

SME Support Grant Scheme for Job Creation

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Clarification No 3 / Questions and Answers

ICMPD would like to indicate that due to the high number of questions and until the deadline for asking clarifications (23/08/2021 / 17:00h Vienna time) Q&A will be published regularly

Note 1: Most of the questions that have been received concerning this call for proposals can be answered by **carefully reading** the Guidelines for Grant Applicants (Guidelines).

Note 2: Please note that in the interest of equal treatment of applicants, the Contracting Authority does not give a prior opinion on the eligibility of a lead applicant, a co-applicant, an action or specific activities (Please see section 2.1 of the Guidelines).

General Issues

1. Will the webinar content be shared with the participants?

The webinar will be recorded and shared on the ICMPD in Turkey YouTube channel. At the same time, the document presented to the participants during the Webinar has been published on the ENHANCER Project website.

2. Will Universities choose “company” on the In-Tend site for the application of this call?

The eligibility of applicants is defined exhaustively in the Guideline, please check your organization`s eligibility from Section 2.1.1 before applying. If your organization type is listed eligible under Section 2.1.1 of the Call for Proposal Guideline, you can search for “Grants Applicants” under the “Business Classification tab” while registering to ICMPD electronic application platform (In-Tend). After finding the “Grants Applicants” option, please press the “Register My Company” button.

Please check <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/icmpd.aspx/ViewDocument.aspx?dt=12&id=59> for registering instructions.

3. Which criteria were used to determine the provinces?

This call for proposals and grant program is a component of the ENHANCER project. Eligible provinces included in the Call for Proposals have been identified according to the ENHANCER Project Definition. Please refer to Section 1.1 of the Grant Guidelines.



**Eligibility of applicants (i.e. lead applicants, co-applicants)
(Section 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 of the guidelines)**

4. Are Gaziantep and Adana eligible provinces?

Gaziantep and Adana are not among the eligible provinces. Although the eligible provinces are mentioned in many parts of the grant guideline, please read section 2.1.1 of the grant guideline.

5. Is there a possibility that provinces other than the aforementioned provinces will be included in the project in the future?

This grant program covers only the 6 provinces specified in the grant guideline and these provinces are not subject to change in the future.

6. Will there be a flexibility for the 25% rate of turnover reduction due to the pandemic?

There will be no change in the criterion specified in the section. Please read the relevant section (2.1.1) carefully.

7. Especially in this period, it will be very difficult to find SMEs that do not have a problem in terms of tax debt etc. Would it be possible to provide some flexibility in this criterion?

There will be no change in the criterion specified in the section. Please read the relevant section (2.1.1) carefully.

8. Are cooperatives among the eligible applicants?

No. Please refer to Section 2.1.1 of the Grant Guidelines for Eligibility of Applicants (lead applicant and co-applicant(s)).

9. Can companies which have a turnover of less than 3 million TL in total apply?

Please refer to Section 2.1.1 of the Grant Guidelines for Eligibility of Applicants (lead applicant and co-applicant(s)).

10. Can a company established 10 years ago apply?

Eligible applicants must have been established at least 2 years prior to the announcement of the call for proposals. Please refer to Section 2.1.1 of the Grant Guidelines for Eligibility of Applicants (main applicant and co-applicant(s)).

Eligibility of costs (Section 2.1.4 of the Guidelines) and Financial Issues

11. Is 6-8 months of employment cost in the project budget an eligible cost?

The cost of personnel assigned to the project is eligible as defined in section 2.1.4 of the Guideline.

12. Does the cost of consulting for the preparation of the application fall within the eligible costs?

Costs that are not within the project period are not eligible costs. Please refer to section 2.1.4 of the grant guideline. Read the section on eligible costs.