**Contracting Authority's Clarifications**

Grant Scheme „Enhancement of Business Environment and Competitiveness of the Private Sector of Montenegro“

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| **Q1** | **Regarding the call for proposals „Enhancement of Business Environment and Competitiveness of the Private Sector” within IPA 2014-2020, we will appreciate the following clarification:**  **Whether the rule that Lead applicant must be from EU member state is valid for co-applicants as well? Is it possible to have Montenegrin partner institutions/organization in the Consortium for application, or/and to involve them as associates in project realisation only?** |
| **A1** | Please refer to the provision of the Guidelines for grant applicants, Section 2.1.1. – *Eligibility of applicants (i.e. lead applicant and co-applicant(s)):* “Co-applicants must satisfy the eligibility criteria as applicable to the lead applicant himself.”  Please also refer to the Section 2.1.3 of the Guidelines for applicants – *Associates and Contractors*, stating that “associates do not have to meet the eligibility criteria referred to in section 2.1.1.” |
| **Q2** | **Is it envisaged that only one grant will be awarded under this Call for Proposals and do the applicants need to achieve all expected results through their proposal?** |
| **A2** | Please refer to the Guidelines for grant applicants, *Section 2.3 - Evaluation and selection of applications*, which stipulates the following: “After the evaluation, a table will be drawn up listing the applications ranked according to their score. The highest scoring applications will be provisionally selected until the available budget for this call for proposals is reached. In addition, a reserve list will be drawn up following the same criteria.”  Please also refer to the Section 1.2 of the Guidelines for grant applicants, *Objectives of the Programme*: “This Call for Proposals foresees the award of a single grant contract to cover all of the actions outlined under section 2.1.4. The applicant is expected to ensure that the specific objective and the expected results are addressed through the proposal.” |