

Record of questions

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No.	Question	Answer
1.	Is the Ministry of Tourism of the Republic of Bulgaria eligible beneficiary within published first call for proposals under the INTERREG-IPA CBC Bulgaria-Macedonia 2014-2020?	<p>According to p. 2.5.1 “Eligibility of applicants” in the Guidelines for applicants under the Interreg IPA Cross-border cooperation Bulgaria – the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 2014-2020 one of the requirements of eligibility of the partners is to be legally established within the eligible cross-border region between Bulgaria and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.</p> <p>Exception is made for national/regional public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme or structures of central public authorities located in the eligible cross border region which cannot be registered as legal entities – in this case the central authority is a project partner.</p>
2.	Where to find the list of indicators for this call?	<p>The indicators under each Priority axis are specified in the INTERREG IPA Cross - border Cooperation Programme Bulgaria – the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, CCI2014TC16I5CB006. You can find the programme via following link - http://ipa-cbc-007.eu/upload/docs/2015-08/Interreg_IPA_CBC_CCI2014TC16I5CB006.pdf.</p> <p>In addition the indicators are uploaded for your selection within Application form, drop down menu in section Project identification, point 5.1 Expected outputs, column Output indicator.</p>

3	<p>For objective 3.1 Improving the competitiveness of regional businesses is it applicable to have an indicator Number of Start-up companies newly registered in the region (eligible area)? Shall the costs for registration of these start-ups reimbursed by the programme?</p>	<p>The indicators under each Priority axis are specified in the INTERREG IPA Cross - border Cooperation Programme Bulgaria – the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, CCI2014TC16I5CB006 as well as uploaded for selection within Application form, drop down menu in section Project identification, point 5.1 Expected outputs, column Output indicator. There is no such output indicator envisaged there. According to Guidelines for applicants, priority axis 3 – <i>Competitiveness</i>, Specific Objective 3.1 <i>Improving the competitiveness of regional businesses</i>, action for enhancing the competitiveness of companies one of indicative activities is Support to joint start-up and self-employment initiatives.</p> <p>Financing of registration of new start-up companies in the region (eligible area) is mentioned as ineligible activity in section 2.5.2 Eligibility of activities - Ineligible activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Actions supporting establishment or activities of private or public enterprises, and profit-earning activities.
4	<p>Please inform us if a branch of the organization, with registered office located outside the border region, is eligible for funding under the current call?</p>	<p>According to p. 2.5.1 “Eligibility of applicants” in the Guidelines for applicants under the Interreg IPA Cross-border cooperation Bulgaria – the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 2014-2020 one of the requirements of eligibility of the partners is to be legally established within the eligible cross border region between Bulgaria and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.</p> <p>Exception is made for national/regional public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme or structures of central public authorities located in the eligible cross border region which cannot be registered as legal entities – in this case the central authority is a project partner.</p> <p>Moreover in the same section it noted with “Important” that Local and regional branches of organizations whose headquarters are registered outside the eligible border region between Bulgaria and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia are not eligible under current Call for Proposals with exception of regional structures of central public</p>

		authorities located in the eligible cross-border area that cannot be registered as legal entities.
5	<p>In the Guidelines for Applicants of First Call for Proposals under the Interreg - IPA CBC Programme 2014-2020, point 4.2. Annexes (B), like a requirement for investment project is indicated that in case of works activities an Approved Detailed works design is needed.</p> <p>In that aspect are the expenses for the elaboration of Detailed works design eligible project preparation expenditures and can they be included in BUDGET LINE 6: PROJECT PREPARATION?</p>	<p>Expenditures for the elaboration of Detailed works design are eligible in case that they are made in compliance with requirements noted in section 2.5.3 of the Guidelines for Applicants and especially with instructions for budget line 6: Project preparation.</p> <p>The cost for project preparation will be reimbursed only to those applicants awarded subsidy contracts. Otherwise this cost is not recoverable.</p>