

First Call Information Seminar Q&A

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| 1 | Will the recording of the webinar also be shared later? | No, the recording was made for internal use. All questions and answers – both written and live, are included in this file. Contacts of the participants who shared their information is sent directly to the participants. The presentation is available at estlat.eu . |
| 2 | If the main project partner of the project is located outside the region, but all activities are planned in the region - will such a project be considered as meeting the requirements of the program? | Theoretically it is possible, but to give you a more concrete answer about your case please consult with us. Partnership requirements are specified in the programme manual under each Priority. |
| 3 | Under Priority 2 could a partner also be a municipality? | Live answered: Participating partners must be relevant to achieve the objectives of the specific and programme objective. As under P2 the goal is to help SMEs grow through cross-border knowledge transfer and innovation, it is difficult to see the relevance of the municipality. Partnerships here should be more between SMEs and research/competence centers/science parks etc. |
| 4 | What is the grant size in Priority 3 | 1 MEUR |
| 5 | Are municipalities next to lake Peipsi also border area in Estonia? | Jõgeva and Tartu counties are part of the programme area. If you ask in the context of Priority 1, better governance, we need to know more details of the idea. |
| 6 | Can an idea that has been partially implemented in the Lithuanian Latvian program be submitted in priority 3? Different regions would participate in this application than in the previous project. | The activities cannot overlap and there must be no double financing. It might be good capitalization if it fits our programme objectives. |
| 7 | What is meant by overlapping and double financing in this case? Similar project is already implemented in the previous programming period. With new project we | No other EU funds have contributed towards the financing of the same expenditure. |

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| | would like to bring some of the results to new regions and to widen the expertise with new insights. | |
| 8 | Did I understand correctly that Research or education organizations from the region of Riga and Tallinn can't be eligible partners for Priority 3? | In case those organizations fall under public sector, NGO/Foundation – they are eligible. |
| 9 | If remember correctly, there is money for project preparation (~6 000 EUR). Can project preparation be outsourced (to project management company)? If yes, what is procedure to proof these expenses? | Yes, correct, there are 6 000 euros total costs for the project preparation, that all the approved projects receive. The reimbursement is 80% (ERDF) from 6 000 euro. We will not ask for the information/evidence about how this money was shared between the partners and for what exactly it was spent. However, please note that one of the four cooperation criteria is joint development of the projects (point 4.3. of the Programme Manual). |
| 10 | How do you evaluate short-term solvency and co-financing capacity? | Live answered (edited later): There is a formula for the Short-term debt coverage ratio (Current Ratio, Working capital ratio), that is taken into account based on the 2021 data and 2022 balance sheet: Current assets/short-term liabilities. |
| 11 | I have questions regarding Priority 4 - developing accessible tourism products. What is meant by small-scale investment in infrastructure? Is there a % limitation in a budget for investments in infrastructure or how do you measure that? | Live answered: Small-scale investments in infrastructure refer to the physical improvement of the natural or cultural heritage sites, which are integral components of joint tourism products or services. The improvement of the sites must be based on the aspects of social inclusion, social innovation and accessibility. There is no threshold for the investments. The applications will be assessed based on how they meet the Priority objectives and requirements. |
| 12 | Is it possible that partners from Norway also take part? | Live answered: No, the partners in our programme must come from Estonia and Latvia. |
| 13 | Can the Project results complete tourism product/site that has been created within other grant program, for example, ERAF? | Live answered: Yes, you can improve the existing cross-border tourism product or service and build on the already achieved results by adding value according to the programme's focus under priority 4. |
| 14 | What is max duration of the projects in P3? | Live answered: |



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| | | There is no maximum duration foreseen under any of the priorities. Projects are expected to last 2-3 years. The duration is assessed in combination with the planned objective, activities and budget – in justified cases the project can last longer. |
| 15 | Do I understand correctly - for SMEs, the amount for the project will be calculated based on 2021 turnover? For example, if the turnover in 2021 was 200 k, then the max amount for the project under P2 would be 100 k? This applies to each partner individually? | Correct. |
| 16 | Who is leading partner-Estonian organisation or Latvian? | As you decide. |
| 17 | What is expected start of the 1st call project? | Live answered: The project can start activities and costs occur the day after the monitoring committee takes the selection decision. According to the current plan, the decisions will be made in the end of June 2023. |
| 18 | How long project application is open, until what date? And what is approximate time when answer might be given yes or no for submitted project? | The 1 st call closes in Jems on 15.02.2023 at 14:00, after that you will not be able to submit the application anymore. About timeline – it depends on the number of applications submitted in February. The technical eligibility check ends approximately by the end of March. If the project passes that phase and continues to the quality assessment, the answer about selection is expected by the end of June. |
| 19 | How many pilots from project program expected? One LV, one Est? | Yes, one is minimum, and you can pilot similar solution on both sides of the border, for instance. |
| 20 | When I have an account for eMS, can I use the same to Jems? Will I see the old project there also? | No, these platforms are separate. |
| 21 | I saw in the presentation the button «Re-submit the application»: does this mean that we can (re)submit the application several times prior to deadline (in EU large programmes this is a common practice) | Re-submitting is possible if the application form is sent back from JS to edit. This might be a case in the phase of the technical and loose quality check. Before the deadline we do not check and return the application form to applicants. |
| 22 | There shall be [publicity] posters at partner locations, but what about publicity at implementation sites? E.g., project will implement some activities with entities, | Live answered: |



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| | who are not project partners (e.g., tourism farms, "sightseeing" places). Would a poster be expected at those locations, too? | The activity must be marked with an A3 poster in case it is financed by the programme, regardless of the location. |
| 23 | Are there complete applications of previous calls available? | Unfortunately, we cannot share with you complete applications of the projects. But you can always contact the projects directly and ask if they are willing to share the documents with you. At estlat.eu under "Supported projects" there is information about all 55 projects financed in 2014-2020. |
| 24 | Is it possible to add publicity costs (cost for videos or pictures) in project budget? | Yes |
| 25 | How much % of the budget is financed by the program? | 80% |
| 26 | Does the Interreg program have a platform for finding a suitable project partner across the border? | Live answered: The Partner Search option was open at estlat.eu until 2020, but it was not frequently used by the applicants. We are considering a private Facebook group where more information can be shared directly between the users. |
| 27 | Is there any co-funding planned from the national authorities? | Live answered: There is no official information yet, but it is expected that the 5% support for Latvian partners continues. |
| 28 | Will you have offline face-to-face events on a local level? | Live answered: We had four such seminars in June, in Tartu and Riga. This winter we are not organizing special programme seminars, but we might join events organized by others, where the format and target group is fitting. |