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No.	Place in the Guide for Applicant	Initial	Modified	Rationale
1	Guide for Applicants, Chapter 1.4. Financial Allocation for the Call for Proposals	Any amounts not contracted under the present Call shall be <b>automatically</b> transferred to <i>Open call(s) or as decided<sup>1</sup> by the Monitoring Committee.</i>	Any amounts not contracted under the present Call shall be transferred to <i>Open call(s) or as decided<sup>2</sup> by the Monitoring Committee.</i>	Harmonization between texts of the GfA and the new version of the Methodology & criteria for assessment and selection of projects, approved by MC.
2	Guide for Applicants, Chapter 1.6.2. C. Activities that are State aid free subject to complying with GfA provisions AND based on the Confirmation letter	Confirmation letter regarding the incidence of State aid rules, along with an English translation, has to be attached to the Application package.	Confirmation letter regarding the incidence of State aid rules has to be attached to the Application package, <b>in Romanian language.</b>	The translation of relevant document is going to be ensured by the Programme.
3	Guide for Applicants, Chapter 1.6.2. C. Activities that are	-	Inserted text: NOTE: The Application to be submitted under the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme is in	With the purpose of clarification.

<sup>1</sup> If the case, at a later stage, to be in line with allocations for PA/Ip form CP.

<sup>2</sup> If the case, at a later stage, to be in line with allocations for PA/Ip form CP.

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	<p>State aid free subject to complying with GfA provisions AND based on the Confirmation letter</p>		<p>conformity with the data included in the local impact analysis, previously submitted to the Romanian Competition Council in order to obtain the Confirmation letter regarding the incidence of State aid rules as to the project's activities, and is compliant with the recommendations formulated by the Romanian Competition Council, if applicable.</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>Guide for Applicants, Chapter 2.2.1.2. Eligibility of actions</p>	<p>The Concept Notes shall be accompanied by Compliance letters from relevant authorities / bodies at national / regional / county level (ministries and other units, acting under their subordination, coordination or under their authority, public authorities on regional / county level). It is mandatory to provide at least one letter from Romanian authorities (county, regional OR national level) and one from <b>Hungarian County Councils</b>, as required by the national legislation. The letter will include proper justification of the projects (non) compliance. Please find the compliance letter template attached as Annex V.2.</p> <p>Applications for Concept Note shall be</p>	<p>The Concept Notes shall be accompanied by Compliance letters from relevant authorities / bodies at national / regional / county level (ministries and other units, acting under their subordination, coordination or under their authority, public authorities on regional / county level). It is mandatory to provide at least one letter from Romanian authorities (county/ regional OR national level) and one from Hungarian County Councils, as required by the national legislations. In case the County Council is not professionally and/or legally competent or if it applies in the</p>	<p>Harmonization between texts of the GfA and the new version of the Methodology &amp; criteria for assessment and selection of projects, approved by MC.</p>

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		<p>accompanied by extracts of relevant strategies and/or other relevant development strategic documents, proving the project's compliance from this point of view!</p>	<p>relevant Call for Proposal, the letter of compliance will be issued by a national ministry, according to competence. The letter will include proper justification of the projects (non) compliance. Please find the compliance letter template attached as Annex V.2<sup>3</sup>.</p> <p>Applications for Concept Note shall be accompanied by extracts of relevant strategies and/or other relevant development strategic documents, proving the project's compliance from this point of view!</p> <p>In order to issue the compliance letter in Hungary the Concept Note documentation shall be submitted to the County Councils:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hajdú-Bihar County Council</p>	
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<sup>3</sup> **The letter will be submitted and if not, it can be the subject of the completion. It shall include proper justification of the projects (non) compliance.** If, during the evaluation, question will be raised by the Assessment Working Group (AWG), the relevant member/observer of the AWG will contact the relevant authority to ask for opinion with justification.

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			<p>Debrecen, Piac u. 54.</p> <p>Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg County Council Nyíregyháza, Hősök tere 5.</p> <p>Békés County Council Békéscsaba, Árpád sor 18</p> <p>Csongrád County Council Szeged, Tisza Lajos krt. 2-4.</p> <p>The Ministry of Human Capacities, State Secretariat for Health Care is responsible for health care.</p>	
5	Guide for Applicants, Chapter 2.2.1.2. Eligibility of actions	<p><b>For infrastructure actions, the applicants must prove they have the legal right to perform the project activities in the specific location</b>, through the following documents which must be provided by the applicant(s) and that the following rules are observed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ the legal act (e.g. government decision, law, government ordinance, decision of local counties, etc.) or contract stating the fact that the land</li> </ul>	<p>For infrastructure investments, the applicants must prove they have the legal right to perform the project activities in the specific location, through the following documents which must be provided by the applicant(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the title deed justifying the ownership of the real estate;</li> <li>- or, if the land and/or building and/or /item of infrastructure is not owned by the applicant: <b>the</b></li> </ul>	Clarifications needed as a result of the applicants' questions.

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		<p>and/or building/item of infrastructure is in concession/ administration / owned by the applicant;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ it must be proved that the land and/or building/ item of infrastructure is owned or that the duration of the concession/ administration contract is for at least <b>5 years after the estimated month of the financial closure of the project<sup>4</sup></b>, and that the owner has given it's written agreement saying that the applicant may perform the infrastructure actions on/ in the relevant land/ building/ item of infrastructure.</li> <li>✓ declaration from the land and/or building/ item of infrastructure owner that the land and/or building/ item of infrastructure is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• free of any encumbrances;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>legal act</b> (e.g. government decision, law, government ordinance, decision of local counties, etc.) or <b>other relevant document<sup>5</sup></b> (e.g a contract with the owner of the real estate) proving that the owner of the real estate granted the rights of use and the rights of disposal or the rights of administration to the applicant organisation for at least the duration until 5 years after the estimated month of the financial closure of the project, and that the owner has given its written agreement stating that the applicant may perform the infrastructure actions on/ in the relevant land/ building/ item of infrastructure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- declaration from the land and/or building/ item of infrastructure owner</li> </ul>	
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<sup>4</sup> The date of the last financial transfer on project level.

<sup>5</sup> Stating the fact that the applicant has the legal right of execution of construction works for that land/building/item of infrastructure (a real right) and the legal right to obtain, according to the legislation in force (including any special law), the building permit.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>not the object of a pending litigation;</li> <li>not the object of a claim according to the relevant national legislation.</li> </ul> <p>In case the land and/or building/item of infrastructure are in concession/administration, the owner and the concessioner/administrator will provide the declaration.</p>	<p>/concessioner/ administrator that the land and/or building/item of infrastructure is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>free of any encumbrances;</li> <li>not the object of a pending litigation;</li> <li>not the object of a claim according to the relevant national legislation.</li> </ul>	
6	Guide for Applicants, Chapter 3.1 Process overview	The original scanned version of the application, signed and stamped, along with all Annexes will prevail, in case any technical error occurs.	<b>In assessment process, the electronic eMS version of the Applications will be prevailing in terms of content, in case any technical error occurs.</b>	There are missing sections in the generated pdf file.
7	Guide for Applicants, Chapter 3.1 Process overview	Modifying the standard templates of the CN/FA or its Annexes will result in the rejection of your application!	The text was deleted.	Harmonization between texts of the GfA and the new version of the Methodology & criteria for assessment and selection of projects, approved by MC.
8	Guide for Applicants, Chapter 3.2 List of	RO Applicants (in case of non-aid projects): Confirmation letter regarding the incidence of	RO Applicants (in case of non-aid projects):	The translation of relevant document is

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	mandatory Annexes to the Concept Note / Full Application A: In case of non-aid	State aid rules issued by the Romanian Competition Council, after receiving the local impact analysis <sup>6</sup> drafted by the applicant. <b>To be provided along with an English translation.</b>	Confirmation letter regarding the incidence of State aid rules issued by the Romanian Competition Council, after receiving the local impact analysis <sup>7</sup> drafted by the applicant. <b>To be provided in RO language.</b>	going to be ensured by the Programme.
9	Guide for Applicants, Chapter 3.2 List of mandatory Annexes to the Concept Note / Full Application	<b>Pre-agreement</b> of applicants stating their commitment to the development and implementation of the related project in terms of capacity and necessary resources (see Annex V.1). <b>Please note this document will not be the subject of completion.</b> <b>To be provided in EN language.</b>	<b>Pre-agreement</b> of applicants stating their commitment to the development and implementation of the related project in terms of capacity and necessary resources (see Annex V.1). <b>To be provided in EN language.</b>	Harmonization between texts of the GfA and the new version of the Methodology & criteria for assessment and selection of projects, approved by MC.
10	Guide for Applicants, Chapter 3.2 List of mandatory Annexes to the Concept Note / Full Application	<b>Partnership declaration</b> , signed and stamped by all involved parties/entities (see Annex VI.1), separately submitted by each of the partners. <b>Please note this document will not be the</b>	<b>Partnership declaration</b> , signed and stamped by all involved parties/entities (see Annex VI.1), separately submitted by each of the partners.	Harmonization between texts of the GfA and the new version of the Methodology & criteria for assessment and

<sup>6</sup> Local impact analysis will prove the non-incidence of the State aid given the local character of the planned intervention. Eventually, the data provided should prove that at least one of the State aid criteria referred to in Article 107(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union is not met.

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		<b>subject of completion.</b> <b>To be provided in EN language.</b>	<b>To be provided in EN language.</b>	selection of projects, approved by MC.
11	Guide for Applicants, Chapter 3.2 List of mandatory Annexes	<b>PROJECT (LEAD) APPLICANT DECLARATION</b> <sup>8</sup> (see Annex V.3 for the Concept Note / Annex VI.2 for Full Application).	<b>PROJECT (LEAD) APPLICANT DECLARATION</b> <sup>9</sup> (see Annex V.3 for the Concept Note / Annex VI.2 for Full	Harmonization between texts of the GfA and the new

<sup>8</sup> The Project (Lead) Applicant Declaration will be submitted by each of the applicants and it will cover the following facts:

- *Reality of the data provided within the application*
- *Applicants do not fall into any of the categories for which shall be excluded from participation in calls for proposals, according to EU Financial Regulation 966/2012. The document will be provided by all partners, signed and stamped.*
- *Applicants commit themselves and the activities.*
- *Conformity regarding the double financing of the operations are enclosed;*
- *Applicant(s) VAT status are enclosed;*
- *Possible generated revenues are enclosed;*
- *Partners contribution to the project's budget;*
- *Public funds have not been received in the previous 5 years before the submission deadline for the same operations/projects in terms of objectives, activities and results.*
- *Compliance with the obligation on ensuring project sustainability and its operation for at least 5 years after the financial closure of the project;*
- *Compliance with the horizontal principles.*

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	to the Concept Note / Full Application	<b>Please note this document will not be the subject of completion.</b> <b>To be provided in EN language.</b>	Application). <b>To be provided in EN language.</b>	version of the Methodology & criteria for assessment and selection of projects, approved by MC.
12	Guide for Applicants, Chapter 3.2 List of mandatory Annexes to the Concept Note / Full Application	In case of Romanian applicants: Justifying document stating the method of representation (according to the national legislation)  In case of Hungarian applicants: <b>Original specimen of signature</b> containing the method of representation of the legally authorized representative(s) of the applicant organizations/institutions certified by a public notary. <b>Please note this document will not be the subject of completion.</b> <b>To be provided in RO/HU language.</b>	In case of Romanian applicants: Justifying document stating the method of representation (according to the national legislation)  In case of Hungarian applicants: <b>Original specimen of signature</b> containing the method of representation of the legally authorized representative(s) of the applicant organizations/institutions certified by a public notary. <b>To be provided in RO/HU language.</b>	Harmonization between texts of the GfA and the new version of the Methodology & criteria for assessment and selection of projects, approved by MC.
13	Guide for Applicants,	<b>Letter of empowerment (if the case):</b>	<b>Letter of empowerment (if the case):</b>	Harmonization

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	Chapter 3.2 List of mandatory Annexes to the Concept Note / Full Application	<p>For RO applicants: signed and stamped by the legal representative of the applicant institution.</p> <p>For HU applicants: certified by a public notary.</p> <p><b>Please note this document will not be the subject of completion.</b></p> <p><b>To be provided in RO/HU language.</b></p>	<p>For RO applicants: signed and stamped by the legal representative of the applicant institution.</p> <p>For HU applicants: certified by a public notary.</p> <p><b>To be provided in RO/HU language.</b></p>	<p>between texts of the GfA and the new version of the Methodology &amp; criteria for assessment and selection of projects, approved by MC.</p>
14	Guide for Applicants, Chapter 3.2 List of mandatory Annexes to the Concept Note / Full Application	<p><b>Title Deed<sup>10</sup></b> (<i>extras de carte funciară/tulajdoni lap másolat</i>) issued by the Land Registry, not older than 30 calendar days, of each real estate (land and/or building) affected by the investment.</p> <p>In case the land and / or building is in concession/administration, it must be proved that the duration of the concession/administration of the land and/or building is based on a <b>long term</b></p>	<p><b>Title Deed<sup>11</sup></b> (<i>extras de carte funciară/tulajdoni lap másolat</i>) issued by the Land Registry, not older than 30 calendar days, of each real estate (land and/or building) affected by the investment.</p> <p>In case the land and / or building is in concession/administration etc., it must be proved that the duration of the concession/administration of the land</p>	<p>Harmonization between texts of the GfA and the new version of the Methodology &amp; criteria for assessment and selection of projects, approved by MC.</p> <p>Clarifications needed as a result of the applicants' questions.</p>

<sup>10</sup> Exceptions are considered Title Deeds for road construction where purchase / expropriation is necessary, in case they are not yet available due to non-completion of the purchase / expropriation procedures. However, the applicants will have to provide the Title Deed **in maximum 3 months after the notification of approval for FA**, or otherwise be excluded

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		<p><b>contract/enactment (i.e. min. 5 years after the estimated month for the financial closure of the project) and that the owner of the real estate has given his written agreement that the applicant is free to perform the investment.</b></p> <p><b>To be provided in RO/HU language.</b></p>	<p>and/or building is based on a <b>long term contract/enactment (i.e. min. 5 years after the estimated month for the financial closure of the project)</b> and that the <b>owner of the real estate</b> has given his <b>written agreement (no standard format)</b> that the applicant is free to perform the investment.</p> <p><b>To be provided in RO/HU language.</b></p>	
15	<p>Guide for Applicants, Chapter 3.2 List of mandatory Annexes to the Concept Note / Full Application</p>	<p><b>Compliance letters from competent authority/body at national/ regional/ county level shall be included, at least one letter from Romanian authorities (county, regional OR national level) and one from Hungarian County Councils as required by the national legislation, i.e. Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds, Ministry of Culture, National Park Directorate, Environmental and Water Management Directorates, State Forestry Service / National Forest</b></p>	<p>Compliance letters<sup>12</sup>, at least one letter from Romanian authorities (county/ regional OR national level) and one from Hungarian County Councils, as required by the national legislations. In case the County Council is not professionally and/or legally competent or if it applies in the relevant Call for Proposal, the letter of compliance will be issued by a national ministry, according to competence. If, during the evaluation, question will be</p>	<p>Harmonization between texts of the GfA and the new version of the Methodology &amp; criteria for assessment and selection of projects, approved by MC.</p>

<sup>12</sup> The National Authority takes full responsibility that HU applicants will receive their compliance letters in due time (taking into account that it may happen that the County Council has to forward the documentation to national level, etc), so that they can apply for funding. Therefore,, if the County Council receives the request, including the concept note, for checking the compliance, the head of the National Authority shall be informed within 3 working days about the receipt of such request and if applicable, also about the situation if it is forwarded to the relevant ministry.

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		Administration Romsilva, National Administration Apele Române, Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Education, County Councils, etc. (see Annex V.2).	raised by the Assessment Working Group (AWG), the relevant member/observer of the AWG will contact the relevant authority to ask for opinion with justification, i.e. Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration, Ministry of Culture, National Park Directorate, Environmental and Water Management Directorates, State Forestry Service/National Forest Administration Romsilva, National Administration Apele Române, Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Education, County Councils, Ministry of Human Capacities, etc. (see Annex V.2). To be provided in EN language.	
16	Guide for Applicants, Chapter 3.2 List of mandatory Annexes to the Concept Note /	RO Applicants (in case of activities that imply the entrustment of a SGEI): Declaration on own responsibility regarding	RO Applicants (in case of activities that imply the entrustment of a SGEI): Declaration on own responsibility	The translation of relevant document is going to be ensured by

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	Full Application B: In case of SGEI	the commitment to obtain the entrustment act endorsed <sup>13</sup> by the Romanian Competition Council (Annex V.11) <b>To be provided in EN language.</b>	regarding the commitment to obtain the entrustment act endorsed <sup>14</sup> by the Romanian Competition Council (Annex V.11)	the Programme.
17	Guide for Applicants, Chapter 3.2 List of mandatory Annexes to the Concept Note / Full Application B: In case of SGEI	RO Applicants (in case of activities that imply the entrustment of a SGEI): Competent authority decision regarding the intention to entrust a SGEI to the hospital/healthcare institution/prevention institution (e.g. Local/County Council Decision/Ministry of Health Decision) <b>To be submitted along with an English translation.</b>	RO Applicants (in case of activities that imply the entrustment of a SGEI): Competent authority decision regarding the intention to entrust a SGEI to the hospital/healthcare institution/prevention institution (e.g. Local/County Council Decision/Ministry of Health Decision) <b>To be submitted in RO language.</b>	The translation of relevant document is going to be ensured by the Programme.
18	Guide for Applicants, Chapter 3.2 List of mandatory Annexes to the Concept Note /	RO Applicants (in case of activities that imply the entrustment of a SGEI): Hospital/healthcare institution/prevention institution consent on being entrusted with	RO Applicants (in case of activities that imply the entrustment of a SGEI): Hospital / healthcare institution/prevention institution	The translation of relevant document is going to be ensured by the Programme.

<sup>13</sup> The entrustment act of SGEI will be submitted individually to the Competition Council for a formal opinion, if the entrustment of the SGEI will not be issued under a state aid scheme that already received a formal opinion from the Competition Council.

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	Full Application B: In case of SGEI	the SGEI (based on the official correspondence exchanged with the competent authority)  <b>To be submitted along with an English translation.</b>	consent on being entrusted with the SGEI (based on the official correspondence exchanged with the competent authority)  <b>To be submitted in RO language.</b>	
19	Guide for Applicants, Chapter 4. Assessment and selection of Applications	It is mandatory to provide at least one compliance letter from Romanian authorities (county, regional OR national level) and one from <b>Hungarian County Councils</b> , as required by the national legislation.	It is mandatory to provide at least one letter from Romanian authorities (county/ regional OR national level) and one from Hungarian County Councils, as required by the national legislations, are included. In case the County Council is not professionally and/or legally competent or if it applies in the relevant Call for Proposal, the letter of compliance will be issued by a national ministry, according to competence.	Harmonization between texts of the GfA and the new version of the Methodology & criteria for assessment and selection of projects, approved by MC.
20	Guide for Applicants, Chapter 4.1. Concept Notes and 4.2.Full Application		The following text was inserted:  <b>The MC will approve the lists of projects rejected / recommended for the quality check, based on compliance after the administrative and eligibility check. The Lead Applicant will be notified accordingly.</b>	Harmonization between texts of the GfA and the new version of the Methodology & criteria for assessment and selection of projects, approved by MC.

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21	Guide for Applicants, Chapter 4.1. Concept Notes	IMPORTANT: Please be advised that the same document may not be requested twice as completion.	Text deleted	Harmonization between texts of the GfA and the new version of the Methodology & criteria for assessment of projects in relation to State aid
22	Guide for Applicants, Chapter 4.1. Concept Notes	The deadlines for each case will be specified in the clarification/completion request. In case the deadline for submitting the clarifications/completions exceeds the time allocated for the Quality assessment phase of the assessment and selection process, then the MC may approve the project proposal under condition.	Text deleted and introduced as footnote 45 in the previous paragraph	Harmonization between texts of the GfA and the new version of the Methodology & criteria for assessment of projects in relation to State aid
23	Guide for Applicants, Chapter 4.1. Concept Notes	Clarifications and/or completions will be requested by the JS within the administrative and eligibility check, in a single round. The requests will be made in writing to the Lead Applicant, who will have <b>7 working days</b> to submit the necessary documents/clarifications. Please be aware that all related communication will be made through the eMS (the electronic system).	Clarifications and/or completions will be requested by the JS within the administrative and eligibility check, in 2 (two) rounds. The requests will be made in writing to the Lead Applicant, who will have <b>5</b> and respectively <b>3 working days</b> to submit the necessary documents/clarifications. Please be aware that all related communication	Harmonization between texts of the GfA and the new version of the Methodology & criteria for assessment and selection of projects, approved by MC.



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			<p>will be made through the eMS (the electronic system).</p> <p><b>The JS will provide assistance to the applicants, in case they need clarification on the content of the requests formulated with regards to their application. A dedicated email address is to be created for this purpose only.</b></p>	
24	Guide for Applicants, Chapter 4.1. Concept Notes	<p>We draw your attention that, in compliance with the set eligibility criteria, the following documents shall be submitted with the Concept Note application form, by the given deadline. If any of the following is not submitted, the application will be subject for rejection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Pre-agreement</b> of project applicants stating their commitment to the development and implementation of the related project in terms of capacity and necessary resources (see Annex V.1);</li> <li>- <b>Project (Lead) Applicant Declaration</b> (see Annex V.3 for the Concept Note / Annex VI.2 for Full Application);</li> <li>- In case of Romanian applicants:</li> </ul>	The text was deleted.	Harmonization between texts of the GfA and the new version of the Methodology & criteria for assessment and selection of projects, approved by MC.



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		<p><b>Justifying document</b> stating the method of representation (according to the national legislation).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In case of Hungarian applicants:</li> </ul> <p><b>Original specimen of signature</b> containing the method of representation of the legally authorized representative(s) of the applicant organizations/institutions certified by a public notary;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Letter of empowerment, if the case:</b></li> </ul> <p>For RO applicants: signed and stamped by the legal representative of the applicant institution</p> <p>For HU applicants: certified by a public notary.</p>		
25	Guide for Applicants, Chapter 4.2. Full Application	<p>The Lead Applicant will be invited to submit this information within a deadline of <b>maximum 10 working days</b>. Supplementary information/clarification will be requested <b>only once</b> during the formal assessment process.</p>	<p>Clarifications and/or completions will be requested in <b>2 (two) rounds</b> by the JS within the administrative and eligibility check. The requests will be made in writing to the Lead Applicant, who will have <b>5</b> and respectively <b>3 working days</b> to submit the necessary documents/clarifications.</p> <p><b>The JS will provide assistance to the</b></p>	<p>Harmonization between texts of the GfA and the new version of the Methodology &amp; criteria for assessment and selection of projects, approved by MC.</p>

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			<b>applicants, in case they need clarification on the content of the requests formulated with regards to their application. A dedicated email address is to be created for this purpose only.</b>	
26	Guide for Applicants, Chapter 4.2. Full Application	<p>We draw your attention that, in compliance with the set eligibility criteria, the following documents shall be submitted with the Full Application form, by the given deadline. If any of the following is not submitted, the application will be subject for rejection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Partnership declaration</b>, signed and stamped by all involved parties/entities (see Annex VI.1),</li> <li>- <b>Project (Lead) Applicant Declaration</b><sup>15</sup> (see Annex V.3 for the Concept Note / Annex VI.2 for Full Application).</li> </ul>	The text was deleted.	Harmonization between texts of the GfA and the new version of the Methodology & criteria for assessment and selection of projects, approved by MC.

<sup>15</sup> The Project (Lead) Applicant Declaration covers the following facts:

- *Reality of the data provided within the application*
- *Applicants do not fall into any of the categories for which shall be excluded from participation in calls for proposals, according to EU Financial Regulation 966/2012. The document will be provided by all partners, signed and stamped.*

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In case of Romanian applicants: <b>Justifying document</b> stating the method of representation (according to the national legislation).</li> <li>- In case of Hungarian applicants: <b>Original specimen of signature</b> containing the method of representation of the legally authorized representative(s) of the applicant organizations/institutions certified by a public notary;</li> <li>- <b>Letter of empowerment, if the case:</b> For RO applicants: signed and stamped by the legal representative of the applicant institution;  For HU applicants: certified by a public notary.</li> </ul>		
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- *Applicants commit themselves and the activities.*
  - *Conformity regarding the double financing of the operations are enclosed;*
  - *Applicant(s) VAT status are enclosed;*
  - *Possible generated revenues are enclosed;*
  - *Partners contribution to the project's budget;*
  - *Public funds have not been received in the previous 5 years before the submission deadline for the same operations/projects in terms of objectives, activities and results.*
  - *Compliance with the obligation on ensuring project sustainability and its operation for at least 5 years after the financial closure of the project;*
  - *Compliance with the horizontal principles and contribution to the objectives of the EUSDR.*

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27	Guide for Applicants, Chapter 4.3.1. Selection of the CN	In the situation the <i>reserve</i> also fails for contracting purposes, and there is no alternative under the reserve list, the amount shall be <b>automatically</b> transferred to Open Calls or as decided <sup>16</sup> by the Monitoring Committee.	In the situation the <i>reserve</i> also fails for contracting purposes, and there is no alternative under the reserve list, the amount shall be transferred to Open Calls or as decided <sup>17</sup> by the Monitoring Committee.	Harmonization between texts of the GfA and the new version of the Methodology & criteria for assessment and selection of projects, approved by MC.
28	Guide for Applicants, Chapter 4.3.2. Selection of the FA	If, for any reason, the FA fails to be contracted, the full amounts shall be <b>automatically</b> made available to Open Calls.	If, for any reason, the FA fails to be contracted, the full amounts shall be made available to Open Calls <b>or as decided by the MC.</b>	Harmonization between texts of the GfA and the new version of the Methodology & criteria for assessment and selection of projects, approved by MC.
29	Guide for Applicants, Chapter 5.1. Pre-Contractual	On-site visits shall be performed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• all Lead Beneficiaries <b>and, as the case may be, to the project beneficiaries, based on a risk</b></li> </ul>	On-site visits shall be performed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• all Lead Beneficiaries, and</li> <li>• to all Beneficiaries, regardless their quality within the project,</li> </ul>	Measure to speed up the contracting process.

<sup>16</sup> At a later stage, if possible.

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	conditions	<p><b>analysis</b>, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to all Beneficiaries, regardless their quality within the project, having investment activities and expenses.</li> </ul>	having investment activities and expenses.	
30	Guide for Applicants, Chapter 5.1. Pre-Contractual conditions		Text inserted: IMPORTANT: For projects falling under the State aid incidence, state aid-related clauses will be included in the relevant financing contracts/ Partnership agreements.	With the purpose of clarification.
31	Annex III.1 Programme general rules on eligibility	Costs related to extending, modernizing and rehabilitation of the buildings, object of the basic investment;	Costs related to <b>construction</b> , extending, modernizing and rehabilitation of the buildings, object of the basic investment;	Harmonization between texts of different annexes to the GfA concerning the eligibility of costs.
32	Annex V.3. Project (Lead) Applicant Declaration (including footnote)	The body/institution I represent commits itself not to carry out economic activities in relation to the project; however, if there are activities generating any revenue i.e. entrance tickets, the revenue will be used in order to ensure sustainability, or i.e. in case an operator needs to be selected, the selection will be based on a	The body/institution I represent <b>commits itself not to carry out economic activities in relation to the project<sup>18</sup>; however, if there are activities generating any revenue (i.e. entrance tickets), these will not exceed the operational costs; also, they will be used in order to ensure</b>	Material error

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Except for projects regarding investments in infrastructure for which the local impact is proved.

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		<p>wide dissemination in compliance with the rules of public procurement.</p> <p>The body/institution I represent commits itself in complying with the relevant public procurement rules (internal, national, European and programme specific rules if existing) and in making the results available to the public, free of charge, under equal conditions, even during the period of sustainability;</p>	<p><b>sustainability, or in case an operator needs to be selected, the selection will be based on a wide dissemination in compliance with the rules of public procurement (not applicable in case of projects falling under state aid incidence<sup>19</sup>);</b></p> <p>The body/institution I represent commits itself in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- complying with the relevant public procurement rules (internal, national, European and programme specific rules if existing) and</li> <li>- in making the results available to the public, free of charge, under equal conditions, even during the period of sustainability <b>(not applicable in case of projects falling under state aid incidence);</b></li> </ul>	
33	Annex VI.2. Project (Lead) Applicant	The body/institution I represent commits itself not to carry out economic activities in	The body/institution I represent <b>commits itself not to carry out</b>	Material error.

<sup>19</sup> **The provision regarding the selection of an operator based on a wide dissemination in compliance with the rules of public procurement does not apply to the exceptions mentioned in the EU legislation (for example: in case of investments in local infrastructure, selection of a regional sanitation operator or when a comparative analysis with the costs of a typical well-run company is possible).**

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	<p>Declaration (including footnote)</p>	<p>relation to the project; however, if there are activities generating any revenue i.e. entrance tickets, the revenue will be used in order to ensure sustainability, or i.e. in case an operator needs to be selected, the selection will be based on a wide dissemination in compliance with the rules of public procurement;</p> <p>The body/institution I represent commits itself in complying with the relevant public procurement rules (internal, national, European and programme specific rules if existing) and in making the results available to the public, free of charge, under equal conditions, even during the period of sustainability<sup>20</sup>;</p>	<p><b>economic activities in relation to the project<sup>21</sup>; however, if there are activities generating any revenue (i.e. entrance tickets), these will not exceed the operational costs; also, they will be used in order to ensure sustainability, or in case an operator needs to be selected, the selection will be based on a wide dissemination in compliance with the rules of public procurement (not applicable in case of projects falling under state aid incidence<sup>22</sup>);</b></p> <p>The body/institution I represent commits itself in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- complying with the relevant public procurement rules (internal, national, European and programme specific</li> </ul>	
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<sup>20</sup> No commercial activities are to be carried out in the context of the project, during both the implementation and the sustainability periods.

<sup>21</sup> **Except for projects regarding investments in infrastructure for which the local impact is proved.**

<sup>22</sup> **The provision regarding the selection of an operator based on a wide dissemination in compliance with the rules of public procurement does not apply to the exceptions mentioned in the EU legislation (for example: in case of investments in local infrastructure, selection of a regional sanitation operator or when a comparative analysis with the costs of a typical well-run company is possible)**

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			<p>rules if existing) and</p> <p>- in making the results available to the public, free of charge, under equal conditions, even during the period of sustainability<sup>23</sup> <b>(not applicable in case of projects falling under state aid incidence);</b></p>	
34	Annex VII.5 Grid_9a State Aid, criterion 1b, Description/relevant document	<b>To be provided along with an English translation.</b>	<b>To be provided in RO language.</b>	The translation of relevant document is going to be ensured by the Programme.
35	Annex VII.5 Grid_9a State Aid, criterion 2b, Description/relevant document	<b>To be provided along with an English translation.</b>	<b>To be provided in RO language.</b>	The translation of relevant document is going to be ensured by the Programme.
36	Annex VII.5 Grid_9a State Aid, criterion 2c, Description/relevant document	<b>To be provided along with an English translation.</b>	<b>To be provided in RO language.</b>	The translation of relevant document is going to be ensured by the Programme.

<sup>23</sup> No commercial activities are to be carried out in the context of the project, during both the implementation and the sustainability periods.



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37	Annex VII.5 Grid_9a State Aid, criterion 2d, Description/relevant document	<b>To be provided along with an English translation.</b>	<b>To be provided in RO language.</b>	The translation of relevant document is going to be ensured by the Programme.
38	Annexes VII.1, VII.2, VII.3, VII.4 and VII.5	<b>Assessment grids</b>	<b>The new versions of the annexes are attached.</b>	Harmonization between texts of different annexes to the GfA concerning the eligibility of costs.