

Questions and Answers regarding the Guide for Applicants (GfA) for 3rd Open Call for Proposal

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
1	GfA 9/a	<p>We intend to submit a project proposal within 9/a Improving health care services (cooperation on health-care and prevention).</p> <p>We would like to ask whether our project idea is among the eligible ones, that is we intend to renew a building for dentist, paediatrician and health visitor (child) services. Now these services are available in different buildings and it would be a kind of rationalisation that population of our city could find these services in one renewed and modern building.</p> <p>So the kind of health service is outpatients. Equipment purchase also belongs to the project and healthy lifestyle programmes are also envisaged.</p>	<p>Regarding your question, from the description you have sent us, the activities envisaged seem eligible. The eligibility of the applicants is subject to administrative and eligibility assessment based on the establishing documents (Articles of Association, Statutes, Deed of foundation, establishing resolution law or equivalent documents according to the national legislation, etc.).</p> <p>The Project Applicants have to be entities falling into one of the categories described in Chapter 2.2.1.1. of the Guide for Applicants. Also, the applicant must have legal competencies in the project relevant field. It is required that the applicant has among its attributions, according to their statute or according to the national legislation, the implementation of the proposed activities.</p>
2	GfA 9/a	<p>„We need some opportunities in the area of health care. There is a surgery, maintained by our local government and need to be renewed. My question is: can only construction works be included or we may think about building a new surgery?</p>	<p>The IP 9/a, within the 3rd Open Call can financed both new investment objectives as well as intervention at already existing objectives.</p> <p>For HU applicants, Feasibility Study (see Annex V.3), shall be submitted for new investment objectives (the document contains the compulsory elements, according to the Gov. Decree 312/2012 Annex VIII (Chapter 1-1.4.) / Documentations for approval of intervention works (see Annex V.4), shall be submitted for intervention at already existing investment objectives and it contains the list of mandatory documents, in case that the works are not subject to building permit, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - technical description (HU: műszaki leírás) - the diagrammatical plan (HU: vázrajz) -the general plan of the building site (HU: átnézeti helyszínrajz)
3	GfA 8/b	<p>A public authority will submit a project having as activity the establishment of an entrepreneurial and joint training center. The land belongs to the Municipality. There are also a number of privately owned buildings of natural / legal persons that the Municipality intends to expropriate on the basis of Law no. 255/2010. Given that the Applicant's Guide does not deal with the expropriation of buildings, how do we relate to the obligation to submit documents proving the property ?</p>	<p>The Interreg VA Romania-Hungary program does not cover the costs of expropriation or purchase of buildings. The provisions in our GfA in this regard are strictly related to road infrastructure. Moreover, even in the case of roads, there are restrictions on the maximum amount that can be included in the budgets of the projects.</p> <p>We recommend you to consult the dedicated section of the Applicant's Guide on eligible costs. Surely you can start and carry out the expropriation of the buildings you are referring at, but the operation must take place outside the framework of the project, under the condition that you can prove that you are either the owner of the infrastructure in question, or you have the right to administer, concession, etc.</p>

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4	GFa 8/b	I would like to ask you whether a state-owned company, which falls under OUG 109/2011, is eligible under IP 8/b if it makes its own revenues from: real estate administration, royalties, sale of electricity.	<p>Generally, according to the Applicant's Guide, chapter 2.2.1.1. state companies operating in the legal context established by OUG 109/2011 are eligible entities.</p> <p>However, the eligibility of applicants is assessed during the administrative compliance and eligibility assessment stage, based on the applicant's statutory documents.</p> <p>Applicants must have legal competence in the area covered by the project, amongst their attributions according to their statutes or in accordance with national law, to be the implementation of the proposed activities.</p> <p>At the same time, the projects, through the proposed activities, must lead to the achievement of the output indicator, in this case (Pi 8 / b) measuring the "number of participants in joint local initiatives in the field of employment and common training".</p> <p>The Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary program encourages projects and activities without profit. The applicants must state whether their project generates income. The monitoring of the generated revenues is done throughout the project implementation period or for the next 3 years after the project is implemented.</p>
5	GfA 8/b	We would like to submit an application for the extension of the workshop capacity, and trainings. Is it possible to provide, for the participants, mainly unemployed people, training grant in cash and a travel reimbursement between the place of residence and the training venue? If so, up to what amount.	<p>Training grants / daily allowances / reimbursement of travel expenses in cash for participants in trainings are not eligible expenditures within the programme.</p> <p>Travel and accommodation costs for the target groups of the project, can only be eligible if they are directly linked to the activities of the project and are implemented in a service contract.</p> <p>For rules regarding the eligibility of costs, please refer to Section III of the Guide for Applicants - The General Rules of the Program for Eligible Expenditures.</p>
6	GfA 9/a	<p>1. Is it possible to purchase maintenance services for a surgical robot (equipment already owned by a hospital, which is going to be used as part of an exchange program)? We mention that the contracted period for the maintenance of the equipment strictly covers the duration of the project implementation.</p> <p>2. Is it possible to externalize the project management (external management team)? If yes, under what conditions.</p>	<p>Referring to your questions, you can purchase the maintenance services required for the operation of the equipment, if this is indispensable for the implementation of the project activities. You can also outsource project management, with the condition that costs with external management, do not exceed 10% of the total eligible cost of the project. You will need to avoid duplication of functions, in the sense that, if for instance you have a staff member who does financial management, you will not be able to externalize the financial management service.</p>
7	GfA 8/b	Can a technological Highschool apply within the Investment Priority 8/b?	<p>A Technological Highschool may be eligible under Pi 8 / b - Employment -with the condition that the applicant meets all the eligibility conditions of the programme and that the activities foreseen in the project lead to the achievement of the indicators set for this Investment priority.</p>

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8	GfA 6/c	Could you please tell me whether (and if yes: when) can an Open call for proposal be expected in the area 6/c - natural and cultural heritage?	<p>We would like to mention that with the 3rd round of Calls launched, the programme made available its entire financial allocation, for both normal and strategic projects.</p> <p>In this context, there are no Calls foreseen to be launched in the near future.</p> <p>Still, there is the possibility that the management structures of the programme to decide the re-launching of different Investment Priorities but only in case there are remaining funds after the closure of the active Calls.</p> <p>In this regard, we are inviting you to periodically monitor the webpage of the programme, http://interreg-rohu.eu/en/home-en/ and to follow us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/InterregRomaniaHungary/ in order to get the latest news regarding our programme.</p>
9	GfA chapte 2.2.1.1	Please give us a point of view regarding the provision in the Applicant's Guide for the 3rd Call Interreg Romania-Hungary, which refers to the possibility of a beneficiary to be selected in up to 6 projects.	<p>The restriction does not apply for Romanian universities applying for the subordinated faculties, under the condition that each faculty has its own Project Implementation Unit.</p> <p>Hungarian universities can be selected in the Program in up to 6 projects.</p> <p>Details in Chapter 2.2.1.1 Eligibility of applicants.</p>
10	GfA eMS Application Instructions	I need help concerning the compilation of the application form of the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Program (PA4_ Improving health-care services priority axis.) Unfortunately, neither the guide nor the eMS manual contains clear guidance on the logic that how to divide to independent Work Packages Implementation and Infrastructure. It is clear that the construction / renovation must be included in the infrastructure work package, but it is a problem to determine which work package to include the internal experts, the medical equipment to be purchased, possible external orders and travel costs.	<p>As it is mentioned in eMS Application Instruction all activities related to the investment must be placed in WP Investment.</p> <p>The activities not related to Work packages Management, Communication and Investment must be described under Work package Implementation.</p> <p>If the equipment purchased by the applicant is related to the investment then this activity must be placed in WP Investment, if not, it means it is related to the implementation activities of the project. In this case WP Implementations is the place for this activity.</p> <p>The internal expert team (which is different from the management team) must be place in WP Investment if their activities are related to the investment.</p> <p>If their activities are related to the implementation of the project, then WP Implementation is the place where this activity will be defined.</p> <p>The travel costs must be related to internal experts activities so this activity must be placed in the same package as the internal expert team activity.</p>
11	GfA 9/a	Please let me know if the projects under RO-HU / PA4 / Ip9 / a have to be audited financially by another entity than the one designated by the national	<p>The Interreg VA Romania-Hungary Program does not require financial audit of projects.</p> <p>However, if you want to include in the budget of your project the costs necessary for such a step, we will</p>

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12	GfA 8/b	<p>Please clarify the following aspects of the rules for the 3rd call for Interreg V-A RO-HU, with the deadline for submission 31.01.2018, IP 8 / b:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -If the project leader / project partner intends to carry out training / qualification / specialization courses within the project, is the cost of authorizing the courses eligible? - the training courses offered to the target group must be accredited by the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection / National Qualifications Authority, or it is sufficient the issuing of the diploma from the training provider that has the status of the NACE code corresponding to the adult vocational training activity - the person engaged in the project in management activities can also perform other activities within the project eg training activities, included in the job description, annex to the work contract concluded with the applicant (the project leader / partner)? 	<p>All costs related to the eligible activities mentioned in the Applicant's Guide that may lead to the achievement of the proposed indicators are eligible. Therefore, the cost of authorizing courses may be eligible.</p> <p>In Annex 1 attached to the Applicant's Guide, Fact Sheet 8b, there is a recommendation on completed training programs with nationally recognized qualifications and / or certificates of competency provided by authorized suppliers. It is therefore sufficient to issue the diploma from the training provider who has the NACE code corresponding to the training activity.</p> <p>The person employed in the project who is in the management team can carry out activities within the project, included in the job description, in compliance with the Labor Code and the legislation in force.</p>
13	GfA 9/a	<p>We are involved in a joint project with a Hungarian Hospital, and I would have a question about the submission of the application, meaning that if we fail to submit within the deadline the documentation regarding the Impact Study, is there still a chance to get the approval for the application to go further in evaluation?</p>	<p>Regarding your question, we would like to inform you that the comfort letter issued by the Competition Council, which is the result of the Impact Study assessment, may be subject to completion of documents and may be requested at the stage of administrative compliance and eligibility assessment, until the moment when the state aid is evaluated.</p>
14	GfA 9/a	<p>Referring to the Call for Proposal - Priority Axis 4: Improvement of health care services (Health cooperation and disease prevention), we would like to know if we, as applicant, can include as a partner in the project, an accredited laboratory of medical analysis from RO or they can be associated partners, without a budget. If they do not have a budget, can we purchase the supplies and equipment necessary to implement the project on their behalf in order to conduct free medical services for the target groups?</p>	<p>Regarding to your question, we would like to inform you that within Call 3, Open, there is no possibility to involve associated partners.</p> <p>Eligible applicants must be entities that fall into one of the categories described in chapter 2.2.1.1. of the Applicant's Guide. They must also have legal competencies in the area covered by the project, among their attributions, according to their statutes or in accordance with national legislation and to implement the proposed activities.</p> <p>In general, apps should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bodies of public law - Bodies equivalent to those of public law - NGOs - EGTCs <p>At the same time, the projects, through the proposed activities, must lead to the fulfillment of output indicators specific Pi 9 / a respectively number of health care departments benefiting of modernized equipment and number of persons having access to improved health services.</p> <p>Each partner will need to purchase the necessary supplies and equipment to implement their part of the project and also to be able to justify their need.</p>

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1	GfA 9/a	<p>We intend to submit a project proposal in 9.a Improving health care services (cooperation on health-care and prevention). The equipment we intend to buy would cost more than what we can put in the project budget. Is it possible for the university to only put half of the cost of the equipment in the project and finance the rest on its own?</p> <p>(The equipment would still only be used for project purposes namely providing better healthcare services in onchoterapy. The project budget would also contain costs for staff costs for internal management and expertise, communication, know-how exchange, etc. besides the cost of the equipment – keeping in mind the cross-border approach we would like to achieve).</p>	<p>The maximum ERDF allocation is 2,550,000 EUR per project, which represents 85% from the total budget. In case of the Hungarian Central Budgetary Organs the budget has the following structure: ERDF contribution, maximum 85%; state contribution is maximum 15% and the own contribution is minimum 0%. Therefore, the Programme permits that the amount of the own contribution to be increased, in order to cover the entire value of the equipment.</p>
16	GfA 9/a	<p>A Municipal Hospital intends to apply within Ip 9/a. Please clarify the following budget issues: Is there a limitation of the budget (ie the maximum amount that can be requested through the project) depending on the number of population which will have access to improved health services? If Yes, what is the limit and/or how is calculated? - Is it necessary that the investments made through the project to affect a certain number of departments within the Municipal Hospital, for example?</p>	<p>The minimum value of a project under Pi 9 / a is EUR 425,000 from ERDF and the maximum amount is EUR 2,550,000 from ERDF. The project should address both the indicator regarding the number of population with improved access to health care services and the one referring to the number of sections benefiting from modernized equipment. It is recommended to respect the proportionality between the proposed budget and the achieved indicators, which should not to fall below 40%. According to Annex I. Fact sheet 9 / a, of the Guide, the ideal situation is that for each department benefiting from the modernized equipment, approximately 1,125,000 EUR may be spent, while for each person with access to improved medical services, EUR 14,6 may be budgeted.</p>
17	GfA 9/a	<p>Is it possible to have two partners from Romania within the same project proposal?</p>	<p>In a project submitted within an Open Call, you can involve up to 6 partners, according to the GfA, Chapter 2.2.1.1 Eligibility of applicants page 40, paragraph 2. Of these, at least one partner must be from the other side of the border. For reasons linked to being able to ensure financial capacity and management, one applicant may be the Lead Beneficiary in up to 3 projects and may be involved in a total of 6 projects funded by the Program (Applicant's Guide, p. 42).</p>
18	GfA chapter 2.2.1	<p>Our project does not include any construction works, just acquisition of equipment. In this case, is it necessary for the RO or HU partner to submit Feasibility Studies?</p>	<p>If your project does not involve any construction but only equipment acquisition, it is not necessary to elaborate a Feasibility Study.</p>