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to the

Guidelines for Applicants of the 1st Call for Proposals

Corrigendum №1

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A. In order to support the applicants' efforts to finance the elaboration of documentation related to infrastructure components and to adapt to different national requirements for the elaboration of technical documentation for infrastructure components projects, a grant may be awarded retroactively to cover such costs. However, these costs can be considered eligible for financing if they have been incurred between the launching of the first call for proposals (the 15th of February 2017) and prior to the date of the signing of the grant contract, if the project is to be selected. The signing of the grant contract is dependent upon the availability of the documentation for the infrastructure components as well on the availability of the building permit (if applicable).

As such the following sections of the Guidelines for Applicants will be modified:

Section of the Guidelines for Applicants	Initial	Modified
1. 2.1.4 Eligibility of costs	<u>2.1.4 Eligibility of costs:</u>	<p>The following provision will be added in section <u>2.1.4 Eligibility of costs (a):</u></p> <p>(v) retroactive costs can be considered eligible as long as they relate to the preparation of documentation for an infrastructure component of the project and have been incurred between the time of the launching of the call for proposals and the date of the signature of the grant contract.</p>
2. (4) Eligible costs	<u>(4) Eligible direct costs</u>	<p>The following provision will be added in section (4) Eligible direct costs:</p> <p>A grant may be awarded retroactively (costs may be incurred before start of implementation period) for costs related to studies and documentation for projects including an infrastructure component. All studies and documentation for project have to be in appropriate quality and up to date.</p> <p>The date of launching of the Call for Proposals is the start date of the retroactive eligibility and the grant contract signature is the end date (meaning that those expenditures shall be incurred until the grant contract signature). Only Lead Beneficiaries with whom a grant contract is signed could claim the reimbursement of retroactive costs. The costs related to</p>

studies and documentation for projects may include costs for external expertise and services. Lead Applicant(s) must clearly indicate the costs related to studies and documentation prior to the grant contract signature in the project budget. Costs shall be indicated at budget line *6.1 Studies, technical documentations, permissions*.

Activities eligible for retroactive award are as follows:

- preparation of the Environmental Impact Assessment,
- preparation of Full Feasibility Study,
- elaboration of Technical documentation for infrastructure component of the project.

No grant may be awarded retroactively for projects already completed. Only Lead Beneficiaries and Beneficiaries of the approved LIPs (upon submission of the first report) will be able to claim the reimbursement of the costs retroactively.

B. In order to ensure better coherence between the eligibility criteria of having the operation of at least two years counted from the day of submission of the application and the proof that needs to be submitted, namely the copy of the Lead Applicants and Applicants approved and audited annual accounts for the last two financially years, the following modification will be introduced:

Section of the Guidelines for Applicants	Initial	Modified
Section 2.1.1 (1) Eligibility of Lead Applicants	have their operation of at least two years counted from the day of submission of the application	have their operation of at least two years

C. In order to correct a material error, ensure better flexibility and avoid as much as possible the risks of rejections of applications due to human errors, in addition to the clarification chance, the completion opportunity is introduced; the following modifications and descriptions are in order:

Section of the Guidelines for Applicants	Initial	Modified
<p>2.2.1 Application Form, its annexes and supporting documents – referring to the section describing the disqualifying criteria in case of missing documents</p>	<p>Exceptionally and in duly justified cases, the Managing Authority may accept a later submission of the Building permit (point 9).</p> <p>The full feasibility study (point 7) and Environmental impact assessment (point 8) may be submitted in original language <i>accompanied with brief English summary</i>, reflecting the main content</p> <p>The Application will be disqualified from the evaluation process in case any of the following documents or its parts are missing from the online Application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grant Application Form and its Annexes (Declaration by the Lead Applicant, Declaration(s) by the Applicant(s), State Aid declarations, Legal Entity Form, Financial Identification Form) ▪ Budget of the Project ▪ Financial Plan ▪ Letters of support from the relevant regional authorities <p>However, in case of uncertainties or unclear information provided in the Grant Application Form and its annexes and/or the supporting documents, the Lead Applicant is invited to submit a clarification within 14 calendar days after receipt of the official letter (as evidenced by the date of dispatch, the postmark or the date of the deposit slip).</p> <p>The Lead Applicants could be requested to submit the missing supporting documents, defined in the above points 1-4 and 9.</p>	<p>Exceptionally and in duly justified cases, the Managing Authority may accept a later submission of the Building permit (point 7).</p> <p>The full feasibility study (point 5) and Environmental impact assessment (point 6) may be submitted in original language <i>accompanied with brief English summary</i>, reflecting the main content</p> <p>The Application will be disqualified from the evaluation process in case any of the following documents are missing from the online Application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grant Application Form ▪ Budget of the Project ▪ Financial Plan ▪ Letters of support from the relevant regional authorities <p>However, in case of uncertainties or unclear information provided in the Grant Application Form and its annexes and/or the supporting documents, the Lead Applicant is invited to submit a clarification/ completion within 14 calendar days after receipt of the official letter (as evidenced by the date of dispatch, the postmark or the date of the deposit slip)..</p> <p>The Lead Applicants could be requested to submit the missing supporting documents, defined in the above points 1-9.</p>

2.3. Evaluation and selection of applications

The Application will be disqualified from the evaluation process in case any of the following documents are missing from the Application: **the Grant Application Form including all tables and model plans (description of the activities, time plan, procurement plan, communication plan, risk analysis & contingency plan, logical framework matrix, list of Project team and CVs of the key permanent staff of Lead Applicant/Applicant(s) which will be involved in the project implementation), the Annexes to the Grant Application Form (Annex 1: the Declaration by the Lead Applicant, Annex 2: the Declarations by the Applicant, Annex 3 and 4: the State aid declarations, Annex 5: the Legal Entity Form and Annex 6: the Financial Identification Form), the published documents which have to be filled in (Budget, Financial plan), the Letters of support from the relevant regional authorities as well as the supporting documents**

The Lead Applicants could be requested to submit the missing supporting documents, defined in **points 1-4 and 9** of the section 2.2.1. The Lead Applicants have to submit missing documents to the Joint Technical Secretariat within 14 calendar days after the receipt of the official letter from the Secretary of the Joint Monitoring Committee (as evidenced by the date of dispatch, the postmark or the date of the deposit slip)

The Application will be disqualified from the evaluation process in case any of the following documents are missing from the Application: **the Grant Application Form, the published documents which have to be filled in (Budget, Financial plan) and the Letters of support from the relevant regional authorities.**

The Lead Applicants could be requested to submit the missing supporting documents, defined in **points 1-9** of the section 2.2.1. The Lead Applicants have to submit missing documents to the Joint Technical Secretariat within 14 calendar days after the receipt of the official letter from the Secretary of the Joint Monitoring Committee (as evidenced by the date of dispatch, the postmark or the date of the deposit slip)

All other information related to this Call for proposals remain the same.