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An Info Session open to all interested applicants was held via Zoom on 29 September 2022. Below follow the questions and requests for clarifications collected during this session, as well as those received via e-mail up to October 26, 2022. Answers are provided for the benefit of all interested applicants, as indicated in the Guidelines for grant applicants of this Call for Proposals and in line with PRAG stipulations.

Question	Answer
Q1. Do you expect the proposal to be implemented in all 4 municipalities or is it possible to focus on a n. of them?	A1. About locations, applicants are requested to implement activities in all 4 municipalities under this Call. So, all the 4 locations must be covered.
Q2. The total available budget will be 100% covered by AICS or is some kind of co-financing expected from the applicants?	A2. Concerning the budget, it is possible to present a co-financing and this option will be positively evaluated during the evaluation process.
Q3. Local partners are expected to provide the PADOR registration or is there any kind of derogation?	A3. Partnership with local partners can be performed with different modalities. First of all, as co-applicant or affiliated entity of the Consortium, the PADOR registration must be provided and, in this case, there is no derogation. In the case of a local partner who won't be part of the Consortium, PADOR registration is not requested.

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



<p>Q4. Regarding the assessment requirement, do all the value chains need to be pre-identified as part of the assessment or is it possible to postpone it on a later stage? Can we perform any assessment now or is it something that needs to be done if we are awarded?</p>	<p>A4. Concerning the value chains, it depends on how the applicant is going to structure the project, but it is possible to postpone the final identification of value chains on a later stage after the finalization of the need assessment conducted during the inception phase. Applicants can use previous assessment conducted in the same area if still valid at the time of the presentation of the proposal, avoiding duplications and reducing costs.</p>
<p>Q5. Can you tell us how many beneficiaries are you expecting to be targeted?</p>	<p>A5. The number of both indirect and direct beneficiaries will depend on the type of activities that the applicant will propose and on the logic behind the project. Of course, it will be much appreciated to have a sufficient number of direct beneficiaries involved in the intervention and this will be evaluated in the selection process.</p>
<p>Q6. Depending on the needs identified during the assessment, do you expect the Consortium to have the same level of interventions in the 4 locations or is it possible to have different levels according to the real needs identified?</p>	<p>A6. Depending on the different needs identified on the ground, applicants can propose different activities in order to respond to different identified needs. Ideally it will be better to have, as much as possible, an equitable budget allocation per municipality in order to avoid tensions with local authorities, applying the do no harm principle and conducting a conflict sensitivity analysis to mitigate these risks.</p>
<p>Q7. Will AICS be interested in having an in-depth assessment on Labour market or social cohesion dynamics, during the implementation, to be used for other interventions?</p>	<p>A7. AICS will be very much interested in receiving such an in-depth analysis which might be helpful in its programming. Moreover, it will be fundamental to focus on conflict sensitivity to be mainstreamed in all the phasis of the project.</p>
<p>Q8. Could you please confirm that the duration of the interventions is between 10 and 12 months?</p>	<p>A8. The duration shall be a maximum of 12 months and a minimum of 10.</p>
<p>Q9. As regard as the priorities listed in the Call for proposal, is it mandatory to address all of them</p>	<p>A9. The listed priorities are the ones that AICS identified, and they are indicative, so applicants can decide on which ones to focus according to</p>



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or is it possible to focus on some of them?	the rapid assessment findings and the logic behind their project proposals.
Q10. Concerning the requested documentation to be presented, all the documents from applicant and co-applicant must be hand signed or is it possible to submit scanned versions?	A10. Yes, it is acceptable to receive scanned version of some of the documents but, when possible, it would be better to provide the original ones.
Q11. As regard as the Logframe which must be aligned with AICS’s since the specific annex is an empty one, we were wondering if indications on indicators will come on a later stage?	A11. In the guidelines for applicants, impact and specific objectives are indicated but they are not included in the specific annex which applicants are requested to fill accordingly. Moreover, Baladiyati programme must be aligned with the EUTF result framework chains. In this Call, AICS did not provide any specific indications on indicators but once AICS will receive applicants logframes, an adjustment phase will be performed jointly in order to align indicators with the EUTF ones.
Q12. Concerning eligibility, are UN agencies or research centres eligible to apply to this Call or are they eligible to be subcontracted from the Lead applicant?	A12. As regard as eligibility, in order to be eligible, the Lead applicant and the Co-applicant must satisfy the eligibility criteria as per art. 2.1.1 of the Guidelines for Grant Applicants. Moreover, the Lead applicant can involve international organisations or research centres through a subcontract modality.
Q13. As regard as locations, would it be possible to go slightly outside the 4 selected municipalities?	A13. Concerning locations, interventions must be implemented in the 4 selected municipalities under the Call. As it is specified in guidelines, please note that some municipalities have split in different entities, so interventions must take into account these new entities under the overall budget of the Call.
Q14. Regarding the Registration Certificate in Libya, is it compulsory to submit a legal translation or is it possible to submit only the Arabic version?	A14. Applicants must submit legal translation of such a document in the English language.

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<p>Q15. In the folder "Documents to be completed by the applicants" (bandi per iniziative di cooperazione (aics.gov.it)) the Annex D - legal Entity Form available is for natural person only, and not for legal person. Is it a mistake?</p>	<p>A15. As per art. 2 of the Guidelines for Applicants at pag. 10, the rules for the submission, selection and implementation of the actions financed under this call are conform to the PRAG, available on https://wikis.ec.europa.eu/display/ExactExternalWiki/ePRAG</p> <p>Applicants that are legal persons are invited to use "Annex D – Legal entity file (private or public law body with legal form)" available on the link provided in the Guidelines as well as on https://wikis.ec.europa.eu/display/ExactExternalWiki/Annexes#Annexes-AnnexesE(Ch.6):Grants</p>
<p>Q16. Is it possible to submit the offline Pador Form (Annex F) in French, as official language of the EU?</p>	<p>A16. Yes, it is possible to submit the offline Pador Form (Annex F) in French, as official language of the EU.</p>
<p>Q17. Is it possible to involve organisations that already took part in RSS1 or RSS2? e.g., CIHEAM Bari</p>	<p>A17. Yes, it is possible to involve organisations that already took part in RSSD1 or RSSD2.</p>
<p>Q18. Is it possible to be partner with non-profit organisations already involved in RSS2 Programme such as Promediation and Ara Pacis? Can they be co-applicants in the Call for proposals?</p>	<p>A18. Yes, it is possible to be partner with non-profit organisations already involved in RSSD2; these organisations can be co-applicants if they satisfy the eligibility criteria as per art. 2.1.1 of the Guidelines for Grant Applicants.</p>
<p>Q19. Should the global objective and specific objective of the call for proposals (on page 6 of the Guidelines) be included in the Logical Framework? Or should we elaborate overall and specific objectives for the Action?</p>	<p>A19. Global objective and specific objective of the Call for Proposals must be included in the Logical Framework of the proposal. Moreover, Baladiyati programme must be aligned with the EUTF result framework chains. In this Call, AICS did not provide any specific indications on indicators but once AICS receives applicants' logframes, adjustments might be requested in order to align indicators with the EUTF ones.</p>
<p>Q20. Is there a percentage limit on the budget granted to local co-applicants (for instance 40% of the budget requested to the donor, to be divided between all the local co-applicants)?</p>	<p>A20. It is recommended not to entrust co-applicants with more than 40% of the total budget.</p>



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<p>Q21. In par. 2.1.1 Eligibility of applicants (i.e., lead applicant and co-applicant(s)) of the Guidelines it is written that "In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: [...] • be a non-governmental organisation". Is a Public University affiliated with the Ministry of Higher Education eligible to be a co-applicant or is it qualified as "governmental"?</p>	<p>A21. If this entity is a public institution, it cannot be a co-applicant of the project as it does not meet the eligibility requirements of the Guidelines for applicants set as per art. 2.1.1 Eligibility of applicants (i.e., lead applicant and co-applicant(s)).</p>
<p>Q22. In the case of a consortium with an officially registered Leading Agency in the West and a local Co-Applicant officially registered in both West and East, and where the Co-Applicant directly and independently implements activities in the East, while the Leading Agency only in the West, is it necessary to also register the Leading Agency in the East? Would a non-registration of the Leading Agency in the East lead to ineligibility of the consortium?</p>	<p>A22. As per art. 2.1.1 of the Guidelines for Applicants, both Lead applicant and co-applicant must be registered and/or authorized to implement activities in Libya or in the process of being registered/authorized. The certificate of registration valid on the date of submission of the proposal must be attached as supporting document of the lead applicant and the same applies for any co-applicant and/or affiliated entity. In the case of a registration process that has commenced and has not yet been completed, the above-mentioned entities must submit evidence of the commencement of the procedure prior to this date (e.g. delivery of the dossier). If the co-applicant is registered both in the West and in the East and it is the organization implementing the activity on the ground, there is no need for the Leading Agency to be registered in the East. Therefore, a non-registration of the Leading Agency in the East would not lead to ineligibility of the consortium.</p>
<p>Q23. Given the risks in terms of the timing of international transfers to Libyan bank accounts of local NGOs, is it a problem to use a foreign (non-Libyan) bank account in the name of the local NGO? If so, should the account be one dedicated to the project?</p>	<p>A23. It is possible to use a foreign bank account for a Local partner and it is recommended that the account will be dedicated to the project in order to ensure the traceability of financial transactions.</p>
<p>Q24. Considering the statement: "Any grant requested under this Call for Proposals must</p>	<p>A24. It is possible to present a co-financing and this option will be positively evaluated during the selection process. In this case it is</p>



<p>cover 100% of the total eligible costs of the action.”, is co-financing allowed? If yes, is the co-financing by the applicants to be considered within the maximum amount of EUR 1,400,000 or it can be added on top of the maximum amount?</p>	<p>preferable to propose a co-financing to be added on top of the maximum amount.</p>
<p>Q25. Given the recently increased access constraints for INGOs in Libya, especially the fact that relevant authorities have currently suspended registration processes and renewals for INGOs, is there a possibility of a special derogation to the Eligibility criterion “be registered and/or authorized to implement activities in Libya or in the process of being registered/authorized” for co-applicants?</p>	<p>A25. As per art. 2.1.1 of the Guidelines of applicants, both Lead applicant and co-applicant must be registered and/or authorized to implement activities in Libya or in the process of being registered/authorized and there are no derogations. The certificate of registration valid on the date of submission of the proposal must be attached as supporting document of the lead applicant and the same applies for any co-applicant and/or affiliated entity. In the case of a registration process that has commenced and has not yet been completed, the above-mentioned entities must submit evidence of the commencement of the procedure prior to this date (e.g. delivery of the dossier).</p>
<p>Q26. Is this project expected to articulate with other EU Trust Funds ongoing or planned activities implemented by UNDP and UNICEF in the South? If yes, what recommendations, components, complementarities or project activities should be taken into account for the project design?</p>	<p>A26. Close coordination with other programmes and projects is highly recommended and encouraged. The efficiency and effectiveness of the actions are affected by the cooperation with programmes already implemented, ongoing or in the pipeline in the selected municipalities. Finding complementarities implies continued information sharing with the relevant stakeholders. Applicants should coordinate with other stakeholders and capture relevant challenges, good practices and lessons learned in their proposals.</p>
<p>Q27. As a significant share of agricultural producers in the South of Libya are privately owned companies or organisations, what restrictions and selection criteria for</p>	<p>A27. The proposals must comply with the indications provided in the Guidelines for Applicants. Applicants are requested to describe and quantify the expected beneficiaries of their proposals explaining the envisaged selection criteria and how the actions proposed meet the needs and priorities identified in the Call for Proposals.</p>



<p>beneficiary organisation does the EU and AICS expect to be set in order to meet the general objective of the call?</p>	
<p>Q28. With regard to the answer to Q3 (Local partners are expected to provide the PADOR registration or is there any kind of derogation?) contained in of the MoM for the presentation of the call: A3. Partnership with local partners can be performed with different modalities. First of all, as co-applicant or affiliated entity of the Consortium, the PADOR registration must be provided and, in this case, there is no derogation. In the case of a local partner who won't be part of the Consortium, PADOR registration is not requested. Could you please clarify what are the administrative procedure to follow if the local partner will be not part of the consortium, neither as Co-applicant nor as affiliated entity. Should we submit a MoU between the applicant and the local partner? Is there any other document that should be submitted?</p>	<p>A28. As per art. 2.2.1 of the Guidelines for grant applicants, PADOR registration must be provided for applicant, co-applicant and affiliated entities. This document is not requested for partners which are not going to be part of the Consortium. In case the lead applicant intends to implement activities with local partners, an MoU is requested but there is no obligation to send it as a supporting document. This type of agreements shall be made after the grant signature. If such an agreement is already in place at the time of the submission, it can be submitted.</p>