



Republic of Serbia

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE**

**Department for Contracting and Financing of EU Funded Programmes (CFCU)**

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**CONTRACTING AUTHORITY'S CLARIFICATIONS No. 1**

**“Support to IPARD Operating Structure (Managing Authority and IPARD Agency),”**

**NEAR/BEG/2021/EA-RP/0023**

No.	Question	Answer
1.	Additional Information about the Contract Notice, in particularly point 23. How applications may be submitted stipulates that applications may be submitted either by post or by courier service, or by hand delivery. Taking into account current unfavorable epidemiological situation in the country caused by the Covid-19 pandemic will you kindly consider changing the submission method to include electronic option as well?	<p>Please note that the application must be submitted <b>in paper form</b>.</p> <p>As per Additional Information, point 23, applications must be submitted in English exclusively to the contracting authority in a sealed envelope either by post or by courier service, or hand delivered by the participant in person or by an agent directly to the premises of the contracting authority.</p>
2.	The Contract Notice for the Support to IPARD Operating Structure (Managing Authority and IPARD Agency), with Reference number NEAR/BEG/2021/EA-RP/0023, in particularly article II.2.7 specifies that duration is 9 months. On the other hand, Additional Information about the Contract Notice, specifically point 17. Period of implementation of tasks specifies that duration is 12 months. Considering the above discrepancies, could you please kindly clarify what is the expected project duration – 9 or 12 months?	<p><b>Please note that duration of the contract is 12 months.</b></p> <p>Article II.2.7 Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system specifies that duration is 9 months and that is <b>technical error</b>.</p>

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3.	<p>In the Additional information about the Contract Notice on page 3, it is stated for the technical capacity that "a) The candidate has provided services ... in the field of development and implementation any of the following areas: EU Structural Funds/Rural Development policies or SAPARD or IPARD." Could you please clarify whether services provided in any of EU Structural Funds would be considered eligible or only references in Rural Development policies under EU Structural Funds are requested?</p> <p>2. Based on the technical capacity criterion a), could you please clarify whether services in IPA would be considered eligible in view of the fact that SAPARD was replaced by the rural development component of the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) in 2007?</p>	<p>Please note that only requested references in Rural Development policies under EU Structural Funds (Rural Development policies or SAPARD or IPARD) are eligible.</p> <p>Based on the technical capacity criterion a) Services in IPA would be considered eligible only if the contract subject was in the field of development and implementation any of the following areas: EU Structural Funds / Rural Development policies or SAPARD or IPARD, as stated in the Technical capacity criterion.</p>