



UFM GRANT SCHEME TO PROMOTE EMPLOYMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN THE GREEN ECONOMY
REFERENCE NUMBER: PRO430EDE-2023

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATIONS No. 1 up to 30/03/2023

07-03-2023

Question 1:	What are the KPIs for beneficiaries?
<p>The Contracting Authority has not published a pre-set list of KPIs for the call. Applicants are to fill in the logical framework and activity matrix (Annex C) with the information appropriate and relevant to each proposal.</p> <p>For further information or guidance, there are available resources on https://europa.eu/capacity4dev/results-and-indicators/green-economy</p>	
Question 2:	If we are applying for the maximum amount of 300.000 EUR, does the amount include our contribution?
<p>Please refer to section 1.3 of the Call for Proposal Guidelines “Financial allocation provided by the contracting authority”.</p> <p>Any grant requested under this call for proposals must fall between the following minimum and maximum amounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum amount: EUR 150.000 • Maximum amount: EUR 300.000 <p>Any grant requested under this call for proposals must fall between the following maximum percentages of total eligible costs of the action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum percentage: 50 % of the total eligible costs of the action. • Maximum percentage 80 % of the total eligible costs of the action (see also Section 2.1.5). <p>Please bear in mind that the total cost for the project ≠ requested grant (i.e. Requesting a EUR 300.000,00 grant entails that the total cost of the project is higher, in line with the rate of co-financing)</p> <p>The balance (i.e. the difference between the total cost of the project and the amount requested from the contracting authority) must be financed from sources other than the Union for the Mediterranean.</p>	
Question 3:	Is it possible to have a small portion of direct fund to the beneficiaries at the end of the grant duration?
<p>Please refer to Section 2.1.4 of the Call for Proposal Guidelines, in particular the segment referring to Financial support to third parties: “Applicants may not propose financial support to third parties”.</p> <p>For further information on the eligible of costs under this call for proposals please refer to section 2.1.5 of the Guidelines.</p>	



08-03-2023

Question 4:	<p>The eligibility requirements state that organizations need to be established in the UfM region. While our organisation was established in the United States, we are locally registered in Palestine, Lebanon, and Jordan and conduct our primary operations in the UfM Region.</p> <p>At your earliest convenience, kindly let us know if our local registration is sufficient to apply as a Lead Applicant, Co-Applicant, or Affiliated Entity under this call.</p>
<p>As established in 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.</p> <p>Please refer to Section 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 of the Guidelines, where requisites for eligibility are laid out. In particular, that in order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• be a legal person (non-governmental organisation); pursuant to the conditions established in the Financing Agreement between UfM and GIZ, government agencies, local authorities, public sector operators and international organisations are not eligible under this call, and• be non-profit-making, and• be established in the UfM Region, and• be established in one of the following countries: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia or have at least one co-applicant established in one of the above-mentioned countries• be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary. <p>Fulfilment of these criteria will be determined on the basis of the organisation’s statutes, which should demonstrate that it has been established by an instrument governed by the national law of the country concerned and that its head office is located in an eligible country. In this respect, any legal entity whose statutes have been established in another country cannot be considered an eligible local organisation, even if the statutes are registered locally or a ‘Memorandum of Understanding’ has been concluded.</p> <p>Please note that co-applicants must satisfy the eligibility criteria as applicable to the lead applicant, and as per section 2.1.2 of the Guidelines affiliated entity(ies) must satisfy the same eligibility criteria as the lead applicant and the co-applicant(s).</p>	



Question 5:	We are a non-profit organization based in Germany, according to German law we are a register organization (e.v.), could we be able to apply for the grant?
<p>As established in 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.</p> <p>Please refer to Section 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 of the Guidelines, where requisites for eligibility of lead applicants, co-applicants and affiliated entities are laid out.</p> <p>In particular, that in order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• be a legal person (non-governmental organisation); pursuant to the conditions established in the Financing Agreement between UfM and GIZ, government agencies, local authorities, public sector operators and international organisations are not eligible under this call, and• be non-profit-making and• be established in the UfM Region and• be established in one of the following countries: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia or have at least one co-applicant established in one of the above-mentioned countries• be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary. <p>Please note that co-applicants must satisfy the eligibility criteria as applicable to the lead applicant, and as per section 2.1.2 of the Guidelines affiliated entity(ies) must satisfy the same eligibility criteria as the lead applicant and the co-applicant(s).</p>	

13-03-2023

Question 6	We are 2 GDAs for the development of rural women and artisans respectful of the ecosystem and the sustainability of greenery and the balance of biodiversity. We have a variety of activities and we seek to develop them better (Question translated from French)
<p>As established in 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.</p> <p>Please refer to the Guidelines in order to obtain necessary information, in particular with regards to the scope of the call (section 1.1 and 1.2), application procedure (sections 2.2.1 and 2.2.2) and eligibility requirements (section 2.1.1 and 2.1.4).</p> <p>Please also be reminded that applications are to be prepared and submitted in English</p>	

15-03-2023

Question 7	The guidelines indicate, as one of the eligibility criteria for lead applicants, that they must, "be a legal person (non-governmental organisation)". Our entity satisfies the remaining eligibility criteria for lead applicants, however, it is not an NGO, but rather a (...) non-profit institution (...) based in Cairo, Egypt.
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	Thus, could our entity be eligible as a lead applicant?
<p>Please refer to answer to question n° 5. Additionally, in accordance with section 2.1.1 of the guidelines, all of the requisites for eligibility of applicants must be fulfilled in order to qualify under the call for proposals. Please also consider section 2.1.3 for further possibilities of participation under the current call for proposals.</p>	

17-03-2023

Question 8	<p>We are a local NGO in a rural area in Jordan and we have extensive experience in such projects and received few grants from different donors.</p> <p>Can we apply for your grant by ourselves or we need to partner with other NGOs for that?</p>
<p>As established in 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. Please refer to Section 2.1.1 of the Guidelines, in particular segment (2), where it is stated that “The lead applicant may act individually or with co-applicant(s)”. Please consider also section 2.1.4, especially the location requisites, where it is indicated that “priority will be given to regional actions, i.e., involving at least 3 of the aforementioned Member States (Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia).</p>	

18-03-2023

Question 9	<p>Dear UFM team,</p> <p>I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to inquire about the call for proposals titled "Grant Scheme to Promote Employment and Entrepreneurship in the Green Economy." We are interested in submitting a proposal and have a few questions regarding the eligibility criteria and guidelines mentioned in the grant document.</p> <p>In the grant document, it is stated that "any grant requested under this call for proposals must represent a minimum of 50% of the total eligible costs of the action and a maximum of 80% of the total eligible costs." We would like to clarify whether this contribution includes a financial co-financing or an in-kind contribution.</p>
<p>Please refer to sections 1.3 and 2.1.5 of the Guidelines for applicants: 1.3: (...) The balance (i.e. the difference between the total cost of the action and the amount requested from the contracting authority) must be financed from sources other than the Union for the Mediterranean. 2.1.5: “Contributions in kind may not be treated as co-financing” under this call. Additionally, please bear in mind that in-kind contributions are considered ineligible costs under this call for proposals.</p>	



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Question 10	"Government agencies, local authorities, public sector operators, and international organizations are not eligible under this call." Can a local organization apply as a lead applicant with an international organization being the co-applicant?
<p>As established in 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.</p> <p>Please refer to Section 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 of the Guidelines, where requisites for eligibility are laid out. In particular, that in order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• be a legal person (non-governmental organisation); pursuant to the conditions established in the Financing Agreement between UfM and GIZ, government agencies, local authorities, public sector operators and international organisations are not eligible under this call, and• be non-profit-making, and• be established in the UfM Region, and• be established in one of the following countries: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia or have at least one co-applicant established in one of the above-mentioned countries• be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary. <p>Please note that co-applicants must satisfy the eligibility criteria as applicable to the lead applicant, and as per section 2.1.2 of the Guidelines affiliated entity(ies) must satisfy the same eligibility criteria as the lead applicant and the co-applicant(s).</p>	

Question 11	We would like to know if the lead applicant can be based in one of the UFM countries, while the co-applicant is based in two countries.
<p>As established in 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.</p> <p>Please refer to Section 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 of the Guidelines, where requisites for eligibility are laid out. In particular, that in order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must:</p>	



- be a legal person (non-governmental organisation); pursuant to the conditions established in the Financing Agreement between UfM and GIZ, government agencies, local authorities, public sector operators and international organisations are not eligible under this call, and
- be non-profit-making, and
- be established in the UfM Region, and
 - be established in one of the following countries: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia or have at least one co-applicant established in one of the above-mentioned countries
- be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.

Fulfilment of these criteria will be determined on the basis of the organisation's statutes, which should demonstrate that it has been established by an instrument governed by the national law of the country concerned and **that its head office is located in an eligible country**. In this respect, any legal entity whose statutes have been established in another country cannot be considered an eligible local organisation, even if the statutes are registered locally or a 'Memorandum of Understanding' has been concluded.

Question 12

We are a non-profit organization, and organic horticulture farm, that deals with the protection of the environment and animals.

In our vegan refuge in a rural area, lives about 200 animals, rescued from seizure and abuse, we collaborate with zoophile guards, but for reality, like ours, with "unconventional animals" there is no state funding.

(...)

We need to expand, buy other neighboring land to enlarge the area, offer more space to animals, save others, dedicated to organic bio agriculture and protect nature from traditional farmers who use pesticides and harmful methods of cultivation.

Our organization intend to preserve this natural area with all our forces and we need your help.

We are available to send any documents and reference required.

As established in 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.

Please see answer to **Question n° 6**



21/03/2023

Question 13	We have learnt about the Call for Proposals to Promote Employment and Entrepreneurship in the Green Economy. We wish to obtain the application documents in French. Could you please send them? (Question translated from French)
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Note that applicants must apply in English, in accordance with section 2.2.1 of the [Guidelines](#) for grant applicants. Where such documents are not in English, a translation into English of the relevant parts of these documents proving the lead applicant's and, where applicable, co-applicants' and affiliated entity(ies)' eligibility, must be attached for the purpose of analysing the application.

22/03/2023

Question 14	I came across the UFM Grant Scheme 2023 on your website and I am interested in submitting a proposal. However, I have a question regarding the eligibility of social enterprises that are legally for-profit but focus on non-profit work. Specifically, I am inquiring if (...) social enterprises are eligible to apply for this grant scheme. Ours is a social enterprise that aims to reduce plastic waste in the ocean by incentivizing waste collectors in developing countries to bring plastic waste to recycling centers in exchange for digital tokens that can be exchanged for goods and services. I would appreciate it if you could clarify whether social enterprises (...) are eligible to apply for the UFM Grant Scheme 2023.
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As established in 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.

Please refer to **answers n°5 and n°7** which cover the requisites for eligibility of applicants under the current call for proposals as per the established guidelines.

Fulfilment of these criteria will be determined on the basis of the organisation's statutes, which should demonstrate that it has been established by an instrument governed by the national law of the country concerned and **that its head office is located in an eligible country**. In this respect, any legal entity whose statutes have been established in another country cannot be considered an eligible local organisation, even if the statutes are registered locally or a 'Memorandum of Understanding' has been concluded.

23/03/2023

Question 15	Is it possible to submit the proposals in Arabic? If so, is there an available template? (Question translated from Arabic)
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Please refer to the answer to **Question 13**

Templates are available in English in order to prepare the project proposal on the following link <https://ufmsecretariat.org/grant-scheme-2023/> on the "Documents" section.



Question 16:	Is it possible to submit an already made project? (Question translated from Arabic)
<p>Please refer to section 1.2 of the Guidelines, in particular the section establishing that “Implementation of the proposed projects and their respective activities should be possible to begin immediately after the acceptance of the proposal.”</p> <p>Additionally, also consider Article 14.1 a) of the General Conditions of the Grant Contract, where it is stated that eligible costs (...) are incurred during the implementation of the action (...).</p>	
Question 17:	Can we submit a proposal without partners? If having a co-applicant is mandatory, does the partner need to be from the other targeted countries or can the partner also be from Jordan ?
<p>Please refer to the answer to Question 8.</p> <p>If the applicant decides to submit a proposal including co-applicants, please refer to Section 2.1.1 of the Guidelines for further information on the eligibility requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be established in the UfM Region and • be established in one of the following countries: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia or have at least one co-applicant established in <u>one of the above-mentioned countries</u>. 	

26/03/2023

Question 18:	I am writing to inquire about our eligibility for the active call for proposals “Grant Scheme to Promote Employment and Entrepreneurship in the Green Economy”. We are a non-for-profit Swiss organization specialized in supporting innovation and entrepreneurship in the green sector with a local registered branch in Jordan since 2021. We are also active in Lebanon, but with no local registration there. Does this fulfill the requirement of being “established” in one of the target countries?
<p>Please refer to the answer to Question 4</p> <p>Fulfilment of (...) the eligibility criteria will be determined on the basis of the organisation’s statutes, which should demonstrate that it has been established by an instrument governed by the national law of the country concerned and that its head office is located in an eligible country. In this respect, any legal entity whose statutes have been established in another country cannot be considered an eligible local organisation, even if the statutes are registered locally or a ‘Memorandum of Understanding’ has been concluded.</p>	

27/03/2023

Question 19:	<p>Regarding the UfM Cfp to Promote Employment and Entrepreneurship in the Green Economy, I see that cash grants are not eligible to MSMEs under Priority 2. Thus, I wanted to clarify the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can in-kind support be provided instead to MSMEs? - Can vulnerable individuals (women, youth), start-ups, and/or informal businesses (i.e. income generating activities) be supported through cash
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assistance (as long as the support individual's business activity does not have a for-profit registration)?

As established in 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.

- Please refer to section 2.1.5 where more detail is provided on the eligibility of in-kind contributions, in particular that “Contributions in kind mean the provision of goods or services to beneficiaries or affiliated entities free of charge by a third party. As contributions in kind do not involve any expenditure for beneficiaries or affiliated entities, they are not eligible costs. Contributions in kind may not be treated as co-financing”.
- Please see answer to **Question 3**.