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1st Call for proposals: **Cross-border Programme Serbia – North Macedonia 2016-2020 under the Instrument of Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), allocations 2016 and 2017**

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No.	Question	Answer
1.	<p>U vezi poziva za dostavljanje predloga projekata prekogranične saradnje Srbija - Severna Makedonija, imamo pitanje: Da li na poziv mogu aplicirati samo organizacije sa sedištem u okviru oblasti geografske podrške, ili mogu i organizacije koje nemaju sedišta u toj oblasti, ali tu realizuju svoje aktivnosti? Pitamo zbog toga što Nacionalni savet makedonske nacionalne manjine ima sedišta u gradu Pančevu, ali ima regionalne kancelarije i aktivnosti u Leskovcu i u Vranju, zbog potreba pripadnika makedonske nacionalne zajednice u ovim oblastima.</p> <p><i>Unofficial translation</i></p> <p>Regarding the Call for Proposals for the Cross-border Programme Serbia- North Macedonia, we have a question: Could only organizations established in the program area apply for this call for proposals, or organizations that are not established in the program area, but carry out their activities in the program area, could also apply? We are asking this because the headquarter of the National Council of the Macedonian National Minority is in the town of Pancevo, but it has regional offices and activities in Leskovac and Vranje due to the needs of members of the</p>	<p>Relevant information related to the eligibility of applicants is provided in Section 2.1.1. "Eligibility of Applicants" of the Guidelines for Applicants. All listed criteria should be fulfilled.</p> <p>In order to prove existence of the local branches as the legal entities, a documentary proof of their establishment on the territory of Republic of Serbia or Republic of North Macedonia has to be enclosed.</p> <p>Please see the following information under the Section 2.1.1 of the GfA:</p> <p><i>“Lead applicant</i></p> <p><i>...the lead applicant must be established in either Serbia or North Macedonia.</i></p> <p><i>The lead applicant must act with co-applicant(s) as specified hereafter.</i></p> <p><i>Co-applicant(s)</i></p> <p><i>The lead applicant must act with at least one co-applicant as specified hereafter.</i></p> <p><i>If the lead applicant is established in the Serbia at least one co-applicant must be established in the North Macedonia, and vice versa.</i></p>

	<p>Macedonian national communities in these areas.</p>	<p><i>At least one legal entity in the partnership (being the lead applicant or the co-applicant) must be effectively established or have an office in the programme eligible area of each participating country.</i></p> <p><i>The maximum number of co-applicants that could be involved in the action is 3.</i></p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>According to Guidelines for Applicants for the 1st Call for Proposals Cross-border Programme Serbia – Republic of North Macedonia 2016-2020 under the Instrument of Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), allocations 2016 and 2017 in the point 2.1.1. Eligibility of applicants is written that: "...the lead applicant must be established in either Serbia or North Macedonia".</p> <p>My question is: Does this mean that the lead applicant (and co-applicant/s) can be registered in the territory outside of IPA CBC RS MK programme area?</p> <p>I understood that actions must have as final beneficiaries the population of the programme area.</p>	<p>Please refer to the Answer no 1.</p> <p>Also, please see information in the Section 2.1.1. "Eligibility of Applicants" of the GfA where is stated: <i>"At least one legal entity in the partnership (being the lead applicant or the co-applicant) must be effectively established or have an office in the programme eligible area of each participating country."</i></p> <p>Actions must have as final beneficiaries the population of the programme area. They must take place in one or more of the following territorial units: In Serbia: Jablanica district (City of Leskovac and municipalities of Bojnik, Lebane, Medveđa, Vlasotince and Crna Trava); Pčinja district (City of Vranje with two city municipalities: Vranje and Vranjska Banja), and municipalities of Vladičin Han, Surdulica, Bosilegrad, Trgovište, Bujanovac and Preševo and, In North Macedonia: North – East region (municipalities of Kratovo, Lipkovo, Kumanovo, Staro Nagoričane, Rankovce and Kriva Palanka); and Skopje region (municipalities of Aračinovo, Čučer Sandevo, Ilinden, Petrovec, Sopište, Studeničani, Zelenikovo, and municipalities of Butel, Gjorče Petrov and Saraj of the City of Skopje).</p>