

Questions and Answers

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Title:	Sport as a tool for integration and social inclusion of refugees
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Question 1	Can we organise a meeting, or have telephone or e-mail contacts with the European Commission in order to get feedback on our project ideas before submitting an application?
Answer	<p>In the light of the principles of equal treatment and fair competition, contacts during the submission phase are allowed solely for the purpose of clarifying the content of the published documents concerning this call for proposals. Contacts must always take place in writing, preferably by email. Any additional information provided by the European Commission will be accessible simultaneously to all operators on DG EAC website, in the Q&A section.</p> <p>The Commission will decline all requests for feedback and/or opinion concerning the content of potential proposals or project ideas.</p>
Question 2	Is there a deadline for asking clarifications about the call for proposals (please refer also to question n.1)?
Answer	<p>Clarifications may be asked up to the 4th August 2017, by email, to: eac-sport@ec.europa.eu.</p> <p>Replies to all questions will be published in the Q&A section, through updated versions of this Q&A document.</p>
Question 3	Is there a deadline for asking translations of the call for proposals in other EU languages?
Answer	Translations can be requested up to the 28th July 2017. Requests must be sent by email, to: eac-sport@ec.europa.eu
Question 4	Is it possible to apply in partnership with other entities or only one single applicant may apply?
Answer	Applications must be submitted by a single legal entity.
Question 5	Do projects have to include a transnational partnership?

Answer	No. The eligibility conditions do not mention the need for a transnational partnership. However a transnational or national partnership is not excluded, as long as the application is submitted by a single legal entity
Question 6	Can activities be implemented outside the EU?
Answer	No. Activities must be implemented in the EU.
Question 7	Is my organisation eligible to apply?
Answer	<p>As specified in section 6.1 of the call for proposals EAC/S16/2017, "In order to be eligible, projects must be presented by public or private organisations with legal personality (natural persons are not eligible to apply for a grant under this call)". The same section specifies the list of supporting documents that are requested in order to assess the applicants' eligibility.</p> <p>Please note that the assessment of eligibility of applicants is part of the evaluation procedure, which will take place after the submission deadline.</p>
Question 8	Can we submit an application in any EU language?
Answer	<p>Yes. In the light of article 125 (1) of the Financial Regulation: "Grants shall be subject to the principles of transparency and equal treatment". Applicants may therefore communicate with the European Commission in any EU language and can write their applications in any EU official languages." All the Call for Proposals documents and the application form are available in all EU official languages upon request. Translations can be requested up to the 28th July 2017, by email, to: eac-sport@ec.europa.eu.</p>
Question 9	What are third parties entitled to?
Answer	<p><u>Third parties understood as final recipients of EU funds</u> are excluded for this Call for Proposals, as stated in the Call for Proposals, section 11.7.d: <i>"The applications may not envisage provision of financial support to third parties."</i></p> <p><u>Third parties understood as co-financing parties</u> can participate to the project, as stated in section 11.4 of the Call for Proposals: <i>"Co-financing of the action or of the work programme may take the form of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>the beneficiary's own resources,</i> • <i>income generated by the action,</i> • <i>financial contributions from third parties."</i> <p><u>Third parties understood as subcontractors</u>, i.e. economic operators providing a service, supply or works necessary for the action to the beneficiary, may not implement core activities and shall satisfy the conditions laid down in the Call for Proposals, section 11.7.c: <i>"Where the implementation of the action requires the award of procurement contracts (implementation contracts), the beneficiary must award the contract to the bid offering best value for money or the lowest price (as appropriate), avoiding conflicts of interests."</i></p>

	<p><i>The beneficiary is expected to clearly document the tendering procedure and retain the documentation for the event of an audit.</i></p> <p><i>Entities acting in their capacity of contracting authorities in the meaning of Directive 2014/24/EU4 or contracting entities in the meaning of Directive 2014/25/EU5 must comply with the applicable national public procurement rules"</i></p>
Question 10	Is there any required geographical coverage (e.g. EU , regional, national, local)?
Answer	The Call for Proposals will only co-finance projects to be implemented within the EU.
Question 11	How many projects are to be selected?
Answer	The European Commission expects to fund approximately 20 projects.