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Please note that in the interest of equal treatment of applicants, the contracting authority cannot give a prior opinion on eligibility, partnership composition and/or project description.

Questions and answers

Question n. 1 With reference to section 2.1.1 of the guidelines, "*[...] Private sector operators recognised by the competent Egyptian authorities as body entrusted with a public task are also eligible*" and "*For applicants categorised as public sector operator, private sector entrusted with a public task and local authority, be legally entitled to implement the proposed action as shown in the articles of association/statute*".

Can a private or national institution that is recognised by the Egyptian Government and related Ministries be categorised under this definition or not?

Answer With reference to article 2.2.4 of the guidelines, "*To ensure equal treatment of applicants, the contracting authority cannot give a prior opinion on the eligibility of lead applicants, co-applicants, affiliated entity (ies), an action, or specific activities*". It will be checked during the evaluation of the application if the indication given above are compliant with requested identification.

Question n. 2 Referring to question no. 1, what is the required documentation for proof of the eligibility of the above-mentioned entities?

Answer Please refer to section 2.4 of the guidelines illustrating the "*Submission of supporting documents for provisionally selected applications*" and also to section 2.2.1 of the guidelines "*[...] Clarifications will only be requested when information provided is not sufficient to conduct an objective assessment*".

Question n. 3 Under the type of activities section of the guidelines 2.1.4 - Types of activity, with reference to the activity no. V, is the applicant responsible for the whole process, including the appointment of all VTC staff, or the applicant is just responsible for the training?

Answer Please refer to the guidelines section 2.1.4 - Types of activity and consider that the applicant might enlarge or elaborate any of the suggested activities or add new activities.



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Question n. 4 What is the role of The Ministry of Education and Technical Education (MoETE) referring to the selection of 250 trainers and at least 30 out of them to be selected and appointed by the applicant upon advice of the MoTI (i.e., among the Ministry's staff or might be selected from a bigger pool outside the Ministry)?

Answer It is based on the design of the action which will be proposed by the applicant and references to types of activity section "*The activities that the applicant shall implement at the TCTT indicated are at least but not limited to*". Accordingly, based on the applicant proposal, he might enlarge the activities or elaborate it or add new activities.

Question n. 5 The applicant is responsible to provide the curricula of the ToT, can MEPEP disclose the capabilities of the labs (what are available equipment)?

Answer The labs capabilities and equipment will be a joint decision done in the second phase by the lead applicants in full cooperation with the beneficiaries (training centre in 10th of Ramadan), as the work plan is designed to be done together.

Question n. 6 Regarding the management of operation and personnel existing at the centre, is there a structure for the TVET provider to have the upper hand or manage/handle the rest of the centre staff?

Answer Please refer to answer no. 5.

Question n. 7 "On page 12, Activity II '*Selection of at least 20 trainers holding different professional and vocational backgrounds...*', it refers to Activity V, while Activity V describes training provided to VTC management staff and trainers who will be selected by the TVET Provider with the involvement of the MoTI and under the supervision of the PMU, is this Activity II linked to Activity IV or Activity V?"

Answer The suggested group of activities and the structure could be enlarged or elaborated or increased according to the applicant design of actions, thus, Activity II could be linked to any other activities.

Question n. 8 Referring to section 1.2 page 4 of the guidelines, Objectives of the programme and priority issues, "*The specific objective(s) of this call for proposals is/are: with a maximum planned 30 months duration to enhance economic and equal opportunities [...]*", whereas on page 11 under the Duration section is mentioned: "*The initial planned duration of an action may not be lower than 18 months nor exceed 20 months*", what is the duration of an action?

Answer With reference to article 2.1.4 of the guidelines "*The initial planned duration of an action may not be lower than 18 months nor exceed 20 months*" which might be extended later based on the extension of the programme itself. Also please, refer to section 2 of annex A, Checklist for the concept note "*7. The duration of the action is between 18 months and 20 months (the minimum and maximum allowed).*"



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Question n. 9 Referring to section 1.3 page 5 of the guidelines, Financial allocation provided by the contracting authority, “Any grant requested under this call for proposals must fall between the following minimum and maximum percentages of total eligible costs of the action:

- *Minimum percentage: 75% of the total eligible costs of the action.*
- *Maximum percentage: 90% of the total eligible costs of the action (see also Section 2.1.5). ”,*

does this mean that the applicant is expected to contribute from 10% to 25% of total eligible cost for the action? What is the minimum percentage of contribution expected from the applicant as part of the co-financing scheme for this contract?

Answer With reference to section 1.3 of the guidelines, the Grant requested by the applicant under this Call for Proposal must fall between the specified minimum and maximum percentages of total eligible costs of the action. “*The remaining balance must be financed from sources other than the general budget of the Union or the European Development Fund*”.

Question n. 10 Does “Establishment of Training Center for Teachers and Trainers (TCTT)” in the 10th of Ramadan Training Center on page 11 of the guidelines, allow both the creation of new TCTT as well as evolution and upgrade of the existing administration and facilities to establish a sound TCTT?

Answer Referring to Section 2.1.4, Eligible actions: actions for which an application may be made, Location of the guidelines, “... *at the applicants’ premises or in another location that the applicants must indicate in the proposal where a Training Centre for Teachers and Trainers (TCTT) will be established*”, it is based on the design of the action which will be proposed by the applicant.

Question n. 11 The provision of 250 trainers and teachers will be from the various TVETs across Egypt and not only limited to the 10th of Ramadan Training Center?

Answer Please refer to answer no. 4.

Question n. 12 The mention of “12 TVET sectors” on page 12 of the guidelines does not impose that an accepted proposal has to cover all the 12 TVET sectors?

Answer Please refer to section 2.1.4, Eligible actions: actions for which an application may be made, Sectors or Themes of the guidelines. Based on the applicant proposal, Sectors and Themes might be elaborated, provided that the application is consistent with the objectives set out in Section 1.2 of the guidelines.
