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CONTRACTING AUTHORITY'S CLARIFICATIONS No. 2

“Durable housing solutions and physical infrastructure improvements in Roma settlements”

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No.	Question	Answer
1	<p>Free translation:</p> <p>Shall the Contracting Authority's clarifications related to this Call for proposal be published successively?</p>	<p>Please note that the Contracting Authority's clarifications No.1 were published on August 1, 2016.</p> <p>Please note that the last date on which clarifications could be published will be in line with provisions of the Corrigendum No.1 to the Guidelines for Applicants.</p>
2	<p>Is it eligible within this Call for proposals, in accordance with the "Development of durable housing solutions" action, to purchase old houses in villages and adapt them for residential living of one or more Roma families per house, depending on the size of the house?</p>	<p>Please note, that according to the Guidelines for Applicants, Section 2.1.5, Ineligible costs amongst others, are: <i>„purchases of land or buildings, except where necessary for the direct implementation of the action, in which case ownership must be transferred in accordance with Article 7.5 of the General Conditions of the standard grant contract, at the latest at the end of the action“.</i></p> <p>In case of purchase of land or buildings the eligibility/necessity of such purchase will be estimated during the evaluation phase.</p>
3	<p>Free translation:</p> <p>a) What is the relation between staff costs and whole budget?</p> <p>b) What kind of purchase of equipment/supply is allowed?</p>	<p>a) There is no pre-defined division of costs between main budget headings.</p> <p>b) As defined in the Guidelines for Applicants, Section 2.1.4: <i>“Types of</i></p>

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	(Clarification regarding other costs and services)	<p><i>activities which may be financed under this Call for proposal with the aim to improve living conditions for Roma community, may be purchase of equipment with direct link to actions proposed for infrastructure improvements.”</i></p> <p>Please note that any activity within the action needs to be closely compliant with objectives of the Call for proposals. The same goes for purchases of equipment which needs to be closely compliant as well.</p> <p>Please note that the eligibility of costs is defined within the Guidelines for Applicants, Section 2.1.5: Eligibility of costs: costs that can be included.</p>
4	<p>Free translation:</p> <p>a) Can persons employed in local government be engaged in the project?</p> <p>b) How to pay salaries to these persons?</p>	<p>a) Please note that according to the Section 2.1.5 of the Guidelines for Applicants, Eligibility of Costs: costs that can be included, Eligible direct costs: <i>Salary costs of the personnel of national administrations may be eligible to the extent that they relate to the cost of activities which the relevant public authority would not carry out if the actions were not undertaken</i></p> <p>b) Please see Section 2.1.5 of the Guidelines for Applicants, Eligibility of Costs and Article 14, Eligibility of cost of General conditions applicable to European Union-financed grant contracts for external actions, 14.2.a) where indicated that: <i>“the salaries and costs shall not exceed those normally borne by the Beneficiaries.”</i></p>
5	<p>If the project is about construction/reconstruction infrastructure (water supply, sewage network, atmospheric drainage system and construction of street pavement etc.) what is considered to be an end of a project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the end (completion) of construction works or - issuing “use permit”? 	<p>Project ends after issuing relevant certificate in line with subcontracting procedures, described in the Annex IV, Procurement by grant Beneficiaries in the context of European Union external actions.</p>

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6	<p>In a case that issuing “use permit” is the end of project, does the cost for Report for technical acceptance (by the Law of planning and construction) and taxes for issuing of “use permit” can be eligible costs of the project?</p>	<p>Please note that according to the Section 2.1.4. of the Guidelines of Applicants, Eligible actions: actions for which an application may be made, among other, ineligible types of actions are: development of strategic documents, technical documentation development, spatial planning documentation development.</p> <p>Furthermore, according to the Guidelines for grant Applicants, section 2.1.5. Eligibility of costs: costs that can be included, ineligible costs are: a) taxes, including value added taxes.</p>
7	<p>Could a state-owned enterprise, such as Srbijavode, be a co-applicant for the call for proposals "Durable housing solutions and physical infrastructure improvements in Roma settlements"?</p>	<p>Please note that according to the provision of the section 2.2.4 of the Guidelines for grant applicants: <i>“To ensure equal treatment of applicants, the contracting authority cannot give a prior opinion on the eligibility of lead applicants, co-applicants, affiliated entity(ies), an action or specific activities.”</i></p> <p>For further explanation, please refer to the Section 2.1.1 of the Guidelines for grant applicants, Eligibility of applicants (i.e. lead applicant and co-applicant(s)), and part related to the Co-applicant(s).</p> <p>Also, please note that according to provisions of PRAG, Section 6.5.8.5, Eligibility checks: <i>“the evaluation committee can check and then exclude applicants at any stage of the evaluation.”</i></p>
8	<p>If it is eligible to propose action that is planning to cover activities in two or more local self-governments under one project proposal?</p>	<p>An action might consist of one or more eligible activities.</p> <p>When planning/proposing the action, the applicants should ensure that objectives of the Call for Proposals are closely followed and that eligibility criteria are respected (eligibility of actions, applicants and costs).</p>