

CORRIGENDUM no. 1

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

Call #1 – Civic participation in underserved areas

Small grants and Rapid response grants

Ongoing call

This Corrigendum, hereby, amends the Guidelines for Applicants for **Call #1**, regarding the following chapters/sections:

I. Chapter 4: Administrative and eligibility criteria

Section modified: 4.5 Grant rate and co-financing

Modification: the initial text of this section will be **replaced** with the text below:

“The project grant rate **may be up to 100%** of the total eligible costs of the project.

The co-financing is not compulsory and it can be provided in form of cash and/or in-kind contribution, in the form of voluntary work.

In case such co-financing is ensured in cash, it is preferable to be from sources such as donations, sponsorships, membership fees, etc. and not through other projects/grants. The project cannot be co-financed by other programmes of the EEA and Norway grants, European funds or European Union budget or other in-kind contribution.

For the calculation of in-kind contribution in the form of voluntary work, the Applicant and project partner/s will take into account the actual time allocated for the implementation of the project (in hours/month) and the price shall be set in the range of the minimum gross hourly wage in Romania and the average gross hourly wage in Romania (valid at publishing date of the Call - 2019), including the employer’s social contribution, depending on the character of the delivered work. The Applicant should provide justification for establishing the corresponding price of the voluntary work hour. For project partner/s whose primary location is in one of the Donor States or other Beneficiary States or countries outside EEA with a common border with Romania, the range in the respective country will be applied.

Please note that the in-kind contribution cannot be provided by a staff member who has, at the same time, an individual employment contract concluded with the Applicant or project Partner/s for the same type of responsibility.

In case in-kind contribution in the form of voluntary work is provided, it should be included in the project budget and must comply with the general principles on the eligibility of expenditures.”

II. Chapter 9: Evaluation and project selection

Section modified: 9.1. Verification of administrative compliance and eligibility

Modification: The criterion II.3 from the **Grid for administrative compliance and eligibility** will be **completed** with the following Note: “The assessment of this criterion will be performed taking into consideration the modifications brought to the Guidelines for Applicants by the Corrigendum only for projects validated in the online platform starting with 4th of June 2020 (publication date of the Corrigendum). For the projects received before this date, the assessment will be performed considering the initial Guidelines for Applicants.”

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