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Eligibility requirements for the 2nd call

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Abstract

- Nature of the Eligibility check
- Related consequences
- What are the criteria?
- How can criteria be met?



Eligibility assessment

- confirms to the applicant the correctness of submitted infos and docs
- in timely manner (deadline) and
- in formal manner (e.g. completeness)

- Eligibility criteria are of “knock-out” nature
- No subject of interpretation, possible answers just “YES” or “NO”



Check is carried out by MA/JS and assisted by DRP NCPs

- 9 criteria for the overall proposal
- 3 criteria on the level of PPs

Failure to meet an eligibility requirement leads to:

- Rejection of the whole proposal (criteria 1-9)
- Rejection of PP(s) with eligibility problem (10-12)



1. The AF has been submitted within the set deadline (date and time)

- Deadline: 29 March 2024, 14:00 (CET)



2. The AF has been submitted through the programme monitoring system

- Jems will not allow submission beyond the deadline
- please do not leave tasks to the last moments as Jems could be overloaded
- please make sure that your application is really submitted in Jems

➤ Check & Submit

Run pre-submission check

Submit project application

- Status of the application is now **“Submitted”** **CHECK!**



3. The AF is compiled in English

- All parts of the AF are compiled in English - the official language of the DRP

4. Partnership is composed by at least three financing partners from at least three DRP partner countries. At least one partner shall be a beneficiary from an EU Member State

- Financing PPs receive Interreg funds co-financing.



overall criteria

5. Lead applicant (LA) is an eligible beneficiary

- This will be checked by the respective DRP NCP.



6. At least 3 joint cooperation levels are indicated

According to Art 23(4) of EU reg. 1059/2021:

- Joint development
- Joint implementation
- Joint staffing
- Joint financing
- Please make your choice in Jems, in section C.7.5.



7. Completeness of partnership agreement

- Scanned version of PA is uploaded in Jems
- PA is containing all compulsory parts
- Only Article 5 may be adapted by the partnership
- Must be signed by all directly financed partners (PPs but no ASPs)



8. The proposal has selected at least two different programme output indicators (out of which one is RCO 87 – Organisations cooperating across borders is mandatory).

- Please check Applicants' Manual II.7.1 and IV. (Annex 1).



9. The proposal has selected at least two different programme result indicators in connection to the outputs indicators selected (out of which one is ISI - Organisations with increased institutional capacity due to their participation in cooperation activities across borders)

- Please check Applicants' Manual II.7.1 and IV. (Annex 1).



10. Financed partners are eligible

- PPs fulfil the requirements of the programme
- This will be checked by the DRP NCP.



Eligible applicants

- Local, regional, national **public bodies/ bodies governed by public law**
 - “body governed by public law” according to Article 2(1) of Directive 2014/24
- **International organisations** (under national (DRP Partner State) / international law)
 - Fulfil EU, programme and national requirements in terms of control, validation of costs and audits
- **Private bodies** (non-profit & profit making, founded by private law)
 - Legal personality
 - Make available results of the project to general public
 - Apply principles of public procurement
 - They assume the final financial liability for all sums wrongly paid out



Eligible applicants

- Private non-profit bodies
 - Can be LP, PP, ASP
- Private profit-making bodies
 - Cannot be Lead Partner



Geographic eligibility

- Direct EU financing only for PPs located in Programme area
- Legal entities in DE outside Programme area
 - Competent in their scope of action for eligible area
 - Activities for the benefit of the programme area
 - Fulfil general eligibility (II.1.1)
- Legal entities in UA outside Programme area
 - implemented operations outside programme area must directly contribute to the objectives of the programme
- ASPs
 - EU countries
 - Non-EU countries of the programme area



11. Completeness of submitted partner documents

- For each PP the scans of the following docs have to be uploaded filled in, signed and scanned:
 - Declaration of co-financing
 - State Aid declaration
 - Declaration for international organisations (if applicable)
 - Lead Partner confirmation and signature (only for LP)



12. Completeness of submitted ASP documents

- For each ASP a filled in, signed and scanned ASP declaration has to be uploaded to Jems.



Missing documents (i.e. Annexes),
parts of documents and/or signatures
may be completed in Jems
by LA within **5 working days** from MA/JS notification.



- Lead partner confirmation and signature - filled in and signed by LA
- Partnership agreement – 1 document, filled in and signed by each financing PP
- Declaration of co-financing - filled in and signed by each financing PP
- State aid declaration - filled in and signed by each financing PP
- Declaration for international organisations - filled in and signed by each respective financing PP (if applicable)
- Declaration of interest for ASP - filled in and signed by each ASP (if applicable)



- Templates can be downloaded from DRP 2nd Call website section
- Time-consuming process, **start it as soon as possible**
- Only scans have to be uploaded to Jems – no originals needed at this stage
- Avoid high resolution when scanning annexes into “.pdf”
- Pack (convert) all files and upload in one single “.zip” file

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Thank you for your attention!

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