



CORRIGENDUM No 1

to the

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

Call for proposals

No. 2007CB16IPO006 – 2011 – 2

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Based on Joint Monitoring Committee decision from 9 January 2012, the following aspects, concerning the treatment of the “adjacent area” rule, **are corrected** with respect to the Guidelines for Applicants for the 2nd Call for Proposals under the Bulgaria – Serbia IPA Cross-border Programme (reference number 2007CB16IPO006 – 2011 – 2), published on 22 November 2011:

Guidelines for Applicants, Article 2.5.5 – “Activities location”, page 19

The original text:

“In the district of Sofia-city, defined as adjacent area, project partners could implement operations up to 20 % of the amount of Community and national funding for the Programme. When filling the Application Form, project partners must indicate in “Table 4 – Summary Breakdown of Budget Lines per Project Partners” the amount of expenditures foreseen to be made in the adjacent area. The percentage per partner and the total percentage of these expenditures will be calculated automatically. Project proposals, where expenditures incurred in the adjacent area exceed 20% of the total eligible costs of the project, shall be reported to the JMC and proposed for rejection. Therefore, Applicants are strongly advised to observe the 20% adjacency rule, especially for those projects, which include project partners from Sofia-city district.

When calculating the amount of expenditures in the adjacent area, Applicants must keep in mind that in most cases, determining whether expenditure is made in the adjacent area depends on the place of the operation, rather than on the type of organization (and where it is registered) that performs the operation. To this end:

- The place of incurring expenditures for construction activities is the place where the physical construction object is;
- The place of incurring expenditures for supplies is the place where the supplies are delivered to and are meant to be used;
- The place for incurring expenditures for services is the place where the results from the service in



question are/will be used;

- The place for incurring expenditures for meetings/conferences/seminars etc. is the place where the event is/will be held;
- The place for incurring expenditures for staff remuneration is the place of performance of the duties of a project staff member, as specified in his/her labour contract.”

Is replaced with the new text:

“The district of Sofia-city, defined as adjacent area, could implement operations up to 20% of the total expenditure under the Programme. At Programme level, the Joint Monitoring Committee will monitor the percentage of funds allocated to project partners from the adjacent area in order to ensure compliance with the 20% rule. At project level though, partners are not obliged to respect the 20% adjacent area rule, meaning that a project proposal could include partner/s from the adjacent area, whose budget/s exceeds 20% of the total project costs. However, Applicants are reminded that a strong justification is needed for the inclusion of project partners from the adjacent area, and where the necessity for such involvement is not visible, the project proposals shall not be recommended for funding.

Please also note that the budget of a project partner from the adjacent area shall be considered in its entirety, meaning that the whole budget of an organization that is registered in Sofia-city district shall be considered as “adjacent area allocation”.

All project proposals, including those with partners from the adjacent area, shall be evaluated according to the assessment criteria stipulated in the Guidelines for Applicants. Based on the final ranking of the project proposals according to their technical scores, the Joint Monitoring Committee will fund proposals with partners from the adjacent area until exhaustion of the 20% Programme funding, allocated for adjacent area projects.

Information about how much of the total Programme budget is still available for adjacent area allocation shall be included in the Guidelines for Applicants under each Call for Proposals. At the present moment, the Programme budget still available for adjacent area allocation is 5,474,642.34 EUR.”

All other parts of the Guidelines for Applicants remain unchanged.