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“Technical Assistance for Improvement of Living and Housing Conditions among the Roma Population Presently Residing in Informal Settlements”

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No.	Question	Answer
1	<p>21.3). Technical capacity of candidate: b). the candidate has provided services under at least one contract (with the portion of the contract carried out by the legal entity being at least EUR 700,000) in the field of <u>social inclusion, Roma population related measures</u>, which were implemented at any moment during the reference period. Can you please clarify if this section criterion should be read as related to Roma population only, or the candidate can refer to social inclusion measures in general (i.e. related to other minority, marginalized and vulnerable groups)?</p>	<p>The referenced field should be read as social inclusion in the context of Roma population related measures.</p>
2	<p>We assume that one legal entity can apply on both Technical Assistance project and related grant scheme. Please confirm. In case assumption above is correct, please clarify if there would be a conflict of interest in awarding a Technical Assistance project to the legal entity previously awarded with the grant form a related grant scheme, and vice versa.</p>	<p>Contracting Authority cannot prejudice eligibility of the candidate/applicant at this stage, i.e. decision can be made only upon assessment of complete information provided by specific candidate/applicant in the course of particular evaluation procedure. Same logic applies in case of assessment of potential conflict of interest.</p> <p>Please also refer to the Guidelines for Applicants, Section 2.2.4, Further information about Concept Notes: <i>“To ensure equal treatment of applicants, the Contracting Authority cannot give a prior opinion on the eligibility of applicants, affiliated entity(ies), an action or specific activities”</i>.</p>