



## Public call for proposals for economic infrastructure projects (CFP EUPROPLUS 003 – 2022)

### Frequently Asked Questions, part two, 26. October 2022

*This document serves as a record of the clarifications provided to interested parties in connection with the Public Call CFP EUPROPLUS 003-2022 in response to their questions raised verbally, by telephone and at the information sessions of the Call, as well as all clarifications provided in writing, in response to emails received through the channels defined by the Invitation. This document summarizes the answers to all the questions asked and is created in both English and Serbian languages. In case of any discrepancies, the Serbian version will prevail.*

*NOTE: The first part of the answers to the most frequent questions asked until October 17 is in a separate document on the same website.*

#### I General Criteria

No.	Question	Answer
Q1	When applying for LOT 1, for the continuation of an already initiated project, which document will be accepted as proof that the phase of a certain project is completed?	Depending on the purpose of the completed facility, the Record of the Handover of Works, the Report of the Commission for Technical Acceptance or the Decision on the use permit of the facility will be accepted. as evidence that the previous phase of the project has been completed.
Q2	Is it necessary to submit a letter of intent when applying for LOT 3?	It is not necessary, but in accordance with the evaluation criteria of the call, applications that foresee the creation of project technical documentation (PTD) for an already known investor are evaluated with 5 points, while applications that develop PTD for several known investors are evaluated with 10 points.
Q3	Is it possible to apply for two industrial zones in different locations within one project proposal?	No. The proposal has to cover only one location.

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**No. Question**

**Q4** Is there any other documentation that needs to be attached together with the Concept note?

**Answer**

Yes, together with the Concept for all three LOTs, only Annex E must be attached (the Applicant's statement that he/she agrees with the conditions of the Call. In addition, contracts or legally binding agreements and/or letters of intent can be attached as a legal basis for the realization of the investment in industrial or tourist zones (if the subject of the project is the expansion of tourist capacities) or as evidence of the realization of the lease of future tenants of science and technology parks, business incubators or innovation centres.

**Q5** What is considered as infrastructure works in the adaptation of the building?

Infrastructure works are considered to be all construction, construction-craft works and works on electrical, mechanical and water supply and sewage installations, i.e. all those works for which the design and technical documentation has received the appropriate permission.

**Q6** Given that the Register of Industrial Zones was updated in 2020, is it necessary that if applying for infrastructure equipment of the zone, it must be in the register?

It is not necessary for the industrial zone to be in the Register, but it is important for the local self-government itself that its zone is registered in the national database.

**Q7** Is it necessary within LOT 3 to have a design brief available prior to submission of the full application?

It is not necessary. The development of a design brief could be included as an activity within the project.

**Q8** What is taken into consideration when it comes to new employment? Temporary jobs, seasonal jobs or permanent employment?

New jobs refer only to permanent employment.



## No. Question

**Q9** If we have a construction permit which does not require the provision of an Environmental impact assessment Study according to the Rulebook, is it still necessary to develop such a Study?

**Q10** The municipality has a design for a water supply pipeline for the industrial zone, but at the same time, this pipeline would improve the water supply in the tourist zone. Is it possible to join LOTS and submit the application under two LOTS, that is, to count among final beneficiaries those in the tourist destination as well?

**Q11** How binding are the deadlines set by the Programme for the evaluation and signing of Grant agreements?

**Q12** Within LOT 1, infrastructure equipment of industrial zones, the project includes installation of electrical substation and electro installations. Is this considered by the Programme as equipment or as works on putting the industrial zone into a function?

## Answer

In case the relevant authorities of your municipality/city do not prescribe the development of an Environmental Impact Assessment Study, it is sufficient to submit the opinion of the responsible municipal/city department/administration that the development of such a Study is not needed.

The application can only be submitted within one LOT, but surely all entities that have a direct benefit from the proposal could be counted as final beneficiaries, including those in the tourist zone, regardless of the fact that it is not directly included in the subject of the proposal.

In accordance with the indicative plan included in the Call, the evaluation of the submitted concept notes will have been completed by the end of November 2022, and the applicants whose concepts are proposed for further review will be invited to submit a full application. The final results of the evaluation will be announced in February 2023. The Call foresees a max of 15 months for the realization of projects, and this time frame cannot be shortened regardless of the duration of the process of making a final decision on the grant contract award to local self-governments.

Installation of the electrical substation and electro installations are treated as works on infrastructure equipping and not as equipment.



**No. Question**

**Answer**

**Q13**

When equipping a tourist destination, is it acceptable to submit two construction permits, one for the access road and the other for the ticket office, given that the ministry financed the project and technical documentation?

If the issued permits refer to the same functional unit, then it is possible to accept the financing of technical documentation for which two permits were issued in order to achieve the integrity of the project goals.

**Q14** Our municipality belongs to the third development level, whose mandatory participation is 15% for project co-financing. Given that you said that the participation of local self-government could be shown with donor funds, e.g. Ministry, we are interested in whether we can show the funds of the Ministry of Economy that we received for the project of supporting the development of business infrastructure for the year 2022 as co-funding? The project includes "Improvement of infrastructure and availability in the business zones of the municipality of Paraćin", specifically the provision of energy capacities for the needs of business facilities in the Zmič Industrial Zone. At EU PRO Plus Call, the municipality of Paraćin plans to apply for LOT 3, i.e. the development of project technical documentation for the Zmič Industrial Zone, i.e. its communal infrastructure. The project of the Ministry of Economy is ongoing, and the design for which we would apply to EU PRO Plus funding has the same purpose, i.e. improving the competitiveness of the municipality to attract investments and employ more people.

Although both projects have the same purpose, they are independent of each other, i.e. they look at two different aspects of the improvement of the zone so that the funds allocated by the Ministry of Economy cannot be shown as the LSG co-funding of the design, especially since they are already allocated to infrastructure equipping that is not part of the future project. All funds from different sources are acceptable, but only if they are intended for the project for which you are applying and if they are placed from a dedicated sub-account opened for the purpose of implementing the project.

**Q15** Can a smaller amount of funds be approved within LOT 2 when applying for the maximum amount of funds?

If you apply for any LOT and your application is positively evaluated and recommended for funding as such, you will be awarded the entire amount you applied for. The possibility of approving only part of the funds is excluded.

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**No. Question**

**Answer**

**III Subject of the Call for Proposals**

- Q16** Is the project proposal for the construction of a road with infrastructure within the business zone acceptable within LOT 1?
- Yes. The call supports the construction of internal traffic roads in order to provide business conditions for businesses in the zone.
- Q17** Is it possible to apply with the project for reconstruction of cultural institutions, e.g. theatre, within LOT 2?
- The reconstruction of cultural institutions can only be considered under the condition that it contributes to the improvement of the tourist offer and the sustainable development of tourism in tourist destinations. Without this context, the cultural institutions by type fall under local infrastructure projects.
- Q18** Can environmental impact assessment studies be foreseen within LOT 3?
- Yes, if the relevant institution concludes that an environmental impact assessment study is necessary for a specific project
- Q19** Within LOT 2, is it allowed to create a comprehensive tourist signalisation for the territory of the entire municipality?
- Tourist signalisation (signboard) represents equipment, so it is possible for it to be included in infrastructure works and for its value to be within 30% of donor funds.  
Foundations for signalisation can be part of construction works.
- Q20** Is the installation of typical prefabricated small facilities for rent to businesses, foreseen by the General Regulation Plan within the location for business and services, acceptable as a project idea within LOT 1?
- LOT 1 supports infrastructural equipping of industrial zones in order to provide conditions for business to investors who would contribute to new jobs by starting a business in the zones. Prefabricated facilities/premises in the function of business and services do not belong to this type of economic activity.
- Q21** Can a project proposal related to access roads to the site be included in LOT 2?
- If the access roads are within the zone that can be declared a tourist destination, then they can be the subject of the project.



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**Q22** Is it possible to apply with a project that has already been started within the cross-border cooperation Program in the scope of LOT 2? How is the previous investment of the European Union considered?

**Q23** Is it possible to apply for LOT 1 for the construction of atmospheric sewage if it is located outside the industrial zone and is part of the collector to which the zone is connected?

**Q24** Is it possible to apply for a landfill revitalization project within LOT 2?

**Q25** Is the children's playground acceptable within LOT 2 as recreational infrastructure?

**Q26** Is it possible to apply with vehicles for cleaning/maintaining sewage systems in tourists area?

**Q27** Could design documentation for the legalisation of communal infrastructure be a subject of application within LOT 3?

**Q28** Is rehabilitation, reconstruction and landscaping of sports terrains acceptable for the purpose of sports and recreational tourism in LOT 2? Is expanding tourists' capacities and direct employment necessary as an impact?

## Answer

If the project involves implementation in phases, it is possible to apply for the continuation of a phase, provided that the previous phase has been completed and is in use, as well as that the phase for which the project is being applied will be completed and functional, i.e. put into use. All previous investments are viewed positively.

It is possible if the collector is built for the purpose of collecting atmospheric water from the zone that is the subject of the project.

Yes, if it is in the function of ecologically sustainable development of a certain tourist destination.

Children's playgrounds could be acceptable within LOT 2 in case contribute to the improvement of the tourist offer and the development of sustainable tourism, but without specific context, they are considered local infrastructure projects.

Vehicles for cleaning/maintenance are considered equipment, so their procurement is eligible in total value up to 30% of donor funds. The remaining value in the budget must be allocated for infrastructure works, soft measures and visibility in line with the conditions of the Call.

The provision of technical documentation for legalisation is not supported by this Call.

Sports and recreational tourism is acceptable for LOT 2 in the function of sustainable tourism, where the expansion of tourist capacity is not in the specific objective of the project. However, regardless of the type of the project, the creation of new jobs will be the subject of the evaluation.

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**Q29** Is there any limitations to the length of the inputs in the application form?

**Answer**

The application form is in an open format and there is no limitation per answer. However, the recommendation is to focus on quality, not to the quantity of the information. Also, please check the version of MS Word you are using.

**Q30** Is it sufficient to have a provisional Bill of Quantities (BoQ) for the works for the concept phase instead of the full set of technical documentation

Technical documentation or BoQ is not required for the concept phase. You should only provide an assessment of the investment value to form the project budget.