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Frequently Asked Questions (F.A.Q.)

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F.A.Q

Question 1.:

The application states “Please tick whether your application falls under State Aid de minimis Regulation or State Aid Not Applicable. Applicants may only opt for one option”.

If within the same application the lead coordinator is ***** and a partner organization is a private entity, would we opt for the non-state aid or state aid? And would the partner entity be eligible for 100% funding even if they are a private entity?

Answer 1.:

The lead coordinator is the applicant and must select depending on his legal status - falls under State Aid de minimis Regulation or State Aid Not Applicable. Applicants may only opt for one option.

The beneficiary receiving the funds is the main applicant. Kindly refer to Terms of Reference for eligible costs, the coordinator in his role has to ensure to administer the fund according to its in house normal accounting practices on behalf of the partners (if any) and dispense the funds accordingly.

Question 2.:

If ***** applies as partner, then *****’s legal signatory would not need to sign on the application?

Answer 2.:

When participating as partner details need to be provided as indicated in the application form.

Question 3.:

Could certification bodies be considered as a prospect partner, then having these eventual costs eligible for refund?

Answer 3.:

Yes, they can be considered as a partner. This particularly relevant when the certifying body is a stakeholder in your proposal and contributes the proposal. Eligible costs can be claimed from the project.

Question 4.:

Would it be accepted to include laboratorial analysis leading to certifications as one of the activities proposed? For example, EcoCert?

Answer 4.:

Yes, where the laboratory analysis includes a research element. Kindly refer to Terms of Reference for eligible costs.

Question 5.:

We are preparing together with ***** a proposal for a SUA on Plastics. As we are involving in this SUA strongly a Foreign certified and qualified entity, we have come out with a doubt relating on how to involve it.

There is an Option to include it as a Foreign Partner or we can insert it in the list of organizations to be invited as expert. We have seen also there is a 25% of Subcontracting available too.

In order to declare it property we have 2 options:

- A) Insert this entity as Foreign Partner in the Additional Partner Organization's SECTION 1. Scope is to underline there is a deep relationship at a level of a partnership and not limited to an event. Our idea was to use contribution as subcontractor and coverage of costs when invited to Malta.

B) Alternatively we do not name them in Additional Partner Organization's SECTION 1 and just use them as expert to be invited and as subcontractor.

What is the best way to indicate such relationship?

Answer 5.:

Both options are permissible, it as the discretion of the coordinator to establish the relationship and propose accordingly the involvement.

For clarity in the Application From:

- Section One the table "Partner Organisations" should list legal entities that have mutually agreed with the coordinator to participate.
- Section Two item "4. Foreseen participants (other than those listed under Section1)" this list should be used to earmark participants/individuals/experts preidentified as contributing to the SUA.

Question 6.:

We would like to enquire whether it is possible for ***** to apply for the PARADISE call with 2 different ideas but having the same Lead Researcher.

Answer 6.:

Kindly refer to terms of reference, under 6.2 Requirements:

"There is no limit on the number of participations as a partner, however:

- *Each Legal entity may only submit one proposal as the Lead Coordinator.*
- *Each consortium needs to have different partners. It is not allowed to have the same consortium submitting more than one application."*