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CLARIFICATIONS

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Question 1: What types of advocacy activities does the project cover?

Answer 1: To ensure equal treatment of applicants, we cannot give an opinion on the objectives, expected results, and activities of the proposed projects, as well as on other elements of the application. Please check the guidelines document (3. Eligible and Ineligible Activities) which has detailed information about eligible and ineligible activities.

Question 2: Are art and culture activities eligible in this call?

Answer 2: As answered above, to ensure equal treatment of applicants, we cannot give an opinion on the objectives, expected results, and activities of the proposed projects, as well as on other elements of the application. Please check the guidelines document (3. Eligible and Ineligible Activities), which has detailed information about eligible and ineligible activities.

Question 3: Is starting a queer led social enterprise a legit result on terms of this call of proposal?

Answer 3: As answered above, to ensure equal treatment of applicants, we cannot give an opinion on the objectives, expected results, and activities of the proposed projects, as well as on other elements of the application. Please check the guidelines document (3. Eligible and Ineligible Activities) which has detailed information about eligible and ineligible activities.

Question 4: How to become an ERA member?

Answer 4: In order to be ERA member, you can send an email to members@lgbti-era.org, we will provide you with the documents you need to fill. When you send your full application it will be sent to the Steering Board for review and if they approve it will be voted on General Assembly for full membership. However, in order to apply for this subgranting program, you do not have to be ERA member.

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Question 5: We have a question about the recent call for proposals. We saw on the call that the applications are limited to organizations that are "registered 24+ months"(IG), as well as "have as a minimum two years (i.e. 24 months) experience in the field of the Call."

(guidelines). XXX has been registered on 1.1.2024. but its members as a team have been working together and separately on related topics for many years before that. Our question is are we eligible to apply? We will either way be registered for over 24 months by the time project implementation begins, but we wanted to check in with you about this.

Answer 5: As per the eligibility criteria in the Guidelines, the official date of registration of the organisation is taken into account when assessing the requirement of a minimum of two years (i.e. 24 months) experience in the field of the Call. Hence, it seems that since your organisation was officially registered on 1 January 2024, it would not meet the 24-month requirement at the time of application. Therefore, it would unfortunately not be eligible to apply under this Call.

Question 6: Is it important how long the organization exists? And is the yearly budget of the organization necessary? We are a new organization who just started this September so this is very important for us to know if we can apply for this program.

Answer 6: As mentioned above, organizations must be legally registered for at least 24 months at the time of application. You can see the needed documents in the Guidelines 5.6. How to apply section. Applicants are required to submit a filled application package, which consists of: 1. Application form, 2. Logical framework matrix., 3. Budget proposal and documentation (scanned): 1. Registration of the organization; 2. Statute of the organization; 3. Financial report for 2024 submitted to the relevant tax or related authority of the respective country in which applicant/s are registered; 4. Signed and certified statement that more than half of the members of the governing body of the organization are not members of the political party bodies, public officials, executives, civil servants or state employees.

Question 7: We are a newly founded organization in Serbia however we do not meet the eligibility criteria of 24 months of experience. In what capacity could we participate in this project, solely as individual associates to some other project proposals of organizations that are eligible? Can our organization be officially mentioned as associate organization not as co-partner or not, as it does not meet this eligibility criteria.

Answer 7: As answered above, organizations must be legally registered for at least 24 months at the time of application. You cannot also be co-partner as the criteria for co-partners are the same. You can be associates. Please note that associates cannot financially benefit from the project except for travel and per diems; check the guidelines for detailed information.

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Question 8: We are already a grantee of a project that ERA is partner of. Does that make us ineligible or not?

Answer 8: We are trying to clarify that with EU Delegation in Serbia. As soon as we have the answer, we will share it on our website with an updated clarifications document.

Question 9: How does cross-country cooperation look like technically from your side? Is it allowed, is it not and what conditions would apply?

Answer 9: Regional and cross-border activities are eligible, but they have to be clearly justified and they contribute to objectives of the call.

Question 10: If there two organizations apply together, would they apply as consortium? Would they have to be within the same budget of 40000 maximum or one can have 40000 and 20000 the other?

Answer 10: one organization is lead and other organizations can be partners. The lead organization will be responsible for budget, coordinating and reporting. The maximum amount that can be applied for is 40000 in total.

Question 11: In the guidelines it is stated that the maximum amount of funds provided for staff salaries/fees, office expenses and possible costs of purchasing equipment must not exceed 30% of the total costs of the entire project, whereas the maximum amount for staff salaries/fees is 30%. Does that mean salaries, office, expenses all together cannot exceed 30%?

Answer 11: Yes. Human resources and operational costs cannot be more than 30% of the total budget of the project. However, you need to be careful with service contracts. If it is part of activities you are going to implement, it is not within the 30%. On the other hand, if the main staff in the project is on a service contract, then it is included in this 30%.

Question 12: Is a partnership necessary, or can we apply as a single entity? Or is it better if I have a partnership in an organization, for example, in Turkey?

Answer 12: You don't have to have co-applicants. You can apply as a single organization. Co-applicants are optional. Also, The participation of CSOs or CSO networks established in an EU Member State is encouraged as appropriate. Such optional co-applicants from EU Member States must satisfy the eligibility criteria as applicable to the lead applicant him/herself, with the exception of being established in an IPA III Beneficiary under the Instrument of Pre-accession Assistance.

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Question 13: If we need partners for the project do they need to be from our country or other countries in the Western Balkans or Türkiye?

Answer 13: As answered above, you don't have to have co-applicants/partners for the project. However, if you choose to have partners, they must satisfy the eligibility criteria as applicable to the lead applicant.

Question 14: Is office rent an eligible cost?

Answer 14: We are trying to clarify that with the EU Delegation. As soon as we have the answer, we will share it on our website with an updated clarifications document.

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