



**Q&A on the Call for Expression of Interest in the fields of municipal infrastructure +
 General Questions – February 2019-3**

<i>Q&A applicable to both Calls</i>	
Q1	<p>Are we right to assume that the budget as described in Annex B of the call for expression of interest is indicative in terms of structure and budget headings and that we can submit the budget structure that corresponds to our internal systems and that we usually use as Annex III of PA-Delegation Agreements (and will use for future Contribution Agreements)?</p> <p>In the case of xxx this means a budget for jointly financed Multi-Donor-Actions (reflecting both the EU and the xxx financial contribution).</p>
A1	<p>Please note that the budget-sheet 1 should include main budget headings as indicated in the footnote 3 of the budget templates. Please note that budget headings are indicative except for the heading Communication and Visibility activities (for which nevertheless the breakdown is up to the entities to propose). Additional budget lines and headings could be added to provide more information on the costs, as necessary.</p> <p>Also, according to the section 1.3 of the Guidelines, <i>Generally, 100% financing by the EU is foreseen</i>. This means that co-financing is possible. The budget template should be accommodated to include information on co-financing by other donors.</p>
Q2	<p>Are state institutions also eligible to apply under the recently published calls (municipal infrastructure and socio-economic support)?</p> <p>The calls refers to “entities” and further states that “eligibility is conditioned to the new Pillar Assessment, which is requested by the EU under the new EU Financial regulation. According to Article 279§3 FR the existing pillar assessments continue to apply until they are revised as appropriate”.</p> <p>In general, are state entities ‘assessed’ in one way or another?</p>
A2	<p>Turkish state institutions have not been pillar assessed and are therefore not eligible. The process that entities go through for the pillar assessment is not the same process as the one carried out for entrustment of budgetary implementation tasks (EBIT) to national authorities, i.e. indirect management with beneficiary countries.</p>
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Q3	<p>The call document requires in Section 2.2.1 that for all blending actions “<i>the entity shall submit an endorsement letter from the relevant Turkish authority(ies), confirming their commitment to mobilize necessary support for successful implementation and</i></p>

	<p><i>sustainable operation</i>".</p> <p>Can you clarify if a MoU with Ibank (in their capacity as a proposed local implementing partner and borrower) would satisfy this requirement?</p>
A3	The document to be provided in case of blending should confirm the commitment from the borrower to mobilise the necessary support for successful implementation and sustainable operations.
Q4	<p>In Section 1.3 the call document specifies that "<i>For actions focussing on strands 1, 2 and 3, the minimum budget of a single proposed Action must be EUR 50 million</i>".</p> <p>Is our understanding correct that for Actions covering a combination of strands 1, 2 and 3, the above minimum budget envelope applies to the entire Action only, and not to individual strand budgets? For example, a EUR 60m Action covering strand 1 (EUR 40m) and strand 2 (EUR 20m) will be deemed to have satisfied this criterion.</p>
A4	Your understanding is correct. Please refer to the Clarification set out in the Q&A of 13 December 2018.