



REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, ALBANIA, PHASE III

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1. Is there a condition that the project proposals of municipalities must be part of priorities for Local Plans?

In case the proposed project is part of the Local Plan Priorities, this shall be mentioned in the application thus contributing to demonstration of the relevance of the action as per evaluation criterion no. 2.2.

However, there is no conditionality under the RDPA that the proposed project should be part of the Local Plan Priorities.

2. With regard to budgeting, in cases when a project consists of investments, should the applicant list all items of investments on the budget table or just write the name of the investment and the value of the budget?

The applicant shall provide the name of the investment, type of tender (for example in this case 'works') and the total value (total net cost + VAT = total). However, if available, information should also be on 'units', 'units quantity', 'cost/unit', for example:

Unit: square meters

Units quantity: 500 (square meters)

Cost/unit: the cost of construction/refurbishment per square meter.

3. In case when there is a co-applicant, can the applying Municipality remove the sections/tables related to the co-applicant from the application to they must be part of the application but not completed?

The relevant sections in the applications shall not be completed.

4. Should offers for works, project and technical specifications be in Albanian and English?

Albanian.

5. In case of co-financing by the Municipality, should co-financing expressed as percentage or according to detailed items?

Generally co-financing by the Municipality should be provided in parallel (pari passu) with the RDPA funding; therefore based on percentage or the respective amounts (RDPA funding + Municipality funding) rather than individual items of expenditure. However, during the preparation of the relevant grant contract, different modalities could be agreed.

Further to this question the template Budget (Annex B of the Call for Proposals) was amended and publication of the updated version is planned.

6. In the budget form it is required that the calculations must be presented in Euro. In what currency will these funds be transferred to the Municipality, as in the case of co-financing the municipality's funds are in ALL?

It is acknowledged that the municipality co-financing shall be in ALL. The RDPA funding shall be transferred in EUR or ALL in compliance with the applicable regulations. During the preparation of the relevant grant contract the relevant currency shall be agreed.

7. What is the procurement method for the implementation of the works? Albanian Legislation or other methodologies?

The procurement from municipalities will be carried out based on the Albanian legislation on public procurement.

8. In case of left over funds after procurement, what method is followed with these funds?

In case there are leftover funds after the conclusion of the procurement procedures, the beneficiary can submit a request for using these funds to achieve additional benefits for the project. This shall require an addendum to the grant contract, subject to the approval from the Contracting Authority.

9. Which are the supporting documents that the selected applicants should submit?

Please refer to the answer number 1, provided under the Questions and Answers no.1/08.05.2018.

10. Is it possible that a Municipality co-finance projects with value higher than 60,000 EUR?

Yes, a Municipality may co-finance project with value higher than 60,000 EUR.