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| **I. Application Form** | | |
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| **II. Eligibility of expenditures** | | |
| **II.1** | With regard to the option that Call 6 of the Interreg VI-A RO-BG Programme provides to its applicants, namely accepts as eligible costs the project preparation costs - Lump sum for project preparation of 14,000 Euro (total value), as per p.2.9 of the Applicant's guide for Call 6, we have the following question:  Can the total preparation costs be made only by one of the potential partners in the project proposal? For example, to be signed only one contract by one of the potential partners for the preparation of the project proposal for the whole eligible sum? | As you mentioned yourself in the below e-mail, the Applicant’s Guide for the targeted 6 call for operations of strategic importance (OSI) addressing the navigability and rail infrastructure clearly foresees that “Lump sum for preparation will be paid out by the Programme after the financing contract (subsidy) is signed. The lump sum for project preparation covers elaboration of applications for financing, including the annex mandatory for all applications as listed in A. Documents mandatory for all applications.”  As regards your question whether the total preparation costs can be made only by one of the potential partners in the project proposal, please be informed that the Applicant’s Guide does not foresee any restrictions in this regard. It is up to the Partnership to decide how this amount will be split between partners (and can be included in Jems, under the dedicated section E.1 - Project lump sums). In this reference, the decision for application preparation/signing the contract for preparation belongs to the partnership. Please note that no checks are to be performed on supporting documents for the actual costs to justify that the amount of the lump sum was actually spent by the applicant/applicants on the predefined types of costs/ activities. The lump sum for project preparation shall be reimbursed to the Lead partner upon the achievement of a predefined output, namely the signing of the financing contract, which constitutes the condition triggering the reimbursement. The LP will then distribute the amount to each partner, in the proportions set by the Partnership. |
| **III. Eligibility of applicants and activities** | | |
| **III.1** | In relation to the launching of Call 6 under the INTERREG VI-A RO-BG Programme, we have the following question:  In Call 5 it was specifically pointed that applicants with headquarters located in Romania and Bulgaria, but outside the Programme area, cannot take the Lead Partner role. In this regard, given that the headquarters of Executive Agency "Maritime Administration" is in Sofia, respectivelly outside of the Programme area, but with regional offices with scope of activity on the Programme territory, is it possible to have the role of a Lead partner in a project, funded under the present Call? Is the restriction for the role of the Lead Partner from Call 5 valid for Call 6 as well? | Regarding  your question related to the eligibility of the Executive Agency "Maritime Administration" to act as Lead Partner under Call 6 of the Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme, please be informed that, as you have already observed, there is no restriction included in the Applicant’s Guide for this call regarding the location of the Lead Partner. Therefore, is up to the partners listed within the section 2.2. Eligible applications and applicants of the Applicant’s Guide to decide which organization takes the role of Lead Partner. When developing the application, please ensure that you refer exclusively to the Applicant’s Guide applicable to the call under which you are submitting the project proposal.  Should you require any additional clarification or support in the preparation of your application, please do not hesitate to contact us. The questions related with the Call for Proposal no. 6 shall be addressed to the helpdesk specifically available for the potential beneficiaries, at: [helpdesk\_robg@calarasicbc.ro](mailto:helpdesk_robg@calarasicbc.ro) (as state within the Applicant’s Guide, Call 6, pg. 69).” |
| **IV. Applicant’s Guide and Annexes** | | |
| **IV.1** |  |  |
| **V. JEMS** | | |
| **V.1** |  |  |
| **VI. Budget** | | |
| **VI.1** |  |  |
| **VII. Horizontal issues** | | |
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| **VIII. Other aspects** | | |
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