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Delegation of the European Union to Bosnia and Herzegovina

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**Clarification No.1**

**To Service procurement notice IPA -Reform of higher education financing 2011/S5-005834**

**Question no. 1**

About selection criteria Technical capacity of the candidate - "with the candidates proportion carried out of a minimum of 800.000 EUR":

1. How can we interpret this criteria; for example:

- a. can it be the sum of several projects of the last 36 months performed for 1 contractor?
- b. can it be the sum of several projects in the last 36 months of all parties in one consortium to be found?
- c. can it be the sum of several project in the last 36 months for 1 contractor of all parties in a consortium to be found?

Or do I need to interpret it more strictly?

**Answer no.1**

None of the above options listed from a-c is correct.

"The candidate's proportion carried out of a minimum of 800,000.00 EUR" refers to an individual project (contract) carried out by a candidate being an individual entity or partner/s of the consortium or other economic operator who puts at the candidate's disposal the necessary resources.

The project (contract) has to be completed in the fields as defined under p. 21.2.1 of the procurement notice within the past 36 months prior to the launch of this tender.

**Question no.2**

2. How would you specify "fields related to this contract"?

**Answer no.2**

Fields related to this contract are defined under 21.2.1, reform of financing of education and/or institutional and capacity building of higher education system .

**Question no.3**

With reference to the procurement notice for the above contract, in section 11 Eligibility, of the notice, the following statement appears:

-Participation is also opened to international organisations

We would like to ask you for clarification on the precise meaning of this sentence. We intend to submit an application with international partners. Our offices are based in X, and Y . However, with particular reference to the topic of the tender ( higher education financing), we would like to include a United States based organisation as a junior partner in our consortium. The organisation specialises in this particular field. If our interpretation of the above statement is correct, then US organisations may also participate in this tender. We would like to know whether our interpretation is correct or not.

**Answer no.3**

Pursuant to Article 43 of the Implementing Rules of the EU Financial Regulation, "international organisation" means international public-sector organisations set up by intergovernmental agreements, and specialised agencies set up by such organisations - these organisations may have worldwide or regional scope. Organisations created under national law are not international organisations (e.g. national NGO with several regional/country offices).

Please also consult the eligibility list in annex a2 to PRAG in [http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/procedures/implementation/eligibility/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/procedures/implementation/eligibility/index_en.htm)