

European Forest Institute

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Establishing Climate-Smart Forestry and forest restoration pilots in Europe

Questions and answers

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#	Question	Answer
1.	We have a doubt regarding indirect costs. For what I see, you give a lump sum of 140.000€. Is it possible to include Indirect costs within this amount? If yes, where should I add the cost? To Other Goods & Services? What is the limit (in percent) for INDIRECT COST category, if eligible?	The budget and the costs therein must correspond to the implementation of the project and its activities.
2.	Could you please explain with more detail the following sentence in yellow? Projects are expected to start in January 2024 and last a maximum of 18 months. The activities shall be completed at the latest by August 2025, although with assured continuation of the trial(s) for a minimum of three years. Is requested to justify funding available beyond August 2025 to continue the trials? How this should be done?	The funding is available for activities to be completed within maximum of 18 months and at the latest by August 2025. However, the technical description (Application form-Part B) must present a plan for continuation of trial(s) for a minimum of three years.
3.	Could you please let us know if a public institution based in Portugal is a legal entity that could be a coordinator of a consortium and eligible for funding under the European Union Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Programme?	Pre-assessment of a potential applicant meeting the eligibility criteria is not possible.
4.	Is there any limitation for the cost allocated to personnel in respect to total budget? Some maximum percentage to be respected?	The costs allocated to different categories must correspond to the implementation of the project and its activities.
5.	Does the grant cover the 100% of the eligible budget?	The maximum grant value is EUR 140,000, paid in fixed lumpsum instalments.
6.	How is expected to be the administrative, financial, and technical certification during the project duration?	The Beneficiaries will keep the EFI grant manager informed about the progress of the Project activities The Beneficiaries will take part in the meetings (including a joint kick-off with other projects funded by EFI) as organised by the grant manager.  The grant is paid in fixed lumpsum instalments (except the pre-financing

		payment) upon approval of interim technical and final technical report.
7.	In the grant agreement template's annex 1 section A 2.1 seems to be missing/being at least an incomplete explanation if only the CEO (in the case of NGOs) could be considered as a person for a legal capacity who acts on behalf of his/her organization and is authorized to sign an application form?	The person signing the application form must be duly authorised and have legal capacity granted by the organisation to act on its behalf.
8.	How detailed should be the explanation for expenditure in the budget table at this stage?	The explanation should justify the cost category and must correspond to the implementation of the project and its activities.