

Frequently Asked Questions
2nd Call for Project Proposals for the Greece-Albania IPA
Cross Border Cooperation Programme 2007-2013

Question 1

According to the first call for proposals of the programme, organizations located outside the programme area were allowed to participate provided that the foreseen activities would be implemented only in the programme area. Will the above situation apply to the 2nd call too?

Answer to question 1

According to the 2nd call for project proposals and in particular paragraph 6 “Eligible Partners” (pg .5) project proposals must include at least one partner from the Programme area (eligible and adjacent) of each country participating in the programme. Therefore, the answer is yes, providing there are at least one partner from each country's Programme area (eligible and adjacent). The fact that foreseen activities would be implemented only in the programme area (eligible or adjacent) is a condition for all activities implemented under this Call for Proposals.

Question 2

1. Is Aristotle University of Thessaloniki eligible to participate as Leader or Partner?
2. Is there a limit in the number of proposals that someone can participate as Leader or Partner?
3. Does the programme funding covers equally the participants from non-eligible or adjacent areas?

Answer to question 2

- 1) Eligible partners are those who meet the criteria stated in paragraph 6 (pg.5) of the call's announcement. According to the paragraph above, project proposals must include at least one partner from the programme area (eligible and adjacent) of each country participating in the programme. Further below it is explained that Partners from each country shall appoint a Lead Partner among them that shall assume responsibilities according to the Lead Partner principle...One of these two Lead Partners participating in the project will be also nominated as the Overall Lead Partner.
- 2) There is no limit in the number of proposals that someone can participate in as Lead Partner or Project Partner.
- 3) Programme funding may cover all the ELIGIBLE project partners. According to the IPA Regulation, adjacent areas can receive up to 20% of the Programme EU contribution (pg.3, call announcement). The 20% limit refers to the programme and not the budget of each project.

Question 3

Referring to the 2nd Call of INTERREG Greece - Albania I would like to ask you a question regarding the preparation costs. In order that the preparation costs to be eligible can this be guaranteed through a contract referring to the preparation costs with date of signing before the submission of the proposal and the invoice for the relative expenditure has a date that proceeds the date of the project's decision of approval? Or for the eligibility of preparation costs is obligatory the invoicing of preparation costs to be before the date of the submission?

Answer to question 3

Expenditure prior to the project proposal selection is eligible subject to the limits set in the Call for proposals and in the Programme Manual. Please refer to chapter 2.2.3. The following should be taken also into account (for Greek partners):

1. The contract referring to the preparation costs should be signed after the date of approval of the Programme and before the date of submission of the Application Form;
2. The invoicing must be done according to the contract's provisions and to the Greek Accounting Books and Records (in Greek: Κώδικας Βιβλίων και Στοιχείων).
3. The payment of the invoice can be done at the later stage (but always within the duration of the project as approved).
4. The expenses must be included in the first request of verification to the Controllers.

Albanian applicants/partners should read carefully the provisions of chapter 2.2.3. and the section 'Preparation costs' on page 25. Preparation costs are eligible only if they have been incurred by the Partner in Greece.

Question 4

I would kindly request clarification on whether International Organizations are eligible as project leaders and/or project partners under the 2nd Call IPA "Cross border cooperation between Albania and Greece" 2007-2013?

Thank you in advance for your assistance

Answer to question 4

According to paragraph 6 "*Eligible Partnerships*" of the Announcement of the 2nd Call for Project Proposals, the call is only addressed to:

- a. national, regional or local public authorities;
- b. bodies governed by public law¹, having legal personality, other than legal entities defined under paragraph a, established for the specific purpose of meeting needs

¹ Bodies governed by public law as defined in Article 1(9) of Directive 2004/18/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 on the coordination of procedures for the award of public works contracts, public supply contracts and public service contracts (<http://eur->

in the general interest (needs not having an industrial or commercial character), and which fulfil at least one of the following conditions:

- i. be financed, for the most part, by the national, regional or local authorities, or other bodies governed by public law or
- ii. be subject to management supervision by those bodies or
- iii. have an administrative, managerial or supervisory board, more than half of whose members are appointed by the national, regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed by public law;

c. private organizations: non profit organizations founded according to applicable legal framework/law in the respective country can be eligible under the following conditions:

- they do not have a commercial or industrial character or activities
- they are non- profit² and have a legal personality.

Therefore International Organisations are not eligible to participate in the Programme under this Call for Proposals.

Question 5

"Could an eligible institution (e.g. University) outside of the eligible area of the Programme (e.g. the Region of Thessaly) participate in the 2nd Call as Partner or even as a Lead Partner with all the related rights and responsibilities? If yes, under which conditions (if any)?"

Answer to question 5

Please refer to question 2.

lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2004:134:0114:0240:EN:PDF) and in compliance with the national legislation of each participating country.

² Profit is the making of gain in business activities for the benefit of the owners of the business (paying out dividends).