

**Questions and Answers  
regarding the Guide for Applicants (GfA) for Flagship Projects**

*Note: The answers to these questions is not a guarantee for selection. Only assessors propose and the Monitoring Committee decides on issues related to eligibility and scoring.*

| No. | Relevant section in the Guide for Applicants (GfA) | Question  | Programme' answer   |
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| 1   | GfA  | <p>Regarding the Call for project proposals in the attached document, we would like to know if a project for connecting the Highway A1 and Timisoara International Airport (TIA) and Timisoara Beltway is eligible for support. Current state of facts: - TIA has no direct connection to A1 which passes-by the airport at only 2 km distance. The access to the airport is made by crossing the neighboring localities, effectively transiting the locality for reaching Timisoara Beltway and then, on a communal road that links us with the Beltway. - This detouring implies 10 additional km for each passenger coming from Arad, Oradea, Deva, Lugoj, Hunedoara or from Csongrad region (Szeged, Mako) in Hungary. - The congested and unpredictable traffic through transited localities causes considerable delays and represents a major impediment for the passenger wanting to access the airport easily, quickly and in the shortest time.</p> <p>- Besides, there is NO direct connection between A1 and TM Beltway that passes-by the localities, fact that justifies once more the necessity of a connecting road between A1 and TM Beltway in the Airport area, connection that will be also useful for TM Municipality. We have found out, from the information package, that TM is the only primary node in the eligible area. TIA is also a primary aerial node of the TEN-T, thus, connecting it to secondary/tertiary terrestrial lines would comply with the multimodal component.</p> <p>Also, TIA intends to develop a public road transport (which is also integral part of the Transport General Masterplan, under the chapter <i>multimodal passenger transport</i> ), aiming at facilitating fast access to the airport for the population living in Szeged/Mako area. The road public transport time for passengers coming form Szeged/Mako/Arad/Oradea etc. would be considerably improved if such connection between A1 and TIA existed. It is obvious for us that the project falls under TM County Council responsibility or under Ghironda or Giamata localities in partnership with Szeged/Mako and even with NCRIA (the administrator of A1). We've already had preliminary discussions with Szeged and Mako municipalities and the two Mayors expressed their interest in developing, within a partnership, the project for public/multimodal transport to ensure a fast connection with TIA. For this reason, we think they will be also interested in an infrastructure project, to shorten the distance to and times for accessing the TIA. Considering the above mentioned facts, please notify us whether the construction of a road connecting TIA to A1 and TM Beltway is eligible under the recently launched Call for proposal.</p> | <p>Given the relatively modest available funding, the Programme can only support the development of a small number of connecting roads that concretely improve cross-border mobility, by enhancing connections between secondary and tertiary nodes and the TEN-T core and comprehensive network. According to the Cooperation Programme provisions, <b>only development (building or upgrading) of roads that represent a direct connection from secondary and tertiary nodes to the TEN-T networks</b>, can be supported by this action, ensuring or improving direct access of the secondary and tertiary nodes to the TEN-T core and comprehensive network and the related infrastructure (considering also the improvement of the conditions and the safety of cyclists, where possible). Indicative actions are designed to improve the access of the inhabitants living in the cross-border area to the TEN-T core and comprehensive network.</p> <p>Also, the target group is defined as the population living in the eligible area.</p> <p>The result indicator of the Programme in this case is the population living in the cross-border area served by the upgraded infrastructure which connects to the TEN-T (number of inhabitants). The indicator represents the total population served by the upgraded infrastructure that connects to the RTT network. When calculating the baseline and target value of the indicator, all the inhabitants of all settlements which are either located on the upgraded section of the road or are situated in an area of 3 km from the section of the upgraded road will be considered.</p> |

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| 2 | GfA | <p>1. Is the construction of a road, connecting „Traian Vuia” International Airport Timișoara with A1 highway and Timișoara Northern ring road, eligible for support under Investment Priority 7/b -Enhancing regional mobility by connecting secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T infrastructure, including multimodal nodes?</p> <p>2. Considering that „Traian Vuia” International Airport Timișoara is a national joint-stock company, under Ministry of Transport subordination, established by G. D. no.521/1998 on the establishment of the national company "International Airport Timișoara "- joint-stock company (published in the Official Journal no.334/07.09.1998), please specify whether SN AIT Traian Vuia is eligible under Ip 7/b.</p> | <p>Given the relatively modest available funding, the Programme can only support the development of a small number of connecting roads that concretely improve cross-border mobility, by enhancing connections between secondary and tertiary nodes and the TEN-T core and comprehensive network. According to the Cooperation Programme provisions, only development (building or upgrading) of roads that represent a direct connection from secondary and tertiary nodes to the TEN-T networks, can be supported by this action, ensuring or improving direct access of the secondary and tertiary nodes to the TEN-T core and comprehensive network and the related infrastructure (considering also the improvement of the conditions and the safety of cyclists, where possible).</p> <p>Indicative actions are designed to improve the access of the inhabitants living in the cross-border area to the TEN-T core and comprehensive network.</p> <p>Also, the target group is defined as the population living in the eligible area.</p> <p>The result indicator of the Programme in this case is the population living in the cross-border area served by the upgraded infrastructure which connects to the TEN-T (number of inhabitants).</p> <p>The indicator represents the total population served by the upgraded infrastructure that connects to the TEN-T network. When calculating the baseline and target value of the indicator, all the inhabitants of all settlements which are either located on the upgraded section of the road or are situated in an area of 3 km from the section of the upgraded road will be considered.</p> <p>Regarding the eligibility of the applicant, the (lead) applicant must have legal competencies in the project relevant field. For all projects, it is compulsory that the applicant has among its attributions, according with its statute or according to the national legislation, the implementation of the proposed activities or it must prove that it has a partnership agreement with the institutions competent to implement such activities, according with its statute or according to the national legislation. List of potential beneficiaries: local and county governments / administrations and their institutions, national organizations responsible for transport infrastructure development etc.</p> |
| 3 | GfA | <p>Regarding the Interreg' Ip 7/b, I would like to ask if the development of the road between Csenger and Satu Mare, through which these settlements would be linked to the TEN-T network, is considered eligible?</p> <p>In our opinion, on the page 6 of the Annex "TEN-T analyses", these nodes, Satu Mare (as secondary node) and Csenger (as tertiary node) are considered eligible.</p>   | <p>Within the Investment priority 7/b, as mentioned in the Factsheet for Ip 7/b, construction, upgrading / modernization of roads with cross-border impact, providing or improving direct access of secondary AND tertiary nodes TO TEN-T core or comprehensive network and related infrastructure, are eligible.</p> <p>In addition, even if we do not have the details of the road you refer to, we kindly remind you that, as stated in the Guide for Applicants for Flagship projects, 2.2.1.2 Eligibility of actions:</p> <p>Selection of projects that include cross-border road infrastructure is conditional to a prior bilateral agreement with the commitment of the Member States to set up Schengen-compatible border-crossing checkpoints (or other existing solutions according to the legislation in force at the time of submission of the project applications) at the completion of any such projects and to operate it for at least 5 years from the financial closure of the respective project or until the enlargement of the Schengen zone.</p> <p>When planning your project you should have in view the above mentioned provisions of the Guide for Applicants for Flagship projects.</p>   |