



## Answers on Frequently Asked Questions, 06 December 2023

# Public Call for implementation of integrated projects deriving from the twelve territorial strategies supported by the EU PRO Plus programme

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No.	Question	Answer
Q1	The question refers to the requirements of the Call, which can be a formal problem. In our territory, the Urban Area Development Council is the mayor's advisory body, the Mayor is not officially a member of the Council, but the Council has a President. Should the "Urban Area Development Council" be formally replaced with "LSG Development Council" and add the Mayor, or will this be tolerated (p. 12 of the Public Call "The Council consists of the Mayor and elected members...")?	The Call stipulates that the Urban Area Development Council can be replaced with the Development Council of the Local Self Government, if the City formally decides to entrust it with tasks related to the territorial strategy. In the Public Call, there is a recommendation for council members, including the Mayor as chairman, but it is the right of each LSG/territory to define the composition of the Council as seems appropriate, and such composition will be accepted by the Programme.
Q2	Does the city of Valjevo participate in the Public Call for the implementation of integral projects, and could our bakery submit the proposal this year?	This Public Call is not intended for entrepreneurs, micro and small businesses. Also, the city of Valjevo does not fall within the territory covered by this Public Call.
Q3	Who should sign the Decision on the Grant Management Team?	The Decision should be signed by the legal representative of the applicant.

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Q4	In a situation where the applicant is the Regional Development Agency, and particular works are carried out on the territory of a specific LSG, should the allocated money be transferred to the LSG account for the payment?	No, all payments should be carried out from the established sub-account.
Q5	Does Technical supervision fall under "External expertise" type of cost?	Yes, Technical supervision is an "External expertise" type of cost and it should be procured.
Q6	Given the fact that the budgets of local self-governments for 2024 have already been adopted through the decisions on the budget for 2024, which happened before the introduction of the temporary authority, and that through the project documentation, an extract from the budget is requested on the position where the means of our participation can be seen, whether is it possible to submit a statement from the mayor/president of the municipality as a guarantee for securing these funds that the funds will be provided if the project is approved?	In that case, it is possible to submit a statement from the authorised representative of the applicant confirming that funds for financial participation in the project will be provided if the project is approved.
Q7	Is it possible to apply for a project for the reconstruction of a building that is owned by the Republic of Serbia and is located in the territory covered by the relevant Strategy?	It is possible. It is necessary to establish a partnership on the project with the owner or the user of the facility, i.e. the respective institution.
Q8	Is it possible to cover, through one project, infrastructure works that are carried out on different facilities in locations that are within the scope of the one Strategic project? The projects are separated by location, but they represent cultural monuments and architectural heritage.	It is possible, if the planned infrastructural works are part of a strategic project with respect to other requirements for participation in the Public Call.
Q9	With respect to the criterion related to operational capacities, will only the experience of the project applicant be assessed or the experience of the project partner as well?	Relevant experience of the project applicant and project partners will be taken into account.
Q10	Which elements of innovations will be taken into consideration in the evaluation?	The following aspects might be taken into consideration: that the project

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		demonstrates added value and the potential of the new solution, that the innovation is relevant for the specific territorial context and that the proposed solution(s) has not been previously tested and implemented in the Republic of Serbia.
Q11	Can the salaries of employees in local self-government units who work on the implementation of the project be shown as the project co-financing?	No. Co-financing must be paid to the dedicated project sub-account. Regular salaries, presented in the form of "in-kind" contributions, cannot be treated as financial participation. Financial participation is the only valid and permitted co-financing under this Public Call.
Q12	Should the activities carried out by the project partner be shown in the joint budget, with the applicant's activities and the partner's activities separated?	The project budget is unique and it is necessary to show all eligible costs regardless of who is responsible for the implementation of the activity - the applicant or the project partner. In the budget narrative, it is necessary to state if the cost refers to the project partner. Payments are made directly and exclusively from a dedicated sub-account. In the application form, in the description of the project activities, it is necessary to indicate who is responsible for the implementation of the activities.