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Challenge Call - **FAQ II**



1. Can associations apply to this call?

This public call defines the following institutions and legal entities that are eligible for this call:

- Private companies
- Public enterprises
- Universities and research institutes.

2. Which sustainability certificates are eligible? Can provision of consulting services in the e.g. GRI report application domain be acceptable? Or for B-corp.

The evaluation commission will assess all received applications based on a set of criteria, whereby each of the criteria shall be valued with a certain points percentage. Consequently, this question cannot be answered in advance.

3. Can I apply with a company I registered in Holland, provided the implementation is conducted in one or several countries with local partners? Or does the applicant have to be registered as a legal entity in Serbia? Can I apply as a private person?

The call documents stipulate in detail the legal entities that are eligible as potential applicants, as well as the conditions applicants have to meet. Please review the application materials in detail.

4. Can an NGO be a member of a consortium?

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5. What does it mean that products or services have been proven in practice? Can these be e.g. products that were already developed within an implemented research project, but have still not been commercialised? Can the value of this implemented project be presented as in-kind funding?

A product or service proven in practice implies they have a successful practical application that can be verified or documented. It is not enough for it to be at the level of an idea without any objective evidence that the product or service have a practical application and usability. The evaluation commission shall decide on individual applicants and their proposed products/services.



6. Do institutions from partner countries participate in co-funding or does that only apply to awardees?

The budget you shall enclose with your application requires that applicants declare which of the project participants shall participate in co-funding. Therefore, this is an internal matter of regulating relationships between the applicant and a potential partner.

7. If an economic operator already was a beneficiary of the ODA Challenge Call, can they apply with an upgrade to the already placed solution?

Previous participation and use of funding from the Challenge Call does not constitute an automatic disqualification factor for applications to this call. The evaluation commission shall decide on specific applications and their quality.

8. Is it necessary to make an agreement with a local partner before the beginning of the implementation stage? Which types of partnership are eligible?

The call documents stipulate the respective conditions in detail. It is not necessary to make an agreement; a letter of intent in line with requirements listed in the Eligible Applicants and Application Submission sections shall suffice.

9. Are commercial cooperatives, as legal entities and forms of commercial association of citizens, legitimate applicants?

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10. Should a foreign partner submit its registration document(s)?

If a local partner is considered a 'foreign partner', there are no requirements to submit their registration documents. However, if a foreign partner is a part of a consortium, then rules applicable to consortia, defined in compliance with the Law and Public Call documents, shall apply. The applicant shall be free to submit all other relevant documents that were not required as mandatory and are in line with the 'Optional' criterion from the Application Submission section.



11. Can a high school be a partner institution apart from a university?

If a university (or other eligible entity) is the lead applicant, a high school can be a partner institution.

12. Can an NGO be a partner organisation?

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13. Is it then preferable that a project is funded with up to \$ 300,000 (since it would be approximately 40%) for a \$ 600,000 project so we can obtain the maximum number of points for this criterion and support amounting to \$ 400,000?

The manner of assessment of the applicants' financial contributions was outlined in the Public Call documents, Annex I - Evaluation Criteria. The evaluation commission shall assess specific proposed contribution amounts in submitted applications according to these criteria.

14. Do institutions from partner countries also have the right to the listed eligible costs?

Yes, under the condition that the costs are directly related to the project proposal implementation, and that they otherwise fall into the category of eligible costs.

15. If the application is submitted on behalf of a consortium (several institutions from Serbia), can all institutions declare co-funding, considering the instructions only stipulate that the Lead Partner submits a co-funding statement?

The consortium leader's statement will suffice in this regard. Therefore, this is an internal matter of regulating relationships between the lead partner and the other members in a consortium.



16. I have a question regarding the appropriate category for our project. The project summary* is creation of a selection platform for animal breeding which integrates analysis and data to support optimization and reduce risks. Does this project fit into the Food safety and availability category?

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*The project summary has been edited to ensure discretion.

17. Is it necessary to attach a registration document for local partners with an application (whether they are legal entities, sole proprietorships, cooperatives or registered agricultural holdings)?

There is no requirement to submit registration documents for local partners. The applicant shall be free to submit all other relevant documents that were not required as mandatory and are in line with the 'Optional' criterion from the Application Submission section.

18. Are there exclusions of potential innovative projects based on how their development to-date has been funded?

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