALI?</p>	<p>Regarding the Annex C - Ceilings of expenditures please be informed that the expenditure on consultancy for project preparation are not foreseen, you may submit three offers, but please be informed that the preparation costs are eligible in a 10% applied to the direct costs(Travel and accommodation, External expertise and services, Equipment, Infrastructure and works). The only requirement is that the preparation costs are not more than 10% applying to direct cost.</p>
IV.6	<p>In previous Annex C there was a row No 606 related to career guidance and job mediation services 50 eur/person, which perfectly correspond with two of the Activities from the project proposal that we are developing now. But in this Annex C is missing this row. So, how we have to calculate it?</p>		<p>Regarding the Annex C - Ceilings of expenditures please be informed that the expenditure on career guidance and job mediation services are not foreseen, you may submit three offers. In case the service which is going to be purchased is not following the list of ceilings, the proposal to exceed the ceiling will be analyzed, provided a proper and clear justification is provided, as well as the related supporting documents (including 3 offers or an independent evaluation of the cost). Independent evaluations are to be provided in case of special items, where 3 offers cannot be provided.</p>

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IV.7	Concerning PA1 A well connected region: Is it eligible according to Programme rules to build a new road? And if this action is eligible, is the purchase of land which is necessary for the construction of the road, considered as an eligible expenditure?		For the first call for proposal under the INTERREG V-A Romania - Bulgaria Programme, Priority Axis 1- A well connected region, was 30 th of June 2015 for soft projects and 30 th of September 2015 for hard projects. At the present moment it is not envisaged to launch another call for proposals for PA 1. However, the answer to your question is yes, provided the rest of the conditions from the Applicant's Pack are observed (also, please note that purchasing land is not an eligible expenditure). Also, please be informed that the second call for proposals, for Priority Axes 4 and 5 is currently open (deadline for project submission is 15 th of March 2016).
IV.8	Referitor la completarea Anexei 7 - Cost-Benefit Analysis. Proiectele pe care dorim sa le depunem sunt proiecte care urmaresc achizitionarea de echipamente si licente IT in principal necesare pentru intarirea capacitatii universitatilor din regiunea eligibila. Proiectul nu necesita realizarea de studii de fezabilitate sau obtinerea unor autorizatii de construire. In aceasta situatie se impune elaborarea Anexei 7?	Regarding to the completion Annex 7 - Cost- Benefit- Analysis. The projects that we want to submit are the project who pursue the purchase of equipment and IT license in specifically necessary for strengthening the capacity of universities of the eligible region. The project does not requiring carry out feasibility studies or obtaining construction permits. In this case is necessary for the preparation of Annex 7?	The Applicant's Guide, regarding the Annex 7, in the section ii.2 Annexes to the Application Form it is specified "This annex is mandatory for all applications including infrastructure as it is an evaluation instrument regarding the advantages of the investments from the point of view of all interested target groups, on the basis of the monetary values for all positive and negative consequences of the investment.
IV.9	According to Annex D "List of eligible expenditures", Article 13. "Infrastructure and works" (h) purchasing a building is eligible expenditure under the project. A project with infrastructure component will be hard and i have two questions in this regard: - could an NGO partner purchase the building - which documents (from A8 to A13) for investment project we should provide during application (besides the the Cost-benefit Analysis).		The cost for purchasing a building it is indeed mention as eligible within the list of eligible expenditures. We cannot express a point of view regarding the eligibility in case a building is envisaged to be purchased by an NGO, because the necessity and opportunity of the acquisition will be assessed by the AWG, taking into consideration the proposed application form. Related to Annexes A8-A13, they are not necessary to be attached, in case the application foresees only the purchase of the building.



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<p>IV.10</p>	<p>La pagina 44 din Applicant's Guide , la punctul ii2 Anexe ale Aplicatiei , se mentioneaza faptul ca Anexa 7-Analiza Cost -Beneficiu este obligatory pentru toate aplicatiile care include component de infrastructura, dat fiind faptul ca este un instrument de evaluare a avantajelor investitiei din punct de vedere al intereselor grupului tinta vizat prin proiect. Totodata , in conformitate cu prevederile HG NR. 28/2008 privind aprobarea continutului cadru al documentatiei tehnico-economice aferente investitiilor publice, precum si a structurii si metodologiei de elaborare a devizului general pentru obiective de investitii si lucrari de interventii, este obligatory ca Studiul de Fezabilitate (Anexa 9) sa contina Analiza Cost-Beneficiu. Urmare a celor sus-mentionate va rugam sa precizati daca, in acest context , Analiza Cost - Beneficiu este doar parte integranta a Studiului de Fezabilitate (Anexa 9) sau este necesar sa se elaboreze o noua Analiza Cost- Beneficiu.</p>	<p>On page 44 from the Applicant's Guide, at paragraph ii2 Application Annexes is mentioned that Annex 7 - Cost - Benefit Analysis is obligatory for all applications including infrastructure component, since it is a tool to assess the benefits of investment in terms of the interests of the target group targeted by the project. At the same time, according to the provisions of GD No. 28/2008 regarding the approval of the framework content of the technical and economic documentation related to public investments and the structure and methodology of elaborating the general estimate for investment objectives and intervention works, it is imperative that the Feasibility Study (Annex 9) to contain the Cost - Benefit Analysis.</p>	<p>This annex is mandatory for all applications including infrastructure as it is an evaluation instrument regarding the advantages of the investments from the point of view of all interested target groups, on the basis of the monetary values for all positive and negative consequences of the investment and it should be accordingly filled in with the data. In this regard, you should also submit the Annex 7 Cost - Benefit Analysis, which should include information from the Feasibility study.</p>
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IV.11	<p>La pagina 45 din Applicant's Guide , la punctul ii2 Anexe ale Aplicatiei , se mentioneaza faptul ca Anexa 11 -Raportul privind impactul asupra mediului este obligatoriu pentru toate aplicatiile care include component de infrastructura. In acest sens se face urmatoarea precizare:</p> <p>„For the applications which need a study containing data on the estimated impact on the environment of the investment project as required by the national legislation, a description of the project's impact on the environment must be submitted together with the Application Form.”</p> <p>Cu toate acestea, in cazul in care legislatia nationala nu prevede ca, pentru proiectul pe care intentionam sa il depunem in cadrul de-al doilea apel de proiecte,sa se elaboreze acest tip de document si se va obtine un document scris care sa ateste acest lucru de la autoritatea de mediu competenta, respectiv Agentia Judeteana pentru Protectia Mediului Calarasi, va rugam sa ne comunicati daca mai este necesar sa se anexeze Aplicatiei Raportul privind impactul asupra mediului (Anexa 11).</p>	<p>On page 45 from the Applicant's Guide, at paragraph ii2 Application Annexes is mentioned that Annex 11 - Report on the environment impact is obligatory for all applications including infrastructure component. In this connection the following clarification is made:</p> <p>„For the applications which need a study containing data on the estimated impact on the environment of the investment project as required by the national legislation, a description of the project's impact on the environment must be submitted together with the Application Form.”</p> <p>However, if the national legislation does not foresee, for the project that we intend to submit under the second call for proposals, to develop this type of document and to obtain a written document attesting that from a competent environmental authority, respectively Calarasi County Agency for Environmental Protection, please let us know if it is necessary to enclose to the Application the Environmental impact report (Annex 11).</p>	<p>The Environmental Impact Report is Annex 12 within the Applicant's Guide, which should be submitted only if the national legislation requires a study containing data on the estimated impact on the environment of the investment project. Regardless of this, you should still submit the Annex 11 Environmental agreement (mandatory for applications including infrastructure related activities).</p>
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IV.12	<p>La pagina 45 din Applicant's Guide, la punctul ii2 Axele ale Aplicatiei, se mentioneaza faptul ca Anexa 13-Studiu de impact asupra mediului, pentru proiectele care contin component de infrastructura, va fi atasata Aplicatiei, fara a se mentiona ca acest lucru este obligatoriu.</p> <p>Cu toate acestea se mentioneaza faptul ca: "For the applications which need a study containing data on the estimated impact on the environment of the investment project as required by the national legislation, the submission of the documents as annex to application form is not mandatory, but it must be presented during the pre-contractual phase, if the project is selected for funding."</p> <p>Asa cum am precizat si la punctul 2, in cazul in care legislatia nationala nu prevede ca, pentru proiectul pe care intentionam sa il depunem in cadrul celui de-al doilea apel de proiecte, sa se elaboreze acest tip de document si se va obtine un document scris care sa ateste acest lucru de la autoritatea de mediu competenta, respectiv Agentia Judeteană pentru Protectia Mediului Calarasi, va rugam sa ne comunicati daca mai este necesar sa se anexeze Aplicatiei, fie in momentul depunerii, fie in faza pre-contractuala Studiul de Impact asupra mediului (Anexa 13)</p>	<p>On page 45 from the Applicant's Guide, at paragraph ii2 Application Annexes is mentioned that Annex 13 - Environmental impact study for projects that contain infrastructure component will be attached to the Application, without mentioning that this is mandatory. Nevertheless it is mentioned that: "For the applications which need a study containing data on the estimated impact on the environment of the investment project as required by the national legislation, the submission of the documents as annex to application form is not mandatory, but it must be presented during the pre-contractual phase, if the project is selected for funding."</p> <p>As we mentioned in point 2 if the if the national legislation does not foresee, for the project that we intend to submit under the second call for proposals, to elaborate this type of document and we obtain a written document attesting that from a competent environmental authority, respectively Calarasi County Agency for Environmental Protection, please let us know if it is necessary to enclose the Environmental impact study (Annex 13) to the Application, either when submitting or in the pre-contracting phase.</p>	<p>If the national legislation does not require such a document for the type of project which you intend to submit and you have the written proof from the competent authority (which you should submit along with the project proposal), then it is not mandatory to submit Annex 13 Environmental Impact Study.</p>
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<p>IV.13</p>	<p>Va rugam frumos sa ne comunicati ce anume trebuie depus din partea unui partener - universitate in cadrul celui de al doilea apel de proiecte in categoria "legal documents".</p>	<p>We kindly ask you to tell us what should be submitted from a partner - university, within the second call for proposals in the category "legal documents".</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide no legalization of documents or official translations are necessary. All legal documents of all beneficiaries and their English translation (if issued in other language than English) must be copied and attached to the Application Form.</p> <p>Legal documents of the applicants: documents proving the establishing of the project partner entities (law, decree, government decision, statute, registration act, article of association etc.) - if the legal document is a law, government decision or any similar very large document, please attach to the Application Form only the relevant sections of the document.</p>
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<p>IV.14</p>	<p>Related to Annex 2 (A. 2. Legal documents of the applicants Legal documents of the applicants: documents proving the establishing of the project partner entities (law, decree, government decision, statute, registration act, article of association etc.) - if the legal document is a law, government decision or any similar very large document, please attach to the Application Form only the relevant sections of the document).</p> <p>I do not know what documents should I ask the partners to provide to me, namely the prefectures. For an university is a Government Decision certifying its foundation - is a universitie's declaration related to the mentioning of the GD signed by rector sufficient?</p> <p>Or should we enclose the entire GD in Romanian and translated into English?</p> <p>Also within the head of the table to the Annex the PROETC code appears? Where to take this code?</p> <p>All project documents will be uploaded on a platform or is it enough to dispatch them in printed format, along with a CD?</p> <p>Thank you for your time of reading this email and I await for clarifications from you.</p>		<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, all legal documents of all beneficiaries and their English translation (if issued in other language than English) must be copied and attached to the Application Form. Legal documents of the applicants: documents proving the establishing of the project partner entities (law, decree, government decision, statute, registration act, article of association etc.) - if the legal document is a law, government decision or any similar very large document, please attach to the Application Form only the relevant sections of the document. Therefore, applicants have the obligation of attaching all legal documents that prove the establishment of the project partner entities, irrespective of their nature. The Guide provides some examples, but these documents are specific for each institution. In case of large documents, such as laws or government decisions which may concern other subjects which are not relevant for the programme, the beneficiaries shall only attach the part of the document which is relevant for the programme (which concerns only the applicant). These sections have to be attached also together with their English translation (in case they are issued in other language).</p> <p>As regards the PROETC code, this field shall remain unfilled, as this information is not available at this moment. The programme does not allow at this moment for an electronic submission of applications (via an online platform).</p> <p>For information regarding the submission process of an application, please refer to section How to submit the applications of the Applicant's Guide. Please pay particular attention to these provisions, as their non-respect may lead to the rejection of your application.</p>
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<p>IV.15</p>	<p>In the hypothesis of “hard” projects (projects involving investments with a concrete impact to the cross-border area or which grants more than half of its total eligible budget to purchase of equipment), which consists of supply of equipment and no construction works (it is an investment project whose results involve the achievement of an objective by investing capital, which means that their main component is to carry out a work, without excluding the procurement of services or goods (procurement of necessary equipment for the respective objective) related to the respective objective), is it Mandatory for a project partner to present Annex 7 - Cost-Benefit Analysis as it is stated that Annex 7 is mandatory for all applications including infrastructure. If your answer is that it is not mandatory then will it affect the evaluation process if the partner does not present it? How shall we consider the statement “Investment projects will be rejected without further analysis in case the Cost-Benefit Analysis (Annex A.7) is not included in the initial package of the Application Form!” in this case?</p>		<p>The Applicant's Guide makes a distinction between hard and investment projects. A hard project is defined as a project that has an investment component which grants more than half of its total eligible budget for the purchase of equipment, whilst an investment project is defined as a project whose results involve the achievement of an objective by investing capital, which means that their main component is to carry out a work, without excluding the procurement of services (as consultancy or technical assistance) or goods (procurement of necessary equipments for the respective objective) related to the respective objective.</p>
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<p>IV.16</p>	<p>In the hypothesis of hard, investment project which grants more than half of its total eligible budget for the purchase of equipment and does not contain any infrastructure construction or works, is it mandatory for a partner to present Annex 9 to the Application Form - Feasibility studies/equivalent technical documents. If the answer is negative how do we consider the statement on page 44 of the Applicants guide: "Investment projects will be rejected without further analysis in case the Feasibility Study/equivalent technical documents and related legal agreements and approvals (Annex A.9) are not included in the initial package of the Application Form". If your answer is positive then how a partner could prepare or have someone develop a feasibility study for new investments/DALI plus energy audit plus technical expertise for upgrading/reconstruction or preliminary design (including estimation of bill of quantities and values) or technical design for equipment?</p>		<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, Annexes 7 and 9 are mandatory for investment projects. In case these annexes are not included in the initial package of the Application Form for investment project, then these projects shall be rejected without further analysis. So, in case your project does not qualify as an investment one, it is not mandatory to attach these annexes.</p>
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<p>IV.17</p>	<p>Могат ли да се считат посочените спецификации за минимални? В смисъл - ако материалът, независимо какъв, който закупим на база Ceilings е с по-добри параметри (пример: по-добра резолюция за принтер, по-дебел картон за брошура и пр.), това ще бъде ли проблем, при положение, че цената одобрена в проекта не е надхвърлена?</p>	<p>Can the indicated specifications be considered as minimum? In sense: - If the material, no matter what kind, you buy based on Ceilings has better parameters (eg. better resolution printer, thicker cardboard for the brochure, etc.), would that be a problem, given that the price approved in the project is not exceeded?</p>	<p>These characteristic based on Ceilings are mandatory for that product. if not(as you mentioned - better resolution printer, thicker cardboard for the brochure etc) , you should submit three offers/independent evaluation(even if the final price does not exceed the ceilings). The same rule applies in implementation.</p>
<p>IV.18</p>	<p>Можем ли да ползваме Ceilings за формиране на цената за храноден на участник в тридневно обучение например - т.е. за обяд, вечеря и кафе паузи? Ако да - по кой начин?</p>	<p>Can we use Ceilings for the formation of the price for daily food allowance per participant in a three-day training for example - ei lunch, dinner and coffee breaks? If yes - in what way?</p>	<p>In case of some events with participants, you can ensure the lunch, dinner and coffee breaks by contracting the service - like services for organisation of events or catering/restaurant services - but you should respect the Ceilings or submit three offers.</p>



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<p>IV.19</p>	<p>If a particular service (e.g. facilitator for working meetings, trainer's fee for conducted training etc.) is not listed in Annex C, are we allowed to take a quote from other programmes where it is listed instead of giving 3 offers? For example, if it is listed in Interreg-IPA CBC Bulgaria-Serbia Programme, can we use the quote from there? And if yes, should we refer to only one programme where this services is listed or to 3?</p>		<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, in case one item is not found in Annex C, the projects must submit evidence about the market price of that particular item (either 3 offers from operators well-known on the market - print-screens from websites of such operators are accepted, prints from national systems on public procurements are accepted - or an independent evaluation of the cost of that particular item). In case of 3 offers, the budgeted prices must not exceed the average value of the 3 offers (calculated at the Inforeuro exchange rate from October 2015). In case equipment is not on the list or beneficiary dully justifies enhanced/superior technical specifications for an item, 3 offers or an independent evaluation of the cost will be provided. The applicant should prove the absolute necessity of purchasing of equipment with enhanced/superior parameters and to demonstrate how it will contribute to the implementation of project activities and achievement of programme indicators. In case the service which is going to be purchased is not following the list of ceilings, the proposal to exceed the ceiling will be analyzed, provided a proper and clear justification is provided, as well as the related supporting documents (including 3 offers or an independent evaluation of the cost). The proposal will be analyzed and will be subject to acceptance / rejection from the evaluators.</p>
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IV.20	<p>In Annex C, line 527 Hostess - what does it mean exactly and what services does it cover? The Bulgarian translation of the word as 'домакиня' (a woman who hosts an event/people) is clearly inapplicable here.</p>		<p>Please observe carefully the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, otherwise your application may be rejected during evaluation. As regards your second question, you are right, the line 527 from Annex C refers to the services provided by hostesses during an event organization (they may be responsible with things such as welcoming guests, registration of guests, showing guests to their seats etc.). It is up to the beneficiaries to define the terms of reference for this particular service.</p>
IV.21	<p>Pentru achizitia de echipamente care depasesc 50% din valoarea proiectului, va rugam sa ne specificati care este documentatia tehnico-economica ce se va depune impreuna cu cererea de finantare. In plus, pentru proiecte de tip „hard” ce cuprind exclusiv achizitie de echipamente, va rugam sa confirmati faptul ca nu se vor intocmi documentatii tehnico-economice astfel cum sunt reglementate de catre legislatia in vigoare (HG nr. 28/2008) si de asemenea, ca nu se vor prezenta o serie de documente solicitate prin ghid ca fiind necesare pentru proiectele de tip „hard” (documente proprietate, ACB, aviz mediu, etc).”</p>	<p>For purchasing equipment that exceeds 50% of the project, please indicate us the technical and economic documentation which will be submitted together with the funding application. At the same time, for “hard” project that includes only purchased equipment, please confirm us that no technical-economical documentation according to the provisions of GD No. 28/2008 have to be prepared, and also a series of documents requested by the guide as necessary for “hard” projects should not be presented.</p>	<p>The Applicant's Guide provides details for each annex which needs to be submitted along with the Application Form. In this regard, you may see in the Guide that the technical documents are necessary only for investment projects (definition: A project whose results involve the achievement of an objective by investing capital, which means that their main component is to carry out a work, without excluding the procurement of services, as consultancy or technical assistance, or goods, procurement of necessary equipment for the respective objective, related to the respective objective). In order to be more clear, please take into consideration that a hard project is not necessarily an investment project (as you can see from the definition), and it is clear that such documents are not necessary for projects which foresee only purchase of equipment without a work component.</p>

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IV.22	<p>In ghidul solicitantului 2nd call, pagina 51 sunt specificate anexele necesare la depunerea aplicatiei.</p> <p>printre acestea se numara <u>A2 Legal documents of the applicants</u> - ce se intelege prin legal documents? statutul? CIF-ul?Declaratie de la ANAF ca nu avem datorii la stat? Altele?</p>	<p>In the Applicant's Guide for the second call proposals, at page 51 all necessary annexes for the submission of application are specified and includes <u>A2 Legal documents of the applicants</u> - what is meant by legal documents? The Statute? The statement from ANAF? The unique registration code? Others?</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide all legal documents of all beneficiaries and their English translation (if issued in other language than English) must be copied and attached to the Application Form.</p> <p>Legal documents of the applicants: documents proving the establishing of the project partner entities (law, decree, government decision, statute, registration act, article of association etc.) - if the legal document is a law, government decision or any similar very large document, please attach to the Application Form only the relevant sections of the document.</p>
IV.23	<p>Предвиждаме закупуване на помещения в Русе за целите на проекта с обществена поръчка. Помещенията ще бъдат налични, готови за експлоатация, не предвиждаме строеж или ремонт. Какви документи следва да приложим към апликационната форма? Имаме предвид изискването за прилагане на Анекс 7, а също така и следния текст в апликационната форма:</p> <p>Please list all technical specifications and permissions (e.g. feasibility study, technical project) required for the work according to the respective national legislation. Attach the complete Feasibility study (or the equivalent technical documents) to this Application Form!!</p> <p>В този момент ние не можем да приложим технически документи и анализ за помещения, които ще се купуват в бъдеще.</p>	<p>We are planning to purchase premises in Ruse for the project purposes with public procurement. The premises will be available, ready for use, we do not foresee construction or repair. What kind of documents should we annex to the application form? We mean the requirement to annex the Annex 7, as well as the following text in the application form:</p> <p>Please list all technical specifications and permissions (e.g. feasibility study, technical project) required for the work according to the respective national legislation. Attach the complete Feasibility study (or the equivalent technical documents) to this Application Form!!</p> <p>At this point we can not annex technical documents and analysis for the premises that will be purchase in the future.</p>	<p>The provisions of the Applicant's Guide, regarding the Annex 7 mentions that is mandatory for investment projects. The guide mentions for investment project the following definition - "A project whose results involve the achievement of an objective by investing capital, which means that their main component is to carry out a work, without excluding the procurement of services (as consultancy or technical assistance) or goods (procurement of necessary equipments for the respective objective) related to the respective objective". Taking into consideration that the purchase of building is listed under Infrastructure and works budget line from the List of eligible expenditures for Interreg V-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme applicable to Priority axis 1-5, we consider that in this case Annex 7 is mandatory to be submitted. Also, is not necessary the feasibility study, in case the application foresees only the purchase of the building.</p>

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IV.24	Anexa 6 (Partnership declaration) necesita codul PROETC, dar am inteles ca PROETC se va folosi mai tarziu. Intrebarea este de unde luam acest cod PROETC atunci cand completam Anexa?	The Annex 6(Partnership declarration) is necessary the cod PROETC, but I understand that PROETC will be used later. My question is from where we take this code PROJECT for Annex?	As regards the PROETC code, this field shall remain unfilled, as this information is not available at this moment. The programme does not allow at this moment for an electronic submission of applicantiions (via an online platform).
IV.25	Am observat faptul ca in ghid scrie: "In case one item is not found in Annex C, the projects must submit evidence about the market price of that particular item (either 3 offers from operators well-known on the market - print-screens from websites of such operators are accepted, prints from national systems on public procurements are accepted - or an independent evaluation of the cost of that particular item)". In acest caz, intelegem ca pot fi utilizate pur si simplu print screen-uri pentru serviciile sau echipamentele pe care dorim sa le achizitionam, pentru a nu mai astepta pentru oferte din partea diferitilor furnizori? De asemenea, daca este nevoie sa cerem oferte, care ar trebui sa fie formatul acestora? Trebuie sa fie semnate si stampilate de catre potentialul furnizor? E nevoie de o procedura anume?	I noticed that the guide says: "In case one item is not found in Annex C, the Projects must submit evidence about the market price of That particular item (either three offers from Operators well-known on the market - print-screens Operators of websites from politica has accepted, prints on public Procurements from national systems has accepted - or year independent evaluation of the cost of That particular item) ". In this case, we understand that simply print screen sites for services or equipment that we want to buy can be used, not waiting for offers from various suppliers? Also, if we need to ask for offers, what should be their format? It must be signed and stamped by the potential supplier? It takes a certain procedure?	Yes, if the equipment is not on the list or beneficiary dully justifies enhanced/superior technical specifications for an item, 3 offers or an independent evaluation of the cost will be provided. According to the Applicant's Guide there is no rule in this regard.

V. Cooperation criteria



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<p>V.1</p>	<p>We are a in EDİRNE NGO, we look for partner for project than BULGARIA</p>		<p>First of all, our Programme addresses Romania and Bulgaria. In case you are interested in a project between a Turkish partner and a Bulgaria Partner, details on the Bulgaria-Turkey IPA Programme are available here: http://www.ipacbc-bqtr.eu/.</p> <p>However, in case you are interested in applying within our Programme (Romania-Bulgaria), the second call for proposals is opened (deadline is 15th of March 2016). Unfortunately we cannot advise you in the matter of partnership, but you may find on the Programme's website a list with beneficiaries who have implemented projects within the Romania-Bulgaria Cross Border Cooperation Programme 2007-2013, more exactly the list of budgetary executions of organizations involved in projects under CBC Ro-Bg 2007-2013 Programme or interactive map. This list may prove useful in identifying partners.</p>
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<p>V.2</p>	<p>Интеренсувам се от програмите за трансгранично сътрудничество и по-точно бих желал да получа повече информация за самите програми и техните видове, по които аз мога да кандидатствам. Може ли да ми изпратите лист с видовете програми или нещо като прикачен файл, на който да ги видя?</p>	<p>I am interested in cross-border cooperation programmes in general and in specific, on which I can apply. Can you send me a list of all the programmes with all their documents?</p>	<p>European Territorial Cooperation is one of the two objectives of the EU's cohesion policy, whose main goal is to promote a harmonious economic, social and territorial development of the European Union as a whole. It is divided into three strands of cooperation: cross-border, transnational and interregional. Cross border cooperation programmes cover the NUTS 3 regions of the Union along all internal and external land borders and all NUTS level 3 regions of the Union along maritime borders separated by a maximum of 150 km. Cross border cooperation programmes aim to tackle common challenges identified jointly in the border regions, such as: poor accessibility, declining local industries, an innapropriate business environment, lack of networks among local and regional administrations, environmental pollution etc. Each Member State participates in a number of cross border cooperation programmes. The list of programmes may be consulted on DG Regio's website, at the following link http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/atlas/programmes/. Each Programme should have its own website, where you may find additional information. For information regarding Interreg V-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme, please consult the following website: http://interregrobq.eu/en/</p>
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<p>V.3</p>	<p>Municipality of Krivodol would like to find a project partner from Romania in order to establish a partnership and develop a joint project proposal under PA 5 of the Second Call for proposals, deadline: 15.03.2016. Municipality of Krivodol will be a Lead Partner (they are looking for a a project partner - preferably Romanian municipality/commune). Please see the above-mentioned general project parameters and help us, if possible, to find a Romanian project partner:</p>		<p>We cannot advise you in the matter of partnership, but you may find on the Programme’s website a list with beneficiaries who have implemented projects within the Romania-Bulgaria Cross Border Cooperation Programme 2007-2013, more exactly the list of budgetary executions of organizations involved in projects under CBC Ro-Bg 2007-2013 Programme or interactive map. This list may prove useful in identifying partners.</p>
<p>V.4</p>	<p>In the applicant’s guide for the 2nd call of the Interreg Bulgaria -Romania programme, it is mentioned that: “this could be the last call within the current Programme (Priority Axes 1,2 and 3 were already launched)”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When will it be decided if there will be another call? • If there will be a third call, when will it be opened? • For which priority axis would the third call be? 		<p>Unfortunately, the deadline for submission of projects for the first call for proposal under the INTERREG V-A Romania - Bulgaria Programme, Priority Axis 1- A well connected region, Priority Axis 2 - A green region, Priority Axis 3 - A safe region, was 30th of June 2015 for soft projects and 30th of September 2015 for hard projects. At the present moment we do not estimate to launch another call for proposals, however, you could follow the programme website (www.interregrobg.eu), in case it should open.</p> <p>Also, please be informed that the second call for proposals, for Priority Axes 4 and 5 is currently open (deadline for project submission is 15th of March 2016).</p>
<p><u>VI. Application form</u></p>			
<p>VI.1</p>	<p>How we can include sub-activities within an activity taking into consideration the limit on number of characters in the fields of the Application Form? Consequently, is it obligatory to observe the limits for number of characters in the text boxes?</p>		<p>According to the provisions of the Application Form, applicants should observe the limit of characters imposed in the template of the application form. Please pay attention to the fact that the number of characters includes also spaces.</p>



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<p>VI.2</p>	<p>Am dori sa stim daca numarul de caractere din formularul de aplicare include sau nu spatiile libere.</p>	<p>We would like to know whether the number of characters from the Application Form includes or not the spaces.</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, section II.3. How to apply for funding - ii.How to fill in the Application Form and its Annexes, the limit of characters imposed in the template of application form-character includes spaces.</p>
<p>VI.3</p>	<p>Va contactez pentru a afla un detaliu referitor la completarea formularului de aplicatie, pentru cel de-al doilea apel al Programului Interreg V-A Ro-Bg . In acest sens, intrebarea mea este urmatoarea: daca, pentru un proiect soft, trebuie sterse campurile/partile din FA care se refera la proiecte hard? De exemplu: la punctul 2.3. Project activities, se poate sterge sectiunea Description of the work (if the case)?</p>	<p>I contact you to find a detail regarding how to fill up the application form, for the second call of INTERREG V-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme. In this respect, my question is: for a soft project, we can delete fields / parts of FA referring to hard projects? For example: at 2.3. Project activities, we can delete the section Description of the work (if the case)?</p>	<p>The section 2.3 of the Application Form is mentioning as regard the works: "Description of the work (if the case)", therefore it is to be provided only in case the respective project has a work to describe. Not including the section in an application form for a project that has no work is not considered modification of the application.</p>
<p>VI.4</p>	<p>La punctul 3.1 din Application form se vorbeste despre completarea unor tabele in excel. Va rog sa-mi comunicati unde se poate gasi versiunea in EXCEL pentru calculul bugetului pentru un proiect pe aceasta linie de finantare. In pachetul "Applicant guide" nu l-am gasit. Singurul EXCEL se refera la "Ceilings for expenditures".</p>	<p>At 3.1 point from Application Form is talking about how to complete some tables in Excel. Please tell me where can I find the EXCEL version in order to calculate the budget for a project on this funding line. In "Applicant guide" package I couldn't find it. The only Excel is about "Ceilings for expenditures".</p>	<p>The Excel is inserted in the word document (the Application form), section 3.1. Budget.</p>



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<p>VI.5</p>	<p>Румънският партньор е юридическо лице, клон на НПО, регистриран в окръг Гюргево, община Комана. Съгласно Ръководството за кандидатстване и разясненията на програмата в раздел Questions&Answers този клон е допустим кандидат. Клонът е регистриран наскоро и няма собствена история и предходен опит. Въпросът ни е може ли да опишем опита на главната организация в раздел 1.3. <i>Applicant information - Previous EU financing experience of the beneficiary.</i></p>	<p>The Romanian partner is a legal entity, a branch of a NGO, registered in the county of Giurgiu, comuna Comana. According to the Applicants Guide and the explanations provided in section Questions & Answers this branch is an eligible candidate. The branch was registered recently and has no its own history and previous experience. Our question is can we describe the experience of the main organization in section 1.3. <i>Applicant information - Previous EU financing experience of the beneficiary</i></p>	<p>According to the template of the Application form, section 1.3 Applicant Information, at the point "relevance of the beneficiary for the field addressed by the project" you have to be mentioned "Previous EU financing experience of the beneficiary - list all projects relevant for the field addressed by the project, if any (only projects started after 1 January 2007)". Therefore, this section must contain information related to the applicant itself. In case the applicant does not have any previous EU financing experience, then this section remains unfilled.</p>
<p>VI.6</p>	<p>In relevance with project preparation under INTERREG VA Romania-Bulgaria, we have a question about the AF - in the table "Overview of the equipment, services to be purchased by each beneficiary", rows "Estimated value based on:" what is the price we have to indicate -unit price or total price for the relevant quantity of equipment/services/works. In case the "work" includes bill of quantities, should we indicate the total amount from the bill of quantities, or should we separate each position in different row.</p>		<p>In the "estimated value based on" you should include the quantity for each item, then just check the box (not prices/values) between Ceiling (Annex C) or 3 offers.</p>



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<p>VI.7</p>	<p>Please, advise where the Excel table of the Budget for Interreg V-A Romania - Bulgaria (second call) can be found as in the published package of documents there is only a Word file with the Application Form and the budget in it. It is mentioned in the Guidelines (page 41 of 52) "Please note that the format for budget within the application form is actually an Excel table. The formulas behind it are locked..." But there is no such file published on http://www.cbromaniabulgaria.eu. Please, send us a link to the Excel table of the Budget.</p>		<p>the Excel is inserted in the word document (the Application form), section 3.1. Budget. Also, please use the following instructions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In order to edit the document you need to first decompress (unrar) the downloaded "AP second call for proposals.rar" file. 2. In order to edit the excel sheet (Budget) within Application Form.docx file please double click on the budget table. 3. Some antivirus programs might interfere with the proper opening of these programs. In order to troubleshoot eventual errors you can try to temporarily stop such programs. 4. Open the word file "Application Form.docx" with elevated privileges. <p>For Interreg V-A Programme, please visit the website: www.interregrobq.eu, the site is dedicated exclusively for this program.</p>
<p>VI.8</p>	<p>Am o intrebare legata de codul PROETC (The Information System of the Programme); ce este acest cod si cum il putem obtine?</p>	<p>I have a question about PROECTcode (The Information System of the Programme); What is this code and how do we get?</p>	<p>The information regarding the PROETC code is not available at this moment. All fields requiring the PROETC code should remain unfilled at this stage.</p>
<p>VI.9</p>	<p>The table for the activities description contains cells that refer to works. If we are preparing a "soft project" and works are not applicable are we allowed to delete these cells to make the form easier to follow?</p>		<p>Regarding your question, you may either leave the cells unfilled or delete the ones that are not applicable. Still, we recommend to keep the cells and to fill in with "Not Applicable".</p>
<p><u>VII. Information and publicity</u></p>			

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VII.1	<p>На ред 509 фигурира следното „плакати - А3, хартия 130 гр/м², дебелина 5 мм, персонализирани, вкл. графичен дизайн“ с цена 1,5 евро на брой. Тези 5 мм и „персонализирани“ технически грешки ли са или действително става дума, че всеки екземпляр на плаката трябва да е различен (персонализиран) и наистина дебел половин сантиметър? Ако е така, то цената е изключително ниска, а това нещо не бих го нарекъл "плакат" поне аз.</p>	<p>Row 509 include the following: "posters - A3 paper 130 g/m², 5 mm thick, personalized, incl. graphic design" with a price of 1.5 euros per piece. These 5 mm and "customized" is a technical mistakes or you are actually talking that each copy of the poster must be different (customized) and really thick half a centimeter? If so, the price is extremely low, or, at least, I would not call this thing a "Poster".</p>	<p>Customised poster and the thickness are not a technical mistake, the words refer to the characteristics of the poster. the posters must be a single type and the personalization must be unique.</p>
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VIII. Applicant's Guide



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<p>VIII.1</p>	<p>The Applicant Guide for the Second call for proposals, published in October 2015 describes the output indicators for the 2 Priority Axis on page 12. The provided table description on two out of the three indicators uses the word 'scheme' as: 'education schemes' and 'joint educational and training schemes'.</p> <p>Since the justification of the project contribution to the output indicators is of high importance for the project success, we find it necessary to have the INTERREG programme linguistic definition of the expressions 'schemes' and 'joint educational schemes'.</p> <p>We also think that all the potential applicants will benefit from this required definition because the word 'scheme' has a first negative meaning in the Cambridge Online Dictionary and is frequently used in Bulgarian with either a negative connotation or for technical purposes.</p> <p>Finally, we would be very appreciative to understand how the Applicant Guide defines the difference between the terms 'educational program', which is most frequently used by the educational institutions, and 'educational scheme'.</p>		<p>The term educational scheme is frequently used in English. However, you may refer to the term as educational program, since the understanding is similar in the Programme's view.</p>
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<p>VIII.2</p>	<p>In relation to the cancelled info day at Ruse, planned to be held on 14th Dec 2015, we would still like to pose our questions in a written form. Our question is related to the statement in the guidelines regarding the limitation for 4 projects in implementation "that the Managing Authority has the right to decide not to sign a financing contract in case a Beneficiary already has in implementation 4 projects". Does this this limitation number means 4 projects under one Priority Axis (and the beneficiary can implement 4 other projects under another Priority axis), or it means that the beneficiary should not have more than 4 projects in implementation for the whole programme, regardless under which Priority Axis the projects are financed?</p>		<p>The limitation applies at Programme level (the possibility of MA to not contract the 5th project).</p>
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VIII.3	<p>What can be considered a “infrastructure component”? For instance, by submitting a SOFT project, we wish to establish a cooperation cluster and an equipped operative center affiliated to it (the benchmark of less than 40%of the budget spent on equipment will be respected) that will foster activities that will be coordinated by the cluster. The physical space of the center will be offered pro bono by one of the partners and no physical investment will be made to build or reconstruct a space. Can you confirm that this sort of project will this be considered AS SOFT ?</p>		<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant’s Guide, projects may be classified as either hard or soft. A soft project is defined as “Project that does not have an infrastructure component or which does not grant more than half of its total eligible budget to purchase of equipments” , while a hard project is “Project that has an investment component or which grants more than half of its total eligible budget for the purchase of equipment” . Therefore, in order to be classified as hard, a project should grant more than half of its total eligible budget for the purchase of equipment or it should have an investment component. An investment project is defined as “A project whose results involve the achievement of an objective by investing capital, which means that their main component is to carry out a work, without excluding the procurement of services (as consultancy or technical assistance) or goods (procurement of necessary equipments for the respective objective) related to the respective objective” .</p>
VIII.4	<p>O unitatea de învățământ a fost contactată pentru a fi partener în 2 proiecte CBC, parteneri: școli și universități din Bulgaria, eu sunt persoana de contact în acest moment. Întrebarea mea este dacă există vreo restricție în acest sens, dacă putem depune documentația pentru 2 proiecte, axa prioritară 4, termen 15 martie 2016? Menționez că proiectele sunt diferite, activități diferite, parteneri diferiți, au loc încă discuții, chiar nu știu exact dacă chiar se vor concretiza ambele.</p>	<p>The education institution was contacted to be a partner in 2 CBC projects, the partners are: schools and universities in Bulgaria, I am the contact person at this time. My question is whether there are any restrictions in this regard, if we can submit documentation for two projects, Priority Axis 4, with deadline March 15, 2016? Just to mention, that the projects are different, different activities, different partners, there are still discussions, we even still do not know if they will both materialize.</p>	<p>In casea beneficiary has in implementation more than 4 projects simultaneously, the Managing Authority has the right to decide not to contract the 5th. In this case, the 5th project will be put on a reserve list, and the contracting process may start as soon as the other projects have been finalized, and provided that the Programme has still the financial allocation available.</p>



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VIII.5	Какво точно се разбира под hostess?	What do you exactly mean by hostess?	The hostess is a person who receives or entertains guests in a social or official capacity.
IX. Project sustainability			
IX.1	Este permis ca in faza de sustenabilitate, sa aplicam la alt program de finantare, national sau european, pentru a asigura costurile de functionare ale unei platforme web create in cadrul proiectului? Sau ar intra sub incidenta dublei finantari? Din punctul nostru de vedere, aceasta metoda de asigurare a sustenabilitatii financiare nu ar intra sub incidenta dublei finantari, deoarece noul proiect nu va fi unul identic, ci va porni de la descoperirile si concluziile primului proiect (consideram primul proiect ca fiind cel care ar fi finantat prin Interreg). Spre exemplu, prin noul proiect putem adauga module noi platformei sau se pot aduga tipuri noi de servicii si instrumente virtuale pentru beneficiari. Dorim sa aflam punctul dvs de vedere referitor la acest aspect.	It is permissible in the sustainability phase to apply under another national or European financing scheme in order to ensure the operating costs of a web platform created within the project? Or would that fall under double financing? From our point of view, this method of ensuring financial sustainability should not fall under double financing because the new project will not be identical, but will start from the findings and conclusions of the first project (we consider the first project the one that would be financed by Interreg). For example, the new project can add new modules to the platform or new types of services and virtual instruments for beneficiaries can be added. We would like to have your point of view on this issue.	According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, applicants should describe what impact their project results may have five years after the project has ended. The kind of follow-up actions that are planned (i.e., exit/continuation strategy) and what are the chances for them to be achieved should be also stated. In general, it is expected that the results of a project would outlive the lifetime of the project itself. Based on the results of this projects, the applicants should estimate what other projects or activities can be developed in the benefit of the communities in the cross-border area. Beneficiaries are encouraged to use the results of projects financed under different programmes for the development of other projects, ensuring thus the capitalisation of results. Nevertheless, a special attention should be given to the risk of double financing (financing of the same activities under different projects from different/same financing sources).



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<p>IX.2</p>	<p>Un beneficiar are calitatate de Partener Leader in cadrul unui proiect implementat prin Programului de Cooperare Transfrontalieră România - Bulgaria 2007-2013, proiect a carui durata de implementare s-a încheiat pe data de 31.12.2015. Pentru îndeplinirea obiectivelor și indicatorilor proiectului, beneficiarul a obținut aprobare privind extinderea perioadei de implementare până pe data de 31.05.2016. Cererea de rambursare finală poate fi transmisă conform termenilor contractuali până cel târziu pe data de 31.03.2016. Dacă acest beneficiar urmează să depună un proiect în cadrul call-ului nr 2, cu termen limită 15.03.2016, vă rugăm să ne clarificați în ce fel se aplică criteriul de evaluare referitor la executia bugetară a partenerilor (minimum 50%) dacă până la acest termen limită nu a fost depusă cererea de rambursare finală.</p>	<p>One beneficiary is Partner Leader within a project implemented by CBC Programme Romania - Bulgaria 2007-2013, project whose implementation period was ended on 31.12.2015. To fulfill the objectives and indicators of the project, the beneficiary has obtained the approval to extend the implementation period until 31/05/2016. According to the contract terms, The final reimbursement claim can be submitted no later than 03/31/2016. If this beneficiary is to submit a project under the second call for proposals within deadline 03.15.2016, please clarify how the assessment criterion applies regarding the budgetary execution of the partners (minimum 50%) if up to this deadline the final reimbursement claim was not submitted.</p>	<p>The budgetary execution for each partner is updated at the beginning of each deadline for submission of the applications, and takes into consideration only finalized projects that submitted the final reimbursement claim to JTS.</p>
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