



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

CALL 1 FOR APPLICATION WITH CONCEPT NOTES

Under the Territorial Strategy

Strategic objective “To enhance growth in all its aspects”

Specific objective 2 – “To enhance regional competitiveness, incl. in the area of tourism”, Measures 2.2 and 2.3

in the framework of (INTERREG VI-A) IPA Bulgaria Serbia Programme 2021-2027, CCI Number: 2021TC16IPCB007

No.	Question received	Answer provided
1	<p>Received on 12.07.2023 on the Info day in Montana: How can we get the presentations from the info day?</p>	<p>The presentations are published on the Programme's web site, available at: www.ipacbc-bgrs.eu.</p>
2	<p>Received on 25.07.2023 via E-mail: What you exactly consider under the term „Capitalization potential of the project idea“? In the GUIDE FOR APPLICATION WITH CONCEPT NOTES (Call 1 for Concept Notes) under the QUALITY CRITERIA FOR STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT OF CONCEPT NOTES one of the criteria is „Capitalization potential of the project idea“. Can you explain more</p>	<p>Capitalization in the context of Interreg programmes refers to the approach of reusing and building on results of previous similar projects and initiatives. For more detail information, you may want to consult the following documents: https://www.interact-eu.net/library#4264-presentation-interreg-conundrum-how-reuse-and-build-results-and-remain-relevant-new-ideas and https://www.interact-eu.net/library#4247-ikf-materials-how-build-results-previous-projects-23-may</p>



	precisely what the Programme consider under this term. Different EU funded programs have developed their own definition as well as practices of „Capitalization“ , so it will be good to know how the BG-RS Programme consider this term.	
I. <u>JeMS and Registration</u>		
3	Received on 17.07.2023 during the Info Day in Zajecar Does the Lead applicant have to give privileges to other partners for work in JEMS?	No, the Lead applicant may decide not to grant access rights to other partners. Please, go to section 3 ‘User Management’ of the Jems Manual (Annex 5) for more information.
4	Received on 19.07.2023 during the Info Day in Pirot Can two persons from the same organization work on one application/concept note?	Section 3 ‘User Management’ of the Jems Manual provides detail information how to structure the work on the concept note. Please, make sure you have consulted the last paragraph ‘Risk of overwriting information’.
5	Received on 19.07.2023 during the Info Day in Pirot Is concept note to be submitted only by the Lead applicant, or could it be submitted also by other partners?	Please, go to section 3 ‘User Management’ of the Jems Manual (Annex 5) for more information. In short, only users with EDIT or MANAGE privilege rights can submit the proposal.
II. <u>Eligibility of Applicants and Activities</u>		
6	Received on 26.06.2023. via e-mail: Our NGO is registered in Pernik, but the place, where we settle our events and develop as a place for tourism is in the village of Sgurovo in the Kjustendil district. Should we apply in Bulgaria-Serbia or Bulgaria-North Macedonia INTERREG IPA Programme?	Criteria for applicants’ eligibility under the 1st Call with concept notes under the Territorial Strategy of the INTERREG VI-A IPA Bulgaria- Serbia Programme 2021-2027 are defined in the Guide for Application with Concept Notes (Call1) in p. 4.5. 1. “Eligible lead and project partners are legally established:”, page 14. Lead Partners and project partners must comply with the general eligibility criteria to “be legally established local/regional bodies and authorities (incl. regional structures of central public authorities and statutory bodies); Regional and sectoral development agencies, and business support structures; NGOs and other socio-economic partners; Academic, research, training and cultural institutions. All project partners, including lead partners, must be non-profit, registered and operate in the Programme area at least 3



		years prior to the application. In line with the territorial focus of the Call. District of Pernik is eligible area only under the (Interreg VI-A) IPA Bulgaria Serbia Programme.
7	<p>Received on 03.07.2023 via e-mail:</p> <p>The definition of “NGOs” include also religious organizations. Could you confirm that such organizations and precisely the church boards (църковните настоятелства) are eligible?</p>	The Bulgarian Law on Non-Profit Legal Entities (BLNPLE) is not applicable for bodies of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church - Bulgarian Patriarchate. Yet, the Church Boards are legal bodies which manage the work of the Bulgarian Patriarchate, but their legal personality is regulated in other acts different from the BLNPLE. Therefore, Church Boards in Bulgaria are not eligible partners under the conditions of Call 1.
8	<p>Received on 20.07.2023 via e-mail:</p> <p>Regarding Call 1 for Concept Notes-IPA Bulgaria Serbia Programme 2021-2027, according to the Guidelines, at least 60% of the proposed budget should be investment.</p> <p>Our question is: Is development of digital platform with mobile phones software application considered to be an investment?</p>	The definition of the investment component, as required by the current Call 1 is, ‘works and/or supply’. Sections ‘Call 1 in a nutshell’ (bullet “Financial aspects”), 4.1 (Contribution to the objectives of the Territorial Strategy), 4.6 (Scope of project activities) and 6 (Project ideas identification process) set out this definition.
9	<p>Received on 17.07.2023 during the Info Day in Zajecar</p> <p>Under which budget category we should foresee the costs for media publications advertising materials that are not directly related to organization of events? Are those costs planned according to the real cost option?</p>	Costs for media publications advertising materials, not planned strictly for organization of an event, are to be planned under budget category 4, as real costs.
10	<p>Received on 17.07.2023 during the Info Day in Zajecar</p> <p>In case of organization of a mass event (for example 200 people on a 2-day mass event) – the approximate sum for this event is 28000 euro, if the amount is foreseen on the basis of a unit cost option. Do we need to plan for and conduct a tender procedure for this cost? What documents, related to this expenditure are to be “checked” prior to reimbursement?</p>	Detail information about spending and reporting of costs, regardless of their types, shall be provided at a later stage to applicants who will be invited to submit full project proposal. At a concept note level, this information is of no relevance. Section 4.7. Scope of project costs indicates provisions related to procurement.



11	<p>Received on 17.07.2023 during the Info Day in Zajecar</p> <p>Is it possible that none of the partners are registered in JEMS, but still be listed in the application as a project partner or a lead partner?</p>	Yes, it is possible.
12	<p>Received on 19.07.2023 during the Info Day in Pirot</p> <p>Our institution is still implementing a project under the current Programme Bulgaria – Serbia. Could we still apply? There is no such restriction in the Programme documents.</p>	There is no such restriction in the current Guidelines for applicants.
13	<p>Received on 19.07.2023 during the Info Day in Pirot</p> <p>How many more Calls under the Programme 2021- 2027 will be there?</p>	There is an indicative annual work Programme for 2023, available at the web-site of the Programme, at: http://www.ipacbc-bgrs.eu/2020-news/indicative-annual-work-programme-2023 . The publication of further Calls under the Programme will depend on the outcome of these, and will be properly announced.
14	<p>Received on 19.07.2023 during the Info Day in Pirot</p> <p>Could support to churches be considered as eligible?</p>	The eligible partners under the current Call are defined in the section 4.5.1 of the Guidelines for applicants.
15	<p>Received on 19.07.2023 during the Info Day in Pirot</p> <p>Is the amount of up to 20% of the direct costs for BC1 valid both for real costs and flat rate?</p>	Irrespectively of the selected option, the maximum rate of the staff costs is up to 20 % of the eligible costs under BC 4, BC 5 and BC 6 of the project budget of the respective partner.
16	<p>Received on 19.07.2023 during the Info Day in Pirot</p> <p>Do the 73 EUR foreseen as unit costs include also the travelling and accommodation?</p>	<p>According to the Guidelines for applicants, the unit costs option includes the following types of expenditures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expenses for rent of hall for meetings, trainings, conferences, etc. - Expenses for rent of equipment - translation equipment, audio equipment, etc. - The expenditure for rent of vehicle for participants in the events (car, van, minibuss,



		<p>bus, etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expenses for coffee breaks, refreshments, lunches and dinners for participants in the events; - Accommodation costs; - Expenses for purchase of consumables and materials for the participants in the events - paper, files, folders, cases, CDs etc. and printing of invitations, agenda, presentations.
17	<p>Received on 19.07.2023 during the Info Day in Pirot In case there are different events to be organized, could different cost options (real costs or unit costs) be applied for their planning and realization?</p>	<p>One project partner selects one cost option applicable to all of their events.</p>
18	<p>Received on 19.07.2023 during the Info Day in Pirot As of which date are the costs for project preparation eligible for Serbian beneficiaries?</p>	<p>By Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of 24 June 2021, art. 63, the time eligibility of Project preparation costs starts from January 1, 2021, unless otherwise specified in the respective Call documents. Please, note that this type of costs can be claimed only in the full project proposal. In the budget of the concept note are only indicated.</p>
19	<p>Received on 19.07.2023 during the Info Day in Pirot Could an external PRAG expert be considered an eligible cost?</p>	<p>The scope of the project costs is described in the section 4.7 Scope of the project costs, under the present Guidelines for applicants. The eligibility of different budget subcategories will be described in the Guidelines for applicants of FPP and their relevance would be subject of assessment at the stage of full application proposals submission.</p>
20	<p>Received on 19.07.2023 during the Info Day in Pirot Considering the indicators, could the quantification of the indicators be changed in the full project proposal?</p>	<p>Call 1 does not set rules and conditions for preparing full project proposals (FPP). The Guidelines for applicants for submission of FPP will be attached to the invitation for submission of FPP.</p>
21	<p>Received on 19.07.2023 during the Info Day in Pirot What would happen with a project idea/proposal should</p>	<p>Call 1 does not set rules and conditions for preparing full project proposals (FPP). The Guidelines for applicants for submission of FPP will be attached to the invitation for submission of FPP.</p>



	<p>one partner decide to leave in any of the identification stages, following the submission of the project idea?</p>	
<p>22</p>	<p>Received on 01.08.2023 via e-mail:</p> <p>Can we as an NGO, according to the rules of the Interreg VI-A Program Bulgaria-Serbia 2021-2027, reconstruct the old school, of course with the agreement of the municipality?</p> <p>If it is allowed, what kind of document should we obtain (consent of the municipality or contract with the municipality or other)?</p>	<p>According to the Guide for Application with Concept Notes and the eligibility requirements for investment activities, works of building new or rehabilitating existing infrastructure should be carried out exclusively on state-owned or municipal property and only the owner of the respective property rights, or the legal body that has acquired the management rights of that particular property, is entitled to contract the implementation of those activities, i.e. it should be a project partner. (p. 16 of the Guide for Application with Concept Notes (Call1).</p> <p>The documents of the properties that works shall be carried will be subject to eligibility check when applying with the full project proposal. The respected legal documents according to national legislation issued in the name of the respective project partner clearly evidencing the municipal or state ownership of the tangible assets, which will be subject of works activities should be presented with the full project proposal.</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>Received on 04.08.2023 via e-mail:</p> <p>Cultural organization - Museum intends to apply with concept note that includes conservation of ancient fortress - public state property, located in forest fund, managed by the Regional forest directorate. The fortress is an immovable cultural asset of national importance.</p> <p>The conservation will be a Stage 2, where the first stage has been funded under the Interreg IPA CBC Bulgaria-Serbia 2014-2020 programme.</p> <p>Museum has implemented the respective activities for the fortress under Stage 1 for conservation according to a Permission order of the Regional forest directorate issued under art. 13, par. 1 of the Ordinance No. 5 on construction in forest areas, in connection with Art. 153 (1), item 6 of Forests Law, where the time of the permission is 10 years. According to art. 13, par. 1 "The construction of the buildings and facilities under Art. 153, para. 1 of the FL is permitted by order of the director of the</p>	<p>According to the Guide for Application with Concept Notes and the eligibility requirements for investment activities, works of building new or rehabilitating existing infrastructure should be carried out exclusively on state-owned or municipal property and only the owner of the respective property rights, or the legal body that has acquired the management rights of that particular property, is entitled to contract the implementation of those activities, i.e. it should be a project partner. (p. 16 of the Guide for Application with Concept Notes (Call1).</p> <p>The ownership of the properties that works shall be carried will be subject to eligibility check when applying with the full project proposal. Ownership act or certificate (or other legal document according to national legislation) issued in the name of the respective project partner clearly evidencing the municipal or state ownership of the tangible assets, which will be subject of works activities should be presented with the full project proposal.</p>



	<p>relevant regional forest directorate in the area of activity in which the object falls, or by order of an official authorized by him.". Art. 153, para. 1, item 6 of the FL states that "The following activities are not considered construction works:"</p> <p>"6. facilities ensuring the preservation of cultural values;"</p> <p>The respective order is considered by the Museum and the RFD as provision of management rights for the respective site, provided for 10 years only for the respective activities which are also allowed by the Ministry of Culture in protocol with the measures for preservation of the monument.</p> <p>Having in mind the above explanation, please let us know if the respective document (Permission order of the RFD for the activities) is sufficient in order for the Museum, to whom the order is issued, to apply for the conservation activities of the fortress.</p>	
24	<p>Received on 04.08.2023 via e-mail:</p> <p>Are eligible under the call organizations allowed to apply with 2 concept notes (1 with investment component and 1 with soft activities) only in the capacity of partners?</p>	<p>According to the eligibility requirements set out in section 4.5 Project partnership on p.15 of the Guide for Application with Concept Notes: "Each applicant may participate as a project partner who bears the investment component in only one project idea + one more project idea as a project partner who implements only soft measures."</p>
25	<p>Received on 04.08.2023 via e-mail:</p> <p>Are any types of small scale infrastructure activities or supplies allowed for implementation of soft activities for partners applying with a second concept note with soft activities? What is considered soft activities under the current call?</p>	<p>Please, see the answer of question 24. Additionally, please have in mind that soft activities refer to services related activities.</p>
26	<p>Received on 04.08.2023 via e-mail:</p> <p>Are forest (off-road) bicycle paths eligible to be counted under RCO58 Dedicated cycling infrastructure supported</p>	<p>Please, consult Annex 4: Indicators Fiches to the Guide for Application with Concept Notes. As per the definition of the RCO58 "Dedicated cycling infrastructure supported" the indicator will measure the length (km) of dedicated cycling infrastructure newly built or significantly upgraded by projects supported. Dedicated cycling infrastructure</p>



	<p>indicator? The path will be marked as such but will not have any construction of pavement involved.</p>	<p>includes cycling facilities separated from other roads or other parts of the same road by structural means, cycling streets, cycling tunnels etc.</p> <p>In addition, please bear in mind that the assessment working group, after it is established, will be the body that possesses the entire and complete information regarding the respective concept note including the envisaged activities and it will be the one to have the final decision on the eligibility of applicants, expenditures and activities, as well as their correlation with the achievement of the Output indicators.</p>
<p>III. Applicant's Guide and Annexes</p>		
<p>27</p>	<p>Received on 19.07.2023 during the Info Day in Pirot</p> <p>Is electronic signature on Annexes valid?</p>	<p>Electronic forms of signatures are valid.</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>Received on 19.07.2023 during the Info Day in Pirot</p> <p>Do the signatures have to be original, or could they be scanned, considering that they have to be coordinated among all the partners?</p>	<p>The scanned signatures on the Annexes are acceptable at this stage.</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>Received on 19.07.2023 during the Info Day in Pirot</p> <p>Considering that the entire Call and the deadline fall under months of summer vacations, and that this is a new Programme, and there is only one month left until the deadline, could the deadline for submission of project concepts be extended?</p>	<p>The Managing Authority of the Programme does not foresee extension of the deadline. The announced Call 1 invites project partners to submit concept notes and not full project proposals. This makes the Call time-efficient and user-friendly, considering the lack of need to attach supporting documents that are normally (under a traditional call) required.</p>
<p>30</p>	<p>Received on 19.07.2023 during the Info Day in Pirot</p> <p>Following the information received on selection of a particular project idea for funding, how much time will be given to the potential candidates to develop the full project application</p>	<p>According to the Indicative timeline presented in the Guidelines for applicants, the launch of the targeted Call is expected in the December 2023. It is expected that the Call will be launched for a period of 3 months.</p>



31	<p>Received on 19.07.2023 during the Info Day in Pirot In case the project idea is invited for further step, would there be similar requirements to previous Calls in terms of submission of documentation, such as construction permits, etc?</p>	<p>Call 1 does not set rules and conditions for preparing full project proposals (FPP). The Guidelines for applicants for submission of FPP will be attached to the invitation for submission of FPP. It is, however, expected that the relevant construction documentation should be presented with the full application, upon invitation.</p>
32	<p>Received on 19.07.2023 during the Info Day in Pirot Will there be changes about the amount of eligible costs for daily allowance for travelling abroad vis-à-vis the current Programming period?</p>	<p>Call 1 does not set rules and conditions for preparing full project proposals (FPP). The Guidelines for applicants for submission of FPP will be attached to the invitation for submission of FPP. It is however, expected that each potential applicant follows the internal and national regulations related to the planning of the expenditures for daily allowance.</p>
33	<p>Received on 19.07.2023 during the Info Day in Pirot When should relevant construction permit be submitted – together with the full project proposal application, or prior to the Subsidy Contract signature</p>	<p>Call 1 does not set rules and conditions for preparing full project proposals (FPP). The Guidelines for applicants for submission of FPP will be attached to the invitation for submission of FPP. It is, however, expected that the relevant construction documentation should be presented with the full application, upon invitation.</p>
34	<p>Received on 19.07.2023 during the Info Day in Pirot Which kind of market research would be needed for BC5?</p>	<p>All questions of FPP relevance will be answered once the invitation for submission of FPP is launched. For the purposes of Call 1 this question is of no relevance. Call 1 does not set rules and conditions for preparing full project proposals (FPP). The Guidelines for applicants for submission of FPP will be attached to the invitation for submission of FPP.</p>
35	<p>Received on 19.07.2023 during the Info Day in Pirot In the PMDP, do we insert the time needed for collection of documentation, or for the implementation of those works?</p>	<p>At this stage, it is very important for applicants to identify all key preparatory steps (incl. related paperwork and documents) that would ensure smooth and predictable start of the project upon contracting, and to describe them properly and in details in the PMDP. Last column of the table in the PMDP indicates 'implementation time' for all described in the table steps that, however, lead only to achieving project maturity when submitting full project proposal.</p>
36	<p>Received on 19.07.2023 during the Info Day in Pirot According to which rules would the procurement</p>	<p>The procurement rules for Serbian beneficiaries will be done in accordance with Annex II of the Financing Agreement between the European Commission and the Republic of</p>



	procedures be realized for Serbian beneficiaries?	Serbia. It is expected that PRAG will be the leading act to follow.
37	<p>Received on 02.08.2023 via e-mail:</p> <p>You wrote in the Template of Project Maturity Development Plan as an example "development of indicative procurement plan (which includes works, supply and services activities)" - Within this phase, when the Concept Note is submitted, the budget is indicative, not detailed, and no specific Procurement Plan can be made. What procurement plan did you have in mind and expect from applicant to fill out in template?</p> <p>-The next example is "What legal/administrative act/s (incl. articles) determine the need to perform that action/step". What the program expects from applicant to write for purchasing the equipment. First, you have to define within the program which tender procedure is applied for partners from Serbia (PRAG or National registration), so if PRAG is choice, what did you mean by "legal/administrative act" for the procurement of equipment.</p> <p>- The next example is "Detailed technical specification of first tender procedures". What do you expect from applicant to write in this part. The technical specification of the equipment provided by the project has 146 items. Do we need to write all those items (in detail with technical characteristic) , or is it enough to give the general name of that equipment and to write that a detailed technical specification has been prepared.</p> <p>-The next example is "Who is/are the body/bodies responsible for delivering the expected output/s (if different from project partners)". What do you expect from applicant to write as a response to this question? Specifically, the</p>	<p>The aim of the Project Maturity Development Plan (PMDP) is to describe all necessary steps to take a project idea from a concept to a ready-for-implementation project. It estimates the partner's readiness in terms of documentation, preparatory steps and outcome (e.g. obtained permits and approvals from responsible institutions; developed and approved works/technical design, incl. detailed bill of quantities in case of works, developed detailed technical specifications in case of supply). Tender procedures represent a crucial stage in project implementation, therefore the Indicative plan for tender procedures is part of the Project's Maturity Plan. It provides general information about upcoming tender procedures (which includes works, supply and services activities), their complexity, the timeframe for development of tender documentation and conducting tender procedures. Based on the indicative budget, an indicative plan for tender procedures should be prepared for each project partner, according to their competencies and roles in achieving the project's objectives (specific and measurable results or goals that the project aims to achieve). The procurement rules for Serbian beneficiaries will be done in accordance with Annex II of the Financing Agreement between the European Commission and the Republic of Serbia. It is expected that PRAG will be the leading act to follow. Detailed information related to the development of the PMDP is provided in the presentations from the held Info days, available at: http://www.ipacbc-bgrs.eu/sites/ipacbc-bgrs-105.gateway.bg/files/4_pmpbudzet-f.pdf .</p>



partner who procures the equipment is responsible and procures it from the winner of the tender. The Contract for procurement of equipment will be sign and creates an obligation relationship. It's a very clear procedure and if that's what you mean, we'll write it that way. Additionally, and not less important, at this stage, there is no tender yet, and therefore no company that would deliver the equipment. Is it enough to write that they are responsible Partner as Procurement Entity and potential Contractor, or you are expecting something more.

-The next example is "Here you can specify each partner's role in the preparation and implementation of each tender procedure according to partner's competencies and roles in the achievement of project objectives". We have already told you that at this stage there is no Procurement Plan, without a detailed budget, so it is not clear what you expect from the applicant to write as a partner role in the preparation and implementation of each tender procedure. The only role of the partner in the implementation of the tender procedure is to prepare the tender documentation in accordance with the type of procurement that would be carried out and to implement the tender. Please clarify to us what other role of the partner in the implementation of the tender procedure you expect us to specify.

IV. Budget Forecast

38 Received on 13.07.2023 on the Info day in Kyustendil:

As I understood from the presented information, about 8 million EUR have been allocated for the present Call. Does this mean that in case the budgets of all project ideas that are invited to submit a full project proposal are close to the €1 million ceiling, around 8 projects will be funded in total?

The total amount of the funded projects cannot exceed the total budget of the call, which is 8,529,412 EUR. If the budgets of all projects approved for financing are close to the maximum ceiling of 1 million EUR, then actually will be funded maximum 8-9 projects.

39 Received on 13.07.2023 on the Info day in Kyustendil:

No. The cost for the project preparation will be reimbursed on a lump sum basis and it is



	<p>The maximum eligible amount for the project preparation cost is up to 12,000 EUR, regardless of the number of partners in the project. Will be this amount subject to documentary verification in the process of verification of the expenditures?</p>	<p>not subject to verification under the programme.</p>
40	<p>Received on 13.07.2023 on the Info day in Kyustendil:</p> <p>If we submit a project idea with a budget of 1 million EUR, but we want to include additional own co-financing for e.g. 200,000 EUR, where should this information be stated?</p>	<p>Information on the additional voluntary own contribution is not required at the concept notes application stage. At the current application stage with project concepts, it will be considered whether the budget forecast is within 500,000 to 1,000,000 EUR, as well as the compliance with the mandatory percentage of the investment component. In case you are invited to submit a full project proposal, you will have to submit a detailed budget breakdown, where you will necessarily have to reflect the own contribution of the respective partner, where applicable. In case you want to state voluntary beneficiary own contribution at the stage of application with concepts, you are advised to do it in the offline template of the Application form.</p>
41	<p>Received on 21.07.2023 via email:</p> <p>The costs for participation in events under “External expertise and services costs (BC 4) are limited to 18 and 73 euro per participant, depending of the event. My question is, are that costs includes VAT or VAT need to be calculate in addition on that amount?</p>	<p>Yes, these costs are calculated <u>with</u> VAT.</p>
42	<p>Received on 21.07.2023 via email:</p> <p>The staff costs (BC 1) for project’s management can be reimburse as a flat rate or on basis of real costs. Can we choose the option for flat rate of the stuff costs, in case that the management team of the partner include experts of the partner and external experts?</p>	<p>Please, note that the remuneration of external experts cannot be budgeted under BC 1. It is eligible cost under BC 4.</p>
43	<p>Received on 21.07.2023 via email:</p> <p>Is it eligible to plan in the project’s budget costs for staff related with implementation of project’s activities (for</p>	<p>The description of budget category BC 1 Staff costs in section 4.7 of the GfA says that this is the category where costs of staff involved in the implementation of the project can also be considered.</p>



	<p>example Marketing expert)? If YES, in which BC we need to plan the costs for that expert – in BC 1 – Stuff costs?</p>	
<p>44</p>	<p>Received on 19.07.2023 during the Info Day in Pirot Will changes to the budget forecast of the concept note be allowed at the full project proposal stage?</p>	<p>Applicants should bear in mind that while changes to the budget forecast of the concept note at the stage of submission of full project proposals might be possible, they should carefully consider the eligibility of project costs in terms of type of costs and budgetary ranges and ceilings. Call 1 does not set rules and conditions for preparing full project proposals (FPP). The Guidelines for applicants for submission of FPP will be attached to the invitation for submission of FPP.</p>
<p>45</p>	<p>Received on 19.07.2023 during the Info Day in Pirot It appears that the column for additional own co-financing is not functioning in the Annex. When will it become functional?</p>	<p>Information on the additional voluntary own contribution is not required at the concept notes application stage. At the current application stage with project concepts, it will be considered whether the budget forecast is within 500,000 to 1,000,000 EUR, as well as the compliance with the mandatory percentage of the investment component. In case you are invited to submit a full project proposal, you will have to submit a detailed budget breakdown, where you will necessarily have to reflect the own contribution of the respective partner, where applicable. In case you want to state voluntary beneficiary own contribution at the stage of application with concepts, you are advised to do it in the offline template of the Application form.</p>
<p>46</p>	<p>Received on 26.07.2023 via E-mail Is there any limit for small promotional gifts, both in budget and numbers? As example. We would like to have promotional event on our new biking trail with 200 bikers and we would like to give promotional gift to all of them consisting of backpack, hat and bike shirt or cycling jersey. Some EU funded programmes has a limit up to 50EUR, what is regulation for this BG-RS Programme? Where and how those costs have to budgeted? Since we will distribute promotional gifts on event, are promotional gifts are part of unit costs for events (even they are not “Services costs for organisation of events”)?</p>	<p>All questions of FPP relevance will be answered once the invitation for submission of FPP is launched. What is important to consider is that project partners decide themselves how to budget their project idea in respect of the announced Call rules, their justification and the project idea itself.</p>



47	<p>Received on 26.07.2023 via E-mail</p> <p>Unit costs for events. Services costs for organisation of events shall be reimbursed either on the basis of a unit cost or on the basis of real costs. The unit costs are defined according to the duration of the event and number of participants. The unit costs for event organisations is the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18,00 EURO per participant in one day events; • 73,00 EURO per participant in multi-day events; <p>If we choose the unit cost, does it mean that only number of participants on the event is counting. So, it doesn't matter how many of them will be transported from point A to point B and how much it will cost, how many of them and where will be sleeping (accommodated) and how much it will cost, how big or (in)expensive hall for event will be etc.</p>	<p>This interpretation is not correct. Section 4.7 of the GfA defines the types of expenditures that the unit cost approach covers. This means that there should be corresponding documents against each of the made expenditures.</p>
<u>V. Assessment Process</u>		
48	<p>Received on 12.07.2023 on the Info day in Montana:</p> <p>Can we get to know the composition of the Strategic Council somewhere?</p>	<p>The composition of the Strategic board is published on the Programme's web site: http://www.ipacbc-bgrs.eu/bg/node/28382.</p>
49	<p>Received on 13.07.2023 on the Info day in Kyustendil:</p> <p>If all Project development maturity plans received the maximum of 20 points, will the preliminary readiness of the relevant documents/technical documentation be taken into account in the assessment?</p>	<p>No. The GfA of Call 1 does not envisage such treatment of applicants. The score of the Maturity criteria will have a decisive power only when prioritizing equally scored projects. For more information, please see Section 6 'Project identification process' of the GfA.</p>
50	<p>Received on 19.07.2023 during the Info Day in Pirot</p>	<p>There will be screening, rather than assessment process, against some criteria for</p>

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Would there be assessment procedure for the full project application proposals, also?

programme compliance. The main assumption is that identified project ideas (excluding the reserve ones), as outcome of Call 1, become successful full project proposals and eventually get funded.