

ENHANCER Türkiye Call for Proposals
Cooperatives Support Grant Scheme for Job Creation
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Following the receipt of a high number of questions, ICMPD would like to announce that Q&A will be published on a regular basis until the deadline for asking clarifications (18th October 2024 – 17.00h Vienna Time)

Note 1: Most of the questions that have been received concerning this call for proposals can be answered by **carefully reading** the Guidelines for Grant Applicants (Guidelines).

Note 2: Please note that in the interest of equal treatment of applicants, the Contracting Authority does not give a prior opinion on the eligibility of a lead applicant, a co-applicant, an action or specific activities (Please see section 2.1 of the Guidelines).

Budget and Eligibility of Costs

Question 1: We have a question regarding the ineligible costs. In the section on "ineligible costs," it is mentioned that the Value Added Tax (VAT) will not be covered by the grant. We would like to clarify whether these taxes need to be covered by the applicant. Specifically, how should we handle these costs in our budget planning?

Question 2: Should we budget the purchases without VAT? Will we be given a VAT exemption certificate to be used during the project implementation process?

Answer 1 and 2: VAT exemption certificate will be provided to successful applicants after the grant contract is signed by both parties. The grant beneficiaries will be able to purchase goods/services without VAT during the project implementation period with the provided certificate. Therefore, it is advised you to plan your budget without VAT.

Question 3: According to the guidelines, the purchase of new machinery, equipment, and supplies specifically for the purpose of the Action is eligible, while vehicles are ineligible. The Cooperative is considering the purchase of a forklift truck to load fish in crates onto trucks at the production facility. Could you please confirm if a forklift, intended solely for use within the facility to support loading operations, would be considered an eligible cost under this scheme?

Answer 3: Please note that in the interest of equal treatment of applicants, the Contracting Authority does not give a prior opinion on the eligibility of a lead applicant, a co-applicant, an action or specific activities (Please see section 2.1.4 Eligibility of costs: costs that can be included).

Application Process

Question 4 : How will we submit our application? Can you provide the link?

Answer 4: Please visit the website for the information about application procedures to the grant programs: <https://www.icmpd.org/work-with-us/grants/calls-for-proposals>

You can submit your application by following the link: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/icmpd.aspx/Tenders/Appraisal>

You can review “how to guideline” to learn more about making registration to intend platform from following link: [ICMPD Electronic Tendering Site - Buyer Profiles \(in-tendhost.co.uk\)](https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/ICMPD-Electronic-Tendering-Site-Buyer-Profiles)

Question 5: Do we need to upload the project application document to the system by 31.10.2024?

Answer 5: The deadline for the grant application is October 31, 2024, at 17:00 (local Vienna time).

General Issues

Question 5: Some of the personnel currently employed by our cooperative will also take part in the project. Can the expenses of those personnel be considered within the scope of 5% co-financing?

Answer 5: Please note that costs for the current employees can be included in the budget, but these costs can't be budgeted as co-financing due that section 1.3. Financial Allocation Provided by the contracting authority clearly states that the balance (i.e. the difference between the total cost of the action and the amount requested from the contracting authority) must be financed from sources other than ICMPD and the European Union. In-kind contributions are not eligible under this grant programme and they shall not be accepted as co-financing.