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## **CLARIFICATION No. 1 to Guidelines for grant applicants**

**Call for Proposal Title:** EU Support to Mine Action: Reducing risk and supporting landmine victims  
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### **Question 1**

Clarification request for the interpretation of the following text, at page 10 in the Guidelines for Applicants "*...Priority should be given to recipients who have not yet benefited from previous EU assistance. Applicants are encouraged to consider in their applications baselines including landmine casualty data, up-dated information on health and socioeconomic status of the target groups, etc.*" (p. 10, Guidelines). Please, clarify whether the term "recipients" refer to the project beneficiaries (target group) or to the applicant/co-applicant, which will be prioritized when no previous EU assistance was received.

If it refers to the target project beneficiaries, we would be also interested in knowing if there are any preferred sources as of where to extract this information (e.g. do you have a database where previous Project beneficiaries are listed?).

### **Answer 1**

The term "recipients" refers to the end beneficiaries. The list of mine victims which benefited in the past from IPA financial assistance will be shared at the awarding stage. The official sources of information are the BH MAC mine victims' data base complemented by the information available at the municipal social service offices.

### **Question 2**

We have a question regarding the eligibility criteria: According to the Guidelines (pages 6, 7) under the eligibility of applicants (i.e. lead applicant and co applicant(s) for Lot 1 it is requested that the applicant shall "...be accredited by the competent Accreditation Authority in BiH to conduct clearance and technical survey with the validity of accreditation expiring not before 1.10.2017<sup>cc</sup>."

We think that such formulation is discriminatory to organisations and possible applicants outside Bosnia and Herzegovina. Even if you insist on the accreditation by the competent Accreditation Authority in BiH (which is BHMAL), why not allowing successful applicants to obtain the accreditation within a certain deadline after winning this procurement?

We have participated in a lot of tenders financed by international organisations (European Commission, European Commission through World Bank, World bank, IPA, etc.) and in many of them similar principle was applied: obtaining Accreditation **after** the successful procurement.

Additionally, there is absolutely no time to be accredited on time by BHMACH (from the date of tender publication). Even if we could get accreditation, it would be issued for only 6 months and thus we would NOT BE a candidate to participate in this procurement as you request accreditation to be valid until 01.10.2017.

## **Answer 2**

The accreditation is a legal requirement provided by the national legislation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The procedure and the time required to obtain the accreditation is not of the responsibility of the EU. The IPA II rules and regulations for grants apply to this Call for Proposals.

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