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No.	Question as received	Translation (if the case)	Reply
I. Eligibility of applicants			

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<p>I.1</p>	<p>Doresc cateva lamuriri legat de apelul nr. 2 de proiecte CBC .</p> <p>Am in lucru scrierea unei propuneri de proiect transfrontalier pe axa 5, in care parteneri vor fi Institutia Prefectului din Constanta si Administratia Prefecturii din Dobrich, alaturi de Universitatea Ovidius din Constanta.</p> <p>In propunerea de proiect vor fi 4 parteneri cu tot cu liderul de proiect, 2 universitati si cele 2 institutii ale prefecturii.</p> <p>Va rog sa ma lamuriti la urmatoarele aspecte:</p> <p>1) Universitatea este eligibila in a depune ca si coordonator un proiect pe axa 5?</p> <p>Din ghidul aplicantului reiese ca DA. Adevarat?</p> <p>2) Sa inteleg ca s-a lansat competitia pe axa 5 in noul call?</p> <p>Spun acest lucru deoarece, am citit de pe pagina web http://www.fonduri-ue.ro, ca pe axa 5 se pot depune propuneri de proiecte pana in MAi 2016.</p> <p>Adevarat? Deoarece pe pagina http://cbromaniabulgaria.eu/ nu este nimic mentionat.</p> <p>Nu am gasit nici ghidul pentru call for proposal no. 2.</p> <p>Daca raspunsul este DA, va rog sa detaliami. Adica care este prima zi de depunere si ultima , pentru proiecte pe axa 5.</p>	<p>I would like to receive some clarifications regarding the second call for proposals for CBC projects.</p> <p>I am currently working on writing a project proposal for Priority Axis 5, the partners will be the Prefecture Administrations of Dobrich and Constanta, together with Ovidius University.</p> <p>The proposal will include 4 partners together with the leader, two universities and two institutes of the prefecture.</p> <p>Please provide clarifications regarding the following:</p> <p>1) Is the university eligible to apply as a leader under Axis 5?</p> <p>According to the Applicant's Guide the answer is yes. Is it correct?</p> <p>2) Is it correct that the new call for proposals was launched for Priority Axis 5?</p> <p>I mention this because I have read on the website http://www.fonduri-ue.ro that on Priority Axis 5 projects can submitted until May 2016.</p> <p>Is it true? Since there is nothing mentioned on http://cbromaniabulgaria.eu/.</p> <p>I have not found the guide for the second Call for Proposal.</p> <p>If yes, please provide details. I would like to know what is the first and last day for submission of projects for Priority Axis 5?</p>	<p>Please be informed that the call for proposals covering Priority Axis 4 and 5 was launched on the 15th of October, 2015. Projects may be submitted until the 15th of March, 2016, at 16.00 hours. The Applicants Guide is available on the Programme's website, at the following link:http://www.cbromaniabulgaria.eu/index.php?page=interreg. According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, the beneficiaries have to fulfill a number of criteria in order to be eligible, among which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be Romanian or Bulgarian non-profit making bodies/organizations (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit), legally established according to the national legislation of the state on whose territory they are located; Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> § have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; § are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area. § are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme. The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization. The Applicant's Guide mentions no restriction as to which of the partners can fulfill the lead beneficiary role.
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<p>I.2</p>	<p>I have send to Cernavoda Public Authority a project proposal for an public emergency volunteer organization. The Public Authority considered the project as being very good for community but problem is that Romania has no more dedicated emergency European development budget as it was in previous budget. Your RO-BG European founding could be a chance to develop in those two nuclear towns (Cernavoda and Colsodui) proper emergency volunteer organization.</p> <p>Is this area (emergency volunteer organization) eligible for RO-BG European founding?</p>		<p>Thank you for your interest in our Programme. Please be informed that at the present moment the second call for proposals is open. Project proposals may be submitted until the 15th of March, 2016, at 16.00 hours. This call for proposals concerns Priority Axis 4 - A skilled and inclusive region, whose specific objective is to encourage the integration of the cross-border area in terms of employment and labour mobility and Priority Axis 5 - An efficient region, whose specific objective is to increase cooperation capacity and the efficiency of public institutions in a CBC context. The Applicant's Guide is available on the Programme's website at the following link: http://cbcromaniabulgaria.eu/index.php?page=interreg.</p> <p>In the Applicant's Guide you will also find a list of indicative actions. Nevertheless, as long as projects contribute to the specific objective and indicators of the Priority Axis, they are eligible.</p> <p>Unfortunately, we may not provide a clear opinion regarding the eligibility of a project, as this will be the task of the evaluators, the final decision belonging to the Monitoring Committee.</p>
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<p>I.3</p>	<p>In cazul unui proiect de modernizare a serviciilor publice de sanatate, in cazul unei specializari medicale care este furnizata in zona eligibila a programului din Romania printr-o clinica (spital), in timp ce in zona eligibila din Bulgaria nu exista unitati specializate, este eligibil ca partener un spital public din Sofia (si care sa beneficieze de 20% din finantare, conform AG)?</p>	<p>In case of a project regarding modernization of public health services, in case of a medical specialization which is provided in the Romanian program eligible area through a clinic (hospital), while in the Bulgarian eligible area there are no specialized units, is a public hospital from Sofia eligible as a partner (benefiting from 20% of financing, according AG)?</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, in order to be eligible, applicants have to fulfill a series of criteria, among which:</p> <p>Be Romanian or Bulgarian non-profit making bodies/organizations (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit), legally established according to the national legislation of the state on whose territory they are located;</p> <p>Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; -are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area. -are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme. <p>The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization.</p>
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<p>I.4</p>	<p>Is Bulgarian or Romanian NGO-branch, established in the eligible area, legal entity? And is NGO-branch, established in the eligible area, eligible applicant according to II.2.i (1) from Applicant`s Guide?</p>		<p>The Applicant`s Guide sets a number of conditions for applicants in order to be eligible, among which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; - are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area. - are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme. <p>The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project`s total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization. Therefore, local/regional branch offices are eligible if they are located in the eligible area , have legal personality and fulfill all other conditions mentioned in the Applicant`s Guide.</p>
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<p>I.5</p>	<p>При кандидатстване по Втора покана за набиране на проектни предложения по Програма Interreg V-A RoBv - допустимо ли е се зложат разходи за закупуване на специализирано медицинско оборудване за болница, която е търговско дружество и е общинска собственост? В този случай - и болницата, и общината ли трябва да кандидатстват като партньори по проекта? Благодарим Ви.</p>	<p>When applying for the Second call for proposals under the Interreg VA Ro-Bg program - is it eligible to lay down expenditures for purchasing specialized medical equipment for the hospital, which is a commercial company and at the same time a municipal property? In this case - should they both - the hospital and the municipality - apply as partners?</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide - priority axis 5, there is an indicative operation which stipulates the following: "Supporting the modernisation of public services in areas such as customs, social policies, education, health and employment (including purchase of equipment and infrastructure development)". Also, please be informed that regarding the eligibility of an action, in the interest of equal treatment of applicants, the JS cannot give a prior opinion on this, the assessment working group and the Monitoring Committee of the Programme being entitle to decide, however, take into consideration the provisions of the Applicant's Guide related to the eligibility of the beneficiaries:</p> <p>"Be Romanian or Bulgarian non-profit making bodies/organizations (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit), legally established according to the national legislation of the state on whose territory they are located;</p> <p>Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; • are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area. • are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme."
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<p>I.6</p>	<p>Va rugam sa ne precizati printr-un email, daca Agentia pentru Protectia Mediului Constanta se poate incadra pe vreo axa prioritara din proiectul dumneavoastra, si care este aceasta. Ca si institutie publica, APM Constanta poate participa ca si partener cu unii dintre potentialii aplicanti? In cazul in care am putea participa in acest proiect, puteti sa ne furnizati cateva date de contact ale partenerilor din regiunea Dobrich?</p>	<p>Please inform us by email if the Environmental Protection Agency Constanta can fit into any priority axis, and which is this one. As a public institution, can we can participate as a partner with some of the potential applicants? If we could participate in this project, can you provide us with some contact details of partners in the Dobrich region?</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant’s Guide, beneficiaries must fulfill a series of criteria in order to be eligible, among which: Be Romanian or Bulgarian non-profit making bodies/organizations (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit), legally established according to the national legislation of the state on whose territory they are located; Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria: -have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; -are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area. -are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme. The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project’s total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization. Unfortunately, we may not provide a clear opinion regarding the eligibility of an applicant, as this will be the task of the evaluators, the final decision belonging to the Monitoring Committee. As regards the identification of possible partners, we recommend you visit the programme’s website where you can find the list of beneficiaries for projects financed under the Romania-Bulgaria Cross Border Cooperation Programme 2007-2013.</p>
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<p>1.7</p>	<p>O Direcție Județeană de Asistență Socială și Protecția Copilului este eligibilă ca Beneficiar Lider sau partener în cadrul Programului INTERREG Ro-Bg?</p> <p>Mentionăm că, potrivit HG 1434/2004 (cu modificări și completări), "Direcția generală este instituția publică cu personalitate juridică, înființată în subordinea consiliului județean, respectiv a consiliului local al sectorului municipiului București, prin comasarea serviciului public de asistență socială și a serviciului public specializat pentru protecția copilului de la nivelul județului, respectiv al sectorului municipiului București, prin preluarea, în mod corespunzător, a atribuțiilor și funcțiilor acestora" (art 2).</p>	<p>A County Department of Social Services and Child Protection is eligible as Lead Beneficiary or partner under INTERREG Ro-Bg?</p> <p>Please note that, according to GD 1434/2004 (with amendments), "The General Directorate is a public institution with legal personality, established under the county council or the local council of the Bucharest municipality sector, by merging the public social assistance service and the specialized child protection public service of the county or sector of Bucharest municipality, by taking over their duties and functions "(Article 2).</p>	<p>According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide, beneficiaries must fulfill a series of criteria in order to be eligible, among which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be Romanian or Bulgarian non-profit making bodies/organizations (that were not established with the goal to obtain profit), legally established according to the national legislation of the state on whose territory they are located; -Be non-governmental organizations (associations or foundations), public sector operators, local/regional/national authorities which fulfill one of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -have their headquarters in the eligible cross border region or; -are organizations whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area, but are located in Romania or Bulgaria and have local/regional branch offices with legal statute (legal entity) established in the eligible area. -are Romanian or Bulgarian national public authorities whose area of competence, established by legal acts, extends to the eligible area of the programme. <p>The applicants, located in Romania and Bulgaria, but whose headquarters are not situated in the eligible area and cannot legally open a local/regional branch office with legal personality in the eligible area and whose area of competence does not extend to the eligible area may participate in projects provided that their budget is limited to 20% of the project's total budget. In this case the applicant should be the mother organization.</p> <p>Unfortunately, we may not provide a clear opinion regarding the eligibility of an applicant, as this will be the task of the evaluators, the final decision belonging to the Monitoring Committee.</p>
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II. Eligibility of expenditure

II.1	<p>Referring to the second call for the proposals, the ceilings for expenditures for the Coaching services was established at 50 Eur/participant. No reference is available regarding the period covered by the service: 50 Eur/participant/day or 50 Eur/participant/training session? Therefore, please indicate if the amount is per day or per training session.</p>		<p>The rate is per person, e.g. for a person who benefited from these services, maximum 50 Euro are reimbursed (regardless of the duration of the session / course / training ...). Yet, taken into account that within the new ceilings (those approved through MC decision from 16.10.2015) these services do not exist anymore, you may submit 3 offers.</p>
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<p>II.2</p>	<p>Costurile de pregatire ale proiectului- Am rugamintea sa imi clarificati daca aceste costuri trebuie realizate/platite de beneficiar din surse proprii, pana la momentul depunerii proiectului, sau doar le realizeaza beneficiarul, si daca proiectul este selectat, beneficiarul va realiza platile pentru acest serviciu, ulterior semnarii contractului de grant, din grant.</p> <p>Activitati eligibile: activitati legate de domeniul sportiv sunt eligibile? Mai exact o Academie de fotbal pentru juniori (fundatie), in parteneriat cu o Scoala de fotbal din Varna, doresc un proiect de dezvoltare a infrastructurii deja existente, creand astfel si conexiunile necesare pentru mobilitatea intre cele doua regiuni, din punct de vedere al gestionarii fotbalului pentru juniori.</p>	<p>The costs of project preparation: - Please, let me know if these costs should be paid by the beneficiary from its own resources up to the moment of project submission, or if they are just realized by the beneficiary, and afterwards, if the project is selected, the beneficiary will make payments for this service from grant, after signing the financing contract.</p> <p>Eligible activities: Are the sports-related activities eligible? More accurately, a Football Academy for juniors (foundation) in partnership with a Football School from Varna, would like to submit a project in order to develop the existing infrastructure, hence, to create even the necessary connections for mobility between the two regions, in terms of junior football management.</p>	<p>Please find below the answers to your questions:</p> <p>1. According to the provisions of the Applicant's Guide annex D - LIST OF ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES for INTERREG V-A ROMANIA-BULGARIA PROGRAMME applicable to Priority axis 1-5 - art. 1 . sec. e - “ Preparation costs are eligible if they were incurred between 1.01.2014 and the submission of the Application Form”. Expenditure is incurred when the activity that has generated the expenditure (for example the works executed in accordance with the conditions of the contract) has been completed or the services foreseen in a contract have been provided and accepted by the beneficiaries. Proof of expenditures incurred relates to supporting documents indicating the completion of the activity, for instance take over certificates or confirmation of service delivery. Also, please be informed that expenditures related to project preparation can be paid before submitting the application form or even after (no later than submitting the first reimbursement claim since in order to be eligible preparation cost should be included in the first reimbursement claim), as long as the payment is in accordance with national legislation.</p> <p>To resume, preparation costs are paid from own resources and reimbursed if the abovementioned conditions are observed (and, of course, the project is selected). 2. Please be informed that regarding the eligibility of actions, in the interest of equal treatment of applicants, the JS cannot give a prior opinion on this, the assessment working group and the Monitoring Committee of the Programme being entitle to decide on this.</p>
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<p>II.3</p>	<p>Staff costs refer only to project management, respectively the project management team = the positions for project manager, assistant manager, legal expert, financial expert and possibly partner coordinator?</p>		<p>Staff costs refer to expenditure on cost of staff members employed by the beneficiary, who are formally engaged to work on the project.</p>
<p>II.4</p>	<p>Can you give us an example of “correctly framed Travel and Accommodation expense” and an example for correctly framed Equipment expense ?</p>		<p>When defining the budget, beneficiaries should take into consideration a series of principles. First of all, the expenditures have to be necessary for initiating and carrying out the project and need to comply with the principles of sound financial management, in particular value for money and cost-effectiveness. Furthermore, they have to be correlated with the project’s proposed activities. For further information, please refer to Annex D - List of eligible expenditure and the general provisions of the Applicant’s Guide.</p>

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II.5	<p>In outlining the budget and in order to meet all the benchmarks required, please clarify: The contribution of each partner to the project should be described in each action (A1, A2, A3, An ... etc). The contribution of each partner (except for the 2%) is also quantified in: internal staff (already hired) involved directly in activities, support staff, administrative staff, etc. In the budget, how will this contribution will be categorized? As staff? As part of the 2% contribution? As non-eligible? Will there be categorized at all? If the project management is outsourced how much should it not exceed the budget, as%? In Annex List of eligible expenditures: external expertise and services at point n) "Other specific expertise and services needed for operations" = should we include here any type of expert, as long as clear and objective arguments are provided as to its necessity in the implementation of one or more operations / actions (for instance, expert in micro-financing within a business incubator activities). Please confirm?</p>		<p>According to the template of the Application form, section 2.3 Project activities, the beneficiaries have to fill in information regarding the beneficiary that is responsible for each activity and mention the other beneficiaries that are involved in each activity. Furthermore, you should describe the resources each beneficiary is planning to use for implementing the respective project activity. Please be informed that in-kind contribution is not eligible within the Programme. Each beneficiary will have to contribute financially to the project with 2%. Please be informed that the Applicant's Guide provides no restriction as to the percentage the project management represents of the total budget. Nevertheless, the beneficiaries, should always take into consideration the principle of sound financial management when drafting the budget. Furthermore, in case you decide to use the flat rate option for staff costs, please take into consideration that the estimated value of the externalised parts of the project management will be mentioned within the application form and the flat rate will be diminished proportionally:</p> $\text{Staff flat rate} = \frac{\text{[Flat rate for staff for the resp amounts for project management]}}{\text{calculation basis}}$ <p>The list of eligible expenditures list the type of external expertise and services costs which are eligible under the Programme. Nevertheless, this is not an exhaustive list, as according to point "n" other specific expertise and services needed for the operations may be eligible in case they are not enumerated in point a-m. Nevertheless, each service has to be fully justified and be in accordance with the project activities.</p>
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II.6	<p>Va rugam sa ne precizati daca in exemplul unui proiect de tip "hard" cu 2 parteneri LB si B1, in care bugetul LB este 1.000.000 euro iar bugetul B2 - 500.000 euro, costurile eligibile de tip "staff" (de tip flat rate) pot fi repartizate dupa cum urmeaza: 4% (60.000 euro) din valoarea totala a bugetului (LB+B2) in bugetul B2 1% (15.000 euro) din valoarea totala a bugetului (LB+B2) in bugetul LB respectiv sa ne confirmati ca procentul de 5% nu se aplica si la nivelul bugetului fiecarui beneficiar.</p>	<p>Please clarify if in the example of a "hard" project with 2 partners (LB and B1), if the budget of LB is 1.000.000 euro and the budget of B2- 500.000 euro, the eligible costs for staff (flat rate) can be established as follows: 4% (60.000 euro) out of the total value of the budget (LB+B2) in budget of B2 1% (15.000 euro) out of the total value of the budget (LB+B2) in budget of LB respectively confirm that the 5% percent is not applied also at the level of each beneficiaries budget.</p>	<p>The 5% is automatically calculated, it applies automatically in the Excel file per each partner's budget and cannot be changed. Therefore, your example is incorrect.</p>
III. Eligibility of actions			
III.1	<p>In connection with the output indicator for the Priority Axis 5: An efficient region, Number of supported cross border mechanisms (agreements, networks, regulations, studies, policies, strategies, information exchange tools) to enhance cooperation capacity; please let us know if the list of the mechanisms enumerated between brackets is an indicative or exhaustive one.</p> <p>The question is requested by the indicative operations listed in the Applicant Guide which cannot be directly linked to the mechanisms mentioned at the output indicator, like IO (indicative operation) 6- training....; IO 7 - developing cross-border models.....; IO9 - raising awareness....; IO10 - supporting the modernization of public services.....; IO 12 - promoting the actions....</p>		<p>Thank you for your interest in applying during the second call for proposals launched in the context of our Programme. Regarding your question, please be informed that the list of mechanisms enumerated for the output indicator applicable to Priority Axis 5 is an exhaustive one. Projects should be developed so as to contribute to the achievement of both output and result indicators defined at the level of the Programme.</p>



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<p>III.2</p>	<p>Please be informed that each project should contribute to at least one output and one result indicator and the contribution of the project to these indicators should be quantified by the beneficiaries. At Programme level, according to the provisions of the European regulations, the baseline for output indicators is always set at zero. The result indicator set for PA 4 is Population that have access to joint employment initiatives. The baseline set for this indicator at Programme level is 200.000, while the target is 500.000. This means that by the end of the programme implementation, the programme, through the finalized projects, should contribute with an increase of 300.000 people that have access to joint employment initiatives. Please also refer to answer 1 for more information.</p>		<p>Two of the output indicators are not quantified:</p> <p>No of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training = N/A</p> <p>No of participants in joint educational and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders = N/A</p> <p>Nevertheless, the Application Form requires that they are quantified. What should we take into account in their quantification so as to optimize the cost effectiveness and the expected relevance?</p> <p>For the result indicator corresponding to Priority Axis 4, in order to quantify it in a reasonable manner, the baseline is set at a minimum value (200,000) and target for this indicator ?? Please provide an example in which a result indicator is quantified for 1 project, soft or hard, at your choice. What is the formula?</p>
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IV. Annexes

IV.1	<p>The Applicant's guide states /p.42/ that Annex 7 Cost-benefit analysis is mandatory for all applications including infrastructure as it is an evaluation instrument regarding the advantages of the investments from the point of view of all interested target groups, on the basis of the monetary values for all positive and negative consequences of the investment. Annex D List of eligible expenditures /p.6/ states that (h) Building purchase is eligible as part of the Budget line Article 13 Infrastructure and works.</p> <p>So, do we have to submit Annex 7 if the project foresees only purchasing a building and no other infrastructure/ works?</p>		<p>The provisions of the Applicant's Guide, regarding the Annex 7 mentions that is mandatory for investment projects. The guide mentions for investment project the following definition - "A project whose results involve the achievement of an objective by investing capital, which means that their main component is to carry out a work, without excluding the procurement of services (as consultancy or technical assistance) or goods (procurement of necessary equipments for the respective objective) related to the respective objective". Taking into consideration that the purchase of building is listed under Infrastructure and works budget line from the List of eligible expenditures for Interreg V-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme applicable to Priority axis 1-5, we consider that in this case Annex 7 is mandatory to be submitted.</p>
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<p>IV.2</p>	<p>The Methodology presented in Annex J was used for setting baselines (Annex 10 to the Programme adopted by the European Commission) and will be used for measuring the achievement of indicators, based on the results of finalized projects. It is not a methodology you have to use/analysis you have to perform at project level, it is presented to you here for a better understanding of what the Programme wants to achieve and to guide you in understanding how you can contribute to those indicators. The result indicator established at Programme level for PA 4 is “Population that have access to joint employment initiatives”. As mentioned in Annex J, the baseline for this indicator was set taking into consideration the number of people informed on employment opportunities. When writing the application, the applicants have to quantify the contribution of their project to the result indicator. However, as a general remark, the beneficiaries will not have to prove reaching the target for result indicators, this is a Programme task; you will simply have to prove that you have contributed to reaching the target (or, in case of qualitative indicators, explain how your project contributed to the target). As regards information about the target groups identified at Programme level for this Priority Axis, you will find detailed information in the operational programme, which is available on Programme’s website.</p>		<p>The Methodology presented in Annex J was used for setting baselines (Annex 10 to the Programme adopted by the European Commission) and will be used for measuring the achievement of indicators, based on the results of finalized projects. It is not a methodology you have to use/analysis you have to perform at project level, it is presented to you here for a better understanding of what the Programme wants to achieve and to guide you in understanding how you can contribute to those indicators. The result indicator established at Programme level for PA 4 is “Population that have access to joint employment initiatives”. As mentioned in Annex J, the baseline for this indicator was set taking into consideration the number of people informed on employment opportunities. When writing the application, the applicants have to quantify the contribution of their project to the result indicator. However, as a general remark, the beneficiaries will not have to prove reaching the target for result indicators, this is a Programme task; you will simply have to prove that you have contributed to reaching the target (or, in case of qualitative indicators, explain how your project contributed to the target). As regards information about the target groups identified at Programme level for this Priority Axis, you will find detailed information in the operational programme, which is available on Programme’s website.</p>
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IV.3	Avand in vedere ca in Anexa E se precizeaza faptul ca The advantage for not using flat rates is that the percentage for staff costs is set by the beneficiary (no limit at Programme level), va rugam sa ne confirmati ca in cazul utilizarii "real costs" pragul de eligibilitate 5% poate fi depasit.	Considering Annex E states that "The advantage for not using flat rates is that the percentage for staff costs is set by the beneficiary (no limit at Programme level)" please confirm that in case of opting for "real costs" the 5% ceiling can be exceeded.	In case of opting for real costs the 5% ceiling does not apply, it can be exceeded.
IV.4	This question concerns the content of Annex F Ceilings of Expenditures, Second Call. I found that important budgeted items (like: <i>organising language courses or developing web sites</i>) included in the same Annex from the First Call, miss from the relevant Annex from the Second Call, I wonder if an Applicant might use the prices, indicated in this previous Annex to justify the budget categories from the Second call.		The List of Ceilings in force is the one currently annexed to the Second Call for proposals, therefore you may only use that one. The Applicant's Guide contains guidance on other means of justification for prices.
<u>V. Cooperation criteria</u>			
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<u>VI. Application form</u>			
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<u>VII. Information and publicity</u>			
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VIII. Applicant's Guide

<p>VIII.1</p>	<p>The Applicant Guide for the Second call for proposals, published in October 2015 describes the output indicators for the 2 Priority Axis on page 12. The provided table description on two out of the three indicators uses the word 'scheme' as: 'education schemes' and 'joint educational and training schemes'. Since the justification of the project contribution to the output indicators is of high importance for the project success, we find it necessary to have the INTERREG programme linguistic definition of the expressions 'schemes' and 'joint educational schemes'. We also think that all the potential applicants will benefit from this required definition because the word 'scheme' has a first negative meaning in the Cambridge Online Dictionary and is frequently used in Bulgarian with either a negative connotation or for technical purposes. Finally, we would be very appreciative to understand how the Applicant Guide defines the difference between the terms 'educational program', which is most frequently used by the educational institutions, and 'educational scheme'.</p>		<p>The term educational scheme is frequently used in English. However, you may refer to the term as educational program, since the understanding is similar in the Programme's view.</p>
<p><u>IX. Project sustainability</u></p>			
<p>IX.1</p>			