
Frequently Asked Question – ABD Grant Scheme within LEIWW Program

Q1: Does hotel with more than 20 rooms is eligible applicant for the Call for proposal - ABD Grant Scheme within LEIWW programme?

A1: Hotel with more than 20 rooms is eligible applicant only if it fulfills the conditions listed in article 2.0 of document Guideline for Beneficiaries and also be in frame with the rules, regulative and laws of his home country.

Q2: Does the physical person, that is not properly registered in some kind of registry can apply in this call?

A2: If the physical person is not registered in a proper registry, is not eligible candidate for this call, because by article 2.2.1 (Eligibility of applicants-who may apply) in the document Guideline for Beneficiaries and also he is not in a frame with the rules, regulative and laws of his home country.

Q3: What kind of documentation should be attached within the Business strategy and Cash Flow?

A3: Look at the article 2.3.1 Application Form, from the document Guideline for Beneficiaries and you will find that within the annexes A, B and C, which must be submitted you have a list of supporting documentation that is also needed for this Call for proposal. In case if you have problems regarding the Annexes A, B and C especially for Annex B don't hesitate to write our local expert available for your country, listed in Annex E.

Q4: Should the applicant submit offers in case of adaptation/renovation works on buildings beside the necessary technical and build permission?

A4: In the document Guideline for Beneficiaries there is article 2.3.1 that is specific regarding the question: Three quotations from the providers for each individual investment (new valid offers need to be resubmitted before signing contracts), so by previously mentioned statement rule for 3 offers must be applicable for all types of investments specified in the document Guideline for Beneficiaries.

Q5: Does the financing of the project activities includes salaries for employees?

A5: Salaries for employees are not in the list of eligible cost. See Annex D (eligible and ineligible costs).

Q6: Who can apply as a physical person on this Call for proposal?

A6: According the Guideline for Beneficiaries for physical person to be eligible the applicants must meet the following criteria's:

- Be registered or have registered affiliation in one of the municipalities of the “Prespa” or “Sharra” regions and be operational in one of the eligible sectors for at least 6 months before the submission of the grant application;
- Be registered at the business register/register of agricultural holdings/ or other relevant registry in accordance with the legislation of the country where the applicant’s operation is registered;
- Beside these criteria’s they should fulfill the other criteria’s specified in article 2.2.1 in Guideline for Beneficiaries.

Q7: If an association apply for this Call for proposal, is it possible that the founders of that association apply separately in other application form on the same Call for proposal?

A7: Refer to at the article 2.2.1 in the Guidelines for Beneficiaries, the title Number of applications and grants per applicant: An applicant may not submit more than one application for a grant under this Call for proposals (may not appear as founder, owner or member of management bodies of other applicants).

Consequently, all the applications where the repeating applicant appears will be automatically treated as not eligible. Furthermore, one applicant cannot present himself/herself more than once within one joint application form.

Applications where applicants represented or owned by the same person and/or a close relative will not be considered eligible.

Q8: Can you please let me know if my project in this direction would be suitable to be eligible for financing by ABD-Grant Scheme?

A8: SWG Head office/Secretariat cannot interfere with the free choice of Project ideas or to give you some specific directions and guidelines for what to apply. Our advice is to refer, to this parts of the Guidelines for beneficiaries:

1.3 Objectives of the grant scheme;

2.2.1.3 Overall economic sectors eligible for support;

2.2.3 Specific objectives;

Q9: Is there any benefit by applying with a partner? For example, better chances in gaining the grant?

A9: Yes, if you are applying with one or more partners you will have a better chance to get the grant. Pay attention to the part 2.4.1 Opening of submitted applications and administrative checks in the Guidelines for beneficiaries and see the ranking criteria for applicants who have an established partnership.

Q10: In which terms can partner be included in this project?

A10: Refer to the part 2.2.1.1 Partners and partnership in Guidelines for beneficiaries.

Q11: What is the minimum and maximum amount for application?

A11: Refer to part 1.4 Financial allocation provided within the call of Guidelines for beneficiaries

Size of grants Applications are eligible as individual as well as within the partnerships, both, local and cross border. The maximum value of grant under this Call for proposals is up to 30,000 EUR (for a project proposal of group of beneficiaries – partnership). However, value of any grant for each individual beneficiary awarded under this Call for proposals, no matter if apply individually or in the partnership, must fall between the following minimum and maximum amounts of the eligible costs:

- minimum amount: 1,000 EUR
- maximum amount: 10,000 EUR

The value of the grant for each beneficiary might be up to 75 % of the total eligible costs of the action (see ANNEX D). The remaining cost of the action must be financed from the beneficiary's or other resources. It is important to NOTE that VAT is not considered as eligible cost.

Q12: What if it's unclear the origin of the brand of the equipment that I am interested to apply for, or it is not part of the countries that are mentioned in the Guidelines for Beneficiaries?

A12: If you are not certain about origin of the equipment, ask your provider of equipment to deliver you a proof of origin of the equipment.

The beneficiaries shall respect the rules of nationality and origin when realizing the actions concerning purchase of equipment and realization of the works. The beneficiaries when making purchase of equipment/works are allowed to approach providers from an EU Member State, a beneficiary country of the IPA II Regulation, a beneficiary country of the European Neighborhood Instrument (ENI) or a country of the EU European Economic Area (EEA) as follows:

- EU member states: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom;
- IPA II beneficiaries: Turkey, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, Macedonia, Kosovo* (under UNSCR 1244);
- ENI countries: Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Republic of Moldova, Morocco, occupied Palestinian territory (oPt), Syria, Tunisia, Ukraine;
- EEA member states: Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein;
- Switzerland

For equipment of a unit cost on purchase of more than € 5 000, the beneficiaries must request the providers to present proof of origin at the latest when the first invoice is presented.