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Question	Answer
<p>Q1: Considering the below paragraph:</p> <p><i>“Size of grants</i></p> <p><i>Any grant requested under this call for proposals must cover 100% of the total eligible costs of the action described in the proposal – i.e. no co-financing is allowed (see also section 2.1.5).</i></p> <p><i>The lead applicant must justify full financing in section 2.1.6 of part B of the grant application form. The validity of the justification provided will be examined during the evaluation procedure. The absence of any justification may lead to rejection of the application.</i></p> <p><i>For each lot, only one application will be selected and awarded a grant. Therefore, applicants are encouraged to present proposals aimed at absorbing the maximum</i></p>	<p>A1: Yes. As set out in Section 1.3 of the Guidelines for Grant Applicants, and given the format of the Grant Application Form, for each lot only one application can be submitted and will be selected and awarded a grant.</p>

¹ The term “Italian Cooperation” refers to the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS).

<p><i>amounts indicated above.”</i></p> <p>Are we correct in thinking that if we decide to apply for Lot 1 & 2, we would need to prepare and submit two separate concept notes?</p>	
<p>Q2: At which step is the situation of “be registered and/or authorized to implement activities in Libya or in the process of being registered/authorized” compulsory?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. At the time of the concept submission; or b. Should the concept be approved, at the time of the full proposal submission; or c. Should the full proposal be selected, at the time of the submission of additional documents before signing the contract. 	<p>A2: Section 2.1.1 of the Guidelines for Grant Applicants sets out the eligibility criteria for lead applicants and co-applicants, including <i>“be registered and/or authorized to implement activities in Libya or in the process of being registered/authorized.”</i></p> <p>The eligibility verification will <i>“only be performed for the applications that have been provisionally selected according to their score and within the available budget for this call for proposals”</i> as stated in Section 2.3 (3) STEP 3: VERIFICATION OF ELIIBILITY OF THE APPLICANTS AND AFFILIATED ENTITY(IES)</p> <p>However, Section 2.3 (1) STEP 1: OPENING & ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKS AND CONCEPT NOTE EVALUATION indicates that <i>“During the opening and administrative check, the following will be assessed: ...If the concept note satisfies all the criteria specified in the checklist in Section 2 of Part A of the grant application form. <u>This includes also an assessment of the eligibility of the action...The concept notes that pass this check will be evaluated on the relevance and design of the proposed action.”</u></i></p> <p>In fact, under Part A Section 3 – Declaration by the Lead Applicant (Concept Note) of the Grant Application Form, applicants are requested to declare their and their co-applicants and affiliated entity eligibility: <i>“The lead applicant, represented by the undersigned, being the authorised signatory of the lead applicant, and in the context of the present application, representing any co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies) in the</i></p>

	<p><i>proposed action, hereby declares that:</i></p> <p>- ...</p> <p><i>- the lead applicant and each co-applicant and affiliated entity (if any) are eligible in accordance with the criteria set out under Sections 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 of the guidelines for applicants...</i></p>
<p>Q3: At which level of local/central institution is the authorization to implement activities in Libya to be considered valid?</p>	<p>A3: As set out in Section 2.1.1 – Eligibility of applicants: <i>“In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must be...registered and/or authorized to implement activities in Libya or in the process of being registered/authorized...Co-applicants must satisfy the eligibility criteria as applicable to the lead applicant himself.”</i></p> <p>This authorization is to be considered valid when issued by the central authorities.</p>
<p>Q4: I would like to kindly ask you if a public Faculty of Medicine established in Italy or one of its single Departments of is eligible as co-applicant.</p>	<p>A4: As set out in Section 2.1.1 – Eligibility of applicants: <i>“In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must be...a non-governmental organization...Co-applicants must satisfy the eligibility criteria as applicable to the lead applicant himself.”</i></p> <p>Public universities do not fall into this category as they are public entities. They are, therefore, not eligible as co-applicant. However, please note that under Section 2.1.3 – Associates and Contractors the Guidelines for Grant Applicants state that: <i>“Other organisations or individuals may be involved in the action. Such associates play a real role in the action but may not receive funding from the grant, with the exception of per diem or travel costs. Associates do not have to meet the eligibility criteria referred to in section 2.1.1. Associates must be mentioned in Part B section 6 – ‘Associates participating in the action’ – of the grant application form.”</i></p>