

### Questions and Answers regarding the Guide for Applicants (GfA) for 3rd 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
1	GfA, IP 6/c	<p>Please find below a series of questions regarding the IP 6/c restricted Call 3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is there the possibility to submit until the 15th January 2018 only a part of the documents listed as attached to the conceptual note, and to complete the rest in the administrative and eligibility check stage of project evaluation (like in the open call 1 rules of submitting applications in IP 6/c where the GfA mentioned which are the documents which cannot be subject to completion and which can be completed after the deadline of the call.)</li> <li>2. If a local public authority has an operational public pool complex with thermal water, within this IP 6/c flagship project can it build another two pools and rehabilitate an existing one to develop the existing infrastructure of the thermal baths?</li> <li>3. The rehabilitation of the pool and building of another two within the project is considered to be of any kind of state aid?</li> <li>4. Related to this development of the baths and pool infrastructure, is it eligible to build a hotel or any sort of accommodation facility by the local government to offer to those using the thermal pools? Does this involve any kind of state aid?</li> <li>5. Is it eligible to buy by the local government tents (like big army tents) to use in event organizing (tourist fairs, etc.)</li> <li>6. Are the costs with acquisitions (purchasing land/buildings) eligible in this call under this IP?</li> <li>7. Regarding the legal right to perform the project activities in a specific location please clarify if the property is of a private person is it acceptable this private person to give the right to the local government to use and dispose of the land/building?</li> <li>8. If the title deed (e.g. of the river Crisul Negru) is showing the Romanian STATE as the owner, and the partner is a local government, is this title deed acceptable for the local government to prove the right to use and dispose of the river surface? If not who should give the permission and issue the affidavit regarding the agreement to implement the activities designated in the project to be done on that river for example (considering that the Romanian State has the Local Governments as its representatives in the territory the local government is also the "state") Does the title deed need to be issued so that the owner is the local government or is it OK to mention just the "Romanian State".</li> </ol>	<p>Regarding your question, we would like to mention the following:</p> <p>Q1: All the documents can be requested in completion, during the phase of administrative compliance and eligibility check. Still, please bear in mind that these documents, submitted later, should not change the initial content of the application. Nevertheless, for the sake of a good project application, we are recommending applicants to submit complete projects.</p> <p>Q2 and Q3: Within IP 6/c the indicative eligible actions are related to rehabilitation, conservation and promotion of natural, as well as cultural and built heritage that can be promoted and sustainably exploited. Support can be provided to complex interventions, including the rehabilitation of various natural, cultural and historic values, as well as of facilities contributing to the protection of the joint natural, cultural and historical heritage on both sides of the border.</p> <p>We are inviting you to send all your questions related to State Aid to the following e-mail address: <a href="mailto:stateaid@brecoradea.ro">stateaid@brecoradea.ro</a>. Based on your description of project activities, external State Aid experts will provide competent answers in every case.</p> <p>Q4: Please consult the answer 2, above and ask for the opinion of the state aid experts at the indicated address.</p> <p>Q5: In case the project activities fully justify the need for tent acquisition, these expenditures can be eligible.</p> <p>Q6: No, land can be purchased only for road infrastructure.</p> <p>Q7: According to the GfA, chapter 2.2.1.2. Eligibility of actions, " For infrastructure actions, 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: the legal act (e.g. government decision, law, government ordinance, decision of local counties, etc.) or other relevant document (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 (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) to the applicant organization 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."</li> </ul> <p>Q8: Please consult the answer 7 and please see also Law 7/1996 on the cadastre and real-estate publicity (with further amendments).</p>
2	GfA, IP 6/c; 7c, 8b	<p>Our question is connected to the Concept Note budget. Is it possible that the Applicants do not demand any funding in the Concept Note phase, because they are able to provide all costs necessary for the elaboration of Full Application? Obviously, they will meet the requirements identified in the GfA (e.g. 4 joint cooperation criteria, communication, detail specification of WPs, etc.), but they would like to use the funding for the implementation and not for the preparation activities. In the light of that, can they actually submit a Concept Note with a "zero-budget"? This solution would make also the implementation in CN-phase much more efficient - both at project and programme level. If yes, how can be the maximum score (10 p) granted for the Concept Note according to B.2 assessment criterion?</p>	<p>Please be informed that your project will not be rejected if the related budget is zero.</p> <p>However, we would like to clear the fact the very purpose of the Concept Note phase is for the Programme to provide to applicants the necessary framework - including in terms of financial needs - to develop good quality, mature Full Applications.</p> <p>Therefore, the score for criterion B.2 is to be judged based on the data you provide in the application, other than budget related.</p>