



QUESTION & ANSWERS

Public consultations on the forthcoming open call under Priority 1: “Competitive Border Region”, Specific Objective 1.3: “Enhancing Sustainable Growth and Competitiveness of SMEs and Job Creation in SMEs, including by Productive Investments”

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No.	Question	Answer
1.	<p>In Guideline for applicants: Part 2.2.1 Project duration and grant amount: The minimum project amount didn't correspond with the minimum project amount. From one hand the minimum grant amount per 1 project proposal is 200 000 euro, on the other hand the minimum grant amount per a project partner is 50 000 euro. But if we have 2 project partners, each on the minimum of the grant of 50 000 euro, the total sum is 100 000 euro for the project? I think it need to be revised and clarify.</p>	<p>Guidelines for Applicants – Section 2.2.1</p> <p>Section 2.2.1 of the Guidelines for Applicants provides a clear framework regarding project duration and grant allocation. The key provisions are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minimum Grant Amount per Project Proposal: A total minimum funding of 200,000 EUR is required for each project, inclusive of all participating partners. 2. Minimum Grant Amount per Project Partner: Each project partner must receive a minimum of 50,000 EUR in funding. <p>In cases where one project partner is allocated the minimum grant amount of 50,000 EUR, the remaining partner must receive at least 150,000 EUR to ensure the total requested funding meets the minimum threshold of 200,000 EUR per project proposal.</p>



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<p>2. In Guideline for applicants: Part 3.2. Supporting Documents (B): Please, can you describe more accurate what do you mean by the requirement for the presented documents to be "signed / signed with qualified electronic signature by the legal representative as true copy"? Is it enough the relevant document to be sign with a qualified electronic signature of the representative person as a sort of verification of the issued document? Or an additional need to have and text "true copy"?</p>	<p>In the Guidelines for Applicants, Part 3.2, the requirement for documents to be "signed or signed with qualified electronic signature by the legal representative as true copy" implies the following:</p> <p>Signature with Qualified Electronic Signature: It is sufficient for the document to be signed using a qualified electronic signature by the legal representative. The qualified electronic signature serves as a verification of the authenticity and integrity of the document. Additional text “true copy” is <u>not</u> required.</p>
<p>3. In Guideline for applicants: Part 3.2. Supporting Documents (B): Please, can you specify the concrete documents, which is required in B3 - Annual Financial Statements. As you know the Bulgarian companies have the obligation to present each year to the National Statistic Institute Annual Financial Statement which includes more then 15 different reports. Also, in the Assessment criteria for the call, for the assessment of the Financial capacity of the partners, the needed information is included only in the Profit and Lose account (Отчет за приходи и разходи). My proposal is to be presented only the following documents: Profit and Lose account (Отчет за приходи и разходи), Balance sheet (Счетоводен баланс) and Report on employees, wages and other labour costs (Отчет за заетите лица, средствата за работна заплата и други разходи за труд) for the last three concluded fiscal years.</p>	<p>Accepted.</p>