

**Interreg IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme
Croatia-Bosnia and Herzegovina-Montenegro
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2nd Call for Proposals

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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A. Eligibility

Q: Is Lead Applicant from Primorje-gorski kotar County eligible to apply as Lead applicant if it wants to place its activities in the Programme area.

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Q: We are an SME from Germany/Hungary, involved in development of small electric moped-like-cars for car-sharing, car rental, touristical attraction and individual use purposes. Our hungarian company is mostly involved in the development, meanwhile the german part has mostly the marketing responsibility. Our development concept perfectly fits to the Interreg concept, as the final product - the interactive electric car - is designed for using in fast growing touristic areas which are also having carbon-footprint problems. We are having some questions regarding Interreg IPA Croatia-Bosnia and Herzegovina- Montenegro calls.

As a german or hungarian SME can we participate on this Interreg IPA Call or not? If yes, can we be the leader of the call, integrating the HRBAME companies or we shall be the supplier and the project leader should be a HRBAME company?

Are you thinking in an consortium of companies or rather a joint venture of HRBAME participant? What are the budget limits?

Can we get some consultancy services regarding this calls and if yes, how?

A: In order to be eligible for a grant, the applicant/partner must be established in the respecting participating country (Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro). Eligibility of applicants (partners), activities and costs are subject of Assessment and selection process (1. Step) described in 2nd Call for Proposals Guidelines for Applicants (section 4.). Therefore, at this stage, we cannot provide information related to any of the eligibility criteria.

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Q: Molim službeno tumačenje prihvatljivosti prijavitelja u sklopu 2. poziva iz Programa prekogranične suradnje Interreg IPA CBC Hrvatska – Bosna i Hercegovina – Crna Gora 2014. – 2020. Je li Ministarstvo turizma RH prihvatljiv prijavitelj? U jednom od projekata financiranim iz 1. poziva partner je Ministarstvo zdravstva Crne Gore, dok do sada iz Hrvatske na projektima nije sudjelovalo nijedno ministarstvo. U samom programu prekogranične suradnje navedeni su, između ostalih, kao prihvatljivi prijavitelji: National, regional and local public bodies/institutions (for example, institutes, development agencies and similar), a u samom pozivu u okviru prioritetne osi 3: public institutions (for example, institutes and other research organisations, development agencies national/regional/local institutions responsible for environment and nature, national/regional/local institutions responsible for culture including museums, libraries and theatres, etc.). Uključuje li to i Ministarstvo turizma?

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Q: Are institutions and companies responsible for enviroment, forest and nature, ect, but which in their activities have implemented education through educational path, forest schools, lectures for citizens... (for example national parks, forest managing companies) acceptable applicants for 1. priority axis? Additionaly, planned project is strongly focused on social and health services for vulnerable groups through adjusted education in the field of forestry and nature protection.

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Q: Aktivnost se nastavlja na projekt koji se trenutno provodi u sklopu 1. poziva prilikom kojeg smo promovirali model "biomass heat contracting". Taj model je u zapadnoj Europi koncipiran na način da privatni investitor ulaže vlastita finansijska sredstva u rekonstrukciju kotlovnice na lož ulje koja je u vlasništvu neke javne ustanove (škole) te ugrađuje kotao na drvnu biomasu (sječka/pelet), a zatim se dugoročnim ugovorom obvezuje da u potpunosti opslužuje novu kotlovcu (servisi, popravci, nabava goriva i prodaja topline) dok javna ustanova samo plaća mjesecne račune za potrošenu energiju po cijeni koja je definirana javnom nabavom. U tu cijenu toplinske energije ugrađeni su operativni troškovi kotlovnice kao i kapitalni troškovi izgradnje kotlovnice. Kako smo u sklopu 1. poziva namjeravali promovirati navedeni model osmisili smo "light" varijantu heat contractinga, a to je da smo kroz projekt prvo rekonstruirali kotlovcu i ugradili kotao na biomasu, a zatim smo je kroz javnu nabavu dali na dvogodišnje upravljanje privatnom partneru koji je u cijenu toplinske energije ugradio samo operativne troškove kotlovnice budući nije finansijski sudjelovao u njezinoj izgradnji. Javna ustanova koja je partner projekta ovime ne ostvaruje profit budući samo plaća račune za grijanje koji su manji od prethodnih zbog promjene na jeftiniji emergent.

U sklopu 2. poziva smatramo kako je tržište u Hrvatskoj dovoljno zrelo da se primjeni puni heat contracting model odnosno da privatni investitor sudjeluje u investiciji s vlastitim finansijskim sredstvima što podrazumijeva sklapanje dugoročnog ugovora s javnom ustanovom. U ovom slučaju kotlovnica će i dalje ostati u vlasništvu javne ustanove budući bi Program Interreg sufinancirao nešto više od 50% vrijednosti investicije, a iz razloga što su kotlovnice na biomasu i dalje vrlo skupe te neisplative bez dodatnih poticaja. I u ovom slučaju partner-javna ustanova ne bi ostvarivala nikakav profit već bi plaćala račune za potrošenu toplinsku energiju uvećane za kapitalnu investiciju koju je financirao privatni partner. Dakle privatni partner ne koristi programska sredstva već ulaže vlastita sredstva i ne ostvaruje bolju tržišnu poziciju već se javlja na javnu nabavu koju propisuje javni partner. Javni partner koristi programska sredstva, ali ne ostvaruje profit već ostvaruje uštede u troškovima grijanja zbog jeftinijeg energenta.

Pitanje glasi da li se programsko tijelo slaže s ovom aktivnošću te na koji način u budžetu prikazati vrijednost investicije ako planiramo da se dio te investicije pokrije od strane privatnog partnera kojeg ćemo odabrati putem javne nabave. Da li možemo stavku budžeta (pilot kotlovnica) navesti kao 55% ukupne vrijednosti kotlovnice pa se taj dio sufinancira kroz program ili bi bilo bolje da se recimo za sufinanciranje prijavi grupa radova koji se odnose na strojarske instalacije, a privatni partner da financira radove koji se odnose na arhitekturu i elektriku?

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- Programme rules on eligibility of expenditures, section 4.5.6. Infrastructure and works expenditure
- Programme rules on eligibility of expenditures, section 5.3. Durability of the Operations
- any national/local regulations regarding the mentioned subject should be respected.

B. Budget

Q: Kolika su predviđena minimalna i maksimalna sredstva po projektu za Program prekogranične suradnje Hrvatska-Bosna i Hercegovina-Crna Gora?

A: Any grant requested under 2nd CfP must fall between the following minimum and maximum amount (per each Operation):

Priority Axis	Min (in EUR)	Max (in EUR)
Priority Axis 1	400.000,00	1.000.000,00
Priority Axis 2	500.000,00	2.000.000,00
Priority Axis 3	400.000,00	2.000.000,00
Priority Axis 4	400.000,00	1.500.000,00

More information on financial allocation and sizes of grants is available in Guidelines for Applicants for 2nd CfP, section 1.3. *Financial allocation and sizes of grants*.

Q: Namjeravamo se prijaviti na aktualni natječaj Interreg Hrvatska-Bosna i Hercegovina-Crna Gora s 3 projektna partnera (2 iz Hrvatske, 1 iz Bosne i Hercegovine). Naš projekt namjeravamo prijaviti na Operativnu os 1. Jedan od naših projektnih partnera (nevladina udruga) uprihodio je 82 tisuće eura 2017. godine. Možete li mi pojasniti rečenicu pod **1.3. Financial allocation and sizes of grants: Each Partner must have a budget of at least 10% of total Operation budget?** Na koji se iznos misli kad se navodi operativni proračun? Shodno tome, može li naš projektni partner biti prihvatljiv projektni partner za aktualni natječaj?

A: *Operation budget* is considered to be a total budget of the project (Operation=Project). It means that each partner must have a budget of at least 10% of total operation. Example, if a total operation budget is 1.000.000,00 EUR, one Project Partner's budget must be at least 100.000,00 EUR. Eligibility of applicants (partners), activities and costs are subject of Assessment and selection process (1. Step) described in 2nd Call for Proposals Guidelines for Applicants (section 4.). Therefore, at this stage, we cannot provide information related to any of the eligibility criteria.

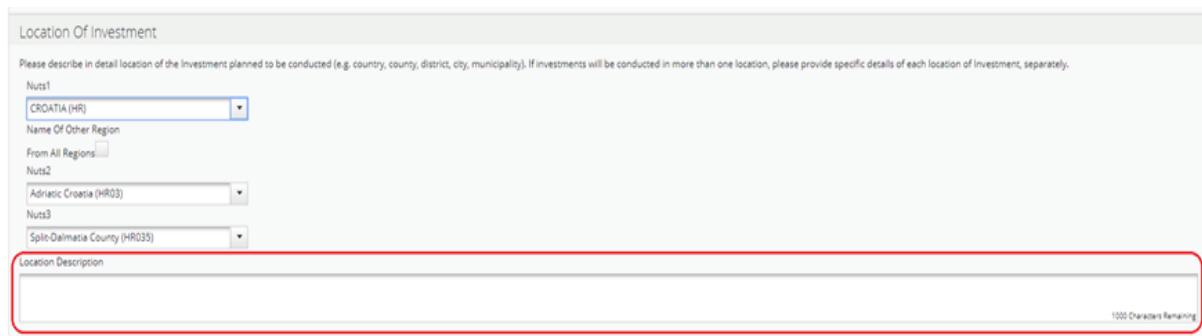
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C. Application

Q: In Application Manual it is stated that "Only one Workpackage Investment is allowed per Application". Since in eMS there is only one field for definition of the location of the investment, how should we define if we have more investments on different locations, in different countries?

A: If investments will be conducted in more than one location, please provide specific details of each location of investment (e.g. country, county, district, city, municipality) in the Location Description field of the sub-section Location of Investment in the WP Investment. See below:



The screenshot shows a form interface for defining the location of an investment. At the top, there is a header 'Location Of Investment' with a note: 'Please describe in detail location of the investment planned to be conducted (e.g. country, county, district, city, municipality). If investments will be conducted in more than one location, please provide specific details of each location of investment, separately.' Below this, there are three dropdown menus for NUTS levels: Nuts1 (selected 'CROATIA (HR)'), Nuts2 (selected 'Adriatic Croatia (HR03)'), and Nuts3 (selected 'Split-Dalmatia County (HR035)'). At the bottom of the form, there is a large text input field labeled 'Location Description' with a red border around it. A small note in the bottom right corner of the input field says '1500 Characters Remaining'.

D. Implementation