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## Guidelines for Applicants

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- Full acceptance of the Programme provisions, including all the requirements set by the Grant Contract and its annexes in the framework of the Programme and by the management and control systems;
- Acceptance of undergoing audits and checks by all those bodies entitled to carry out such controls in the framework of the Programme, including the European Commission, the Managing Authority, the Audit Authority, the European Court of Auditors, the European Anti-Fraud Office, as well as the relevant national authorities if the organisation is located in an EU Member State. Storage of all documents required for these controls must allow their performance in the geographical area covered by the Programme;

**The international organisations will have to submit an *ad hoc* declaration explicitly stating it undertakes these obligations. The format of this declaration will be provided by the Managing Authority.**

In addition to the categories of Applicants and Partners, the proposal may involve “third parties” as follows:

**Associates.** They are associated organisations which may be involved in the project but they **cannot receive funding from the grant**. They may be invited to participate in the partnership and project events and the related costs of travel and accommodation, shall be covered by the project partners/applicant. Associates do not have to meet the geographical eligibility criteria of the previous sections. The associates have to be clearly mentioned in the e-form. Their role is not compatible with that of sub-contractor, meaning that associates cannot participate in procurement procedures launched by the project.

## 4.4 Specific requirements

### 4.4.1 Participation

The proposal may only address **one (1) Specific Objective** and one type of intervention even though there may be cross-over effects with other Specific Objectives.

**The same organisation<sup>16</sup> can apply only once as Applicant (Lead Partner) under each Specific Objective. No limitation applies for the participation of the same organization at partner level. In case an organisation participates in more than one (1) project as Applicant under the same Specific Objective, all concerned projects**

<sup>16</sup> Any legal entity, indicated under Reference to the par. on the eligible partners and according to the national legislations of Mediterranean Partner /IPA countries, which is provided with juridical, economic, technical and human capacities committed by the legal person as a whole. These conditions must result from supporting documents (such as statutes, registration papers and/or other official documents) proving the capacity to undertake legal obligations (signing contracts), to assume financial liability and to manage the resources for the achievement of stated purposes (i.e., public administrations or universities will be considered as ONE organisation represented by ONLY ONE legal person despite the functional independence of their departments or units). The participation of each organisation will be checked under step 1 (relevance and quality of the design) on the basis, among others, of the following information: national registration number (e.g., VAT, national code, social security etc.), name of the organisation and name of the legal representative.



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**submitted under that Specific Objective will be rejected.** Please note that an Applicant cannot be awarded more than two (2) grants as Lead Partner under this call for proposals. In case more than two (2) proposals from the same Applicant are shortlisted according to the rules for this call, only the two (2) best ranked proposals will be retained in the list to be financed.

### 4.4.2 Partnership composition

**The project partnership shall represent a minimum of three (3) eligible countries including at least one (1) EU Mediterranean Country (EUMC) and one (1) Mediterranean Partner Country (MPC).**

**International Organisations** as defined in section 4.3.2 **do not contribute** to the fulfilment of the above-mentioned minimum partnership requirement.

**The partnership shall not include more than two (2) organisations from the same country.**

To facilitate the establishment of the partnership, it is strongly recommended to contact the concerned National Contact Points.

A maximum number of **organisations** in the partnership (from 5 to 7) is recommended depending on the different type of project proposal to be submitted. A well-balanced geographical representation is always recommended.

### 4.4.3 Specific financial requirements

When preparing the budget, **at least 50%** of the project total eligible costs shall be dedicated to activities to be implemented in the Mediterranean Partner Countries territories (see section 4.1). This criterion is fulfilled in the following cases:

- a) foresee to allocate **at least 50%** of the project total eligible costs to the partners from the Mediterranean Partner Countries

or

- b) in case the financial allocation to partners from Mediterranean Partner Countries is lower than the said minimum percentage, the difference up to the minimum of 50% shall be justified by activities implemented by the EU Applicant and/or partner/s and/or International Organisations in the Mediterranean Partner Countries. The said budgeted direct costs shall be indicated and justified in the dedicated budget table. During project implementation, the MA will monitor the actual achievement of the level of expenditure in MPCs in order to ensure the compliance with this rule.

**An organisation may be allocated up to a maximum of 35% of the project total eligible costs.** The only exception occurs where there is only one partner from a Mediterranean Partner Country, which might manage 50% of the project total eligible costs.