



Q&A on the Calls for Expression of Interest in the fields of municipal infrastructure and socio-economic support – January 2019-1

Call for expression of interest in the field of municipal infrastructure					
Q1	A) The eligible location is determined as South-East of Turkey. A clarification is required if “South-East of Turkey “refers to Turkish legal administration definition or just generally to south part of Turkey.				
	B) The list of provinces most affected by Syrians is given in the table below. Our understanding from your guideline is that the provinces in the table that are most affected by Syrians guest and are mostly in the south part of Turkey are all eligible provinces for FRIT Fund. Could you kindly clarify this issue in order to finalize the project pipeline?				
		Provinces	Population	Syrian Population	Ratio of Syrian in Total Population
	1	ADANA	2.216.475,00	228.976,00	10,33%
	2	ADIYAMAN	615.076,00	27.815,00	4,52%
	14	BATMAN	585.252,00	22.071,00	3,77%
	26	DİYARBAKIR	1.699.901,00	33.592,00	1,98%
	33	GAZİANTEP	2.005.515,00	417.013,00	20,79%
	37	HATAY	1.575.226,00	441.197,00	28,01%
	42	KAHRAMANMARAŞ	1.127.623,00	84.309,00	7,48%
	47	KAYSERİ	1.376.722,00	77.373,00	5,62%
	51	KİLİS	136.319,00	122.169,00	89,62%
	53	KONYA	2.180.149,00	103.430,00	4,74%
55	MALATYA	786.676,00	28.760,00	3,66%	
57	MARDİN	809.719,00	90.046,00	11,12%	
58	MERSİN	1.793.931,00	206.542,00	11,51%	
64	OSMANİYE	527.724,00	48.958,00	9,28%	
71	ŞANLIURFA	1.985.753,00	456.754,00	23,00%	
	Turkey	80.810.525,00	3.607.563,00	4,46%	
A1	Please refer to section 2.1.2 of the Guidelines to the Call for Expression of Interest and to Answer 2 (page 4) of the Q&A from the Information session. Please note that the provinces most affected shall be in the South-East of Turkey.				
Q2	Is it possible to include more than one strand (1, 2, 3) in a project package (proposed action) to be submitted?				
A2	Yes, activities from different strands can be submitted as part of a single proposal. Please refer to the clarification published in this regard in the Q&A from the Information session – page 4.				

Q3	Is it possible to propose projects that are within the scope of strands 4 and 5, together in the same package with strands 1, 2 and 3?				
A3	Yes – please refer to Answer 2 of this Q&A				
Q4	<p>Within the scope of strand 5: “Soft measures to improve water and waste management efficiency”, is it possible to propose projects on the following topics?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Water and waste water management system, ▪ Institutional strengthening of municipalities or related institutions on project management and monitoring 				
A4	<p>As per section 2.2.4 of the Guidelines to the call, the Facility secretariat cannot give a prior opinion on the eligibility of an action or specific activities. Please be reminded that the list of types of action proposed under section 2.1.2 of the Guidelines is not exhaustive and that the activities planned shall be instrumental to achieving the results of the proposed project as well as the priorities and objectives defined in the Call.</p> <p>Please note that strand 5 refers to ‘soft –zero-waste- measures’: a list of what is meant by soft-measures is provided in section 2.1.2.</p>				
Q5	Both strand 3 and strand 5 include waste sector. Therefore, it should be clarified that procurement of equipment for solid waste management efficiency is evaluated within the scope of strand 3 or strand 5.				
A5	See answer A4 of this Q&A.				
Q6	<p>a) The call for municipal infrastructure states under 1.3 “Financial Allocation” that “Activities proposed within strand 5 must be combined with proposed interventions under the first three strands”. To our understanding, this would exclude a combination of strand 4 and 5 (i.e. strand 5 cannot be used for soft measures on recreational infrastructure). Nevertheless the Q&A distributed by DG Near suggests, that a combination of strand 4 and 5 is possible.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Q1</td><td>Are activities within strand 5 included in the maximum budget (EUR 25 million) defined for activities under strand 4?</td></tr> <tr> <td>A1</td><td>The limit of EUR 10 million applies only to the portion of soft measures included in the proposal and not to the overall amount. In case of a combination of strands 4 and 5, the limits are as follows: EUR 25 million for recreational infrastructure + EUR 10 million for soft measures.</td></tr> </table> <p>Which document is prevailing in this case?</p> <p>b) In case a combination of strand 4 and 5 is possible, do we have to submit separate proposals in for the different strands, or can investments and soft measures (strand 4 and 5) be combined in one proposal?</p>	Q1	Are activities within strand 5 included in the maximum budget (EUR 25 million) defined for activities under strand 4?	A1	The limit of EUR 10 million applies only to the portion of soft measures included in the proposal and not to the overall amount. In case of a combination of strands 4 and 5, the limits are as follows: EUR 25 million for recreational infrastructure + EUR 10 million for soft measures.
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A6	Strand 4 and Strand 5 cannot be combined. Strand 5 relates to “soft measures to improve water and waste management efficiency” and not “recreational infrastructure”.				

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Q7	In case joint proposals with pillar assessed entities are presented, does the minimum/maximum size (25m – 80m EUR) count for each single contract or the joint proposal overall?
A7	The minimum/maximum size applies to each individual contract/contribution agreement the Commission would sign with the pillar-assessed entity concerned.

<i>Questions in relation to both Calls for Expression of Interest</i>	
Q8	The Guidelines for Socio-Economic Measures state that the set of proposal documents shall include a Communication and Visibility Plan (Annex D). As the final definition of such a Communication and Visibility Plan is usually done during the inception phase of a project, the annexed document can only be indicative and generic. Please elaborate which content is required to be provided at the proposal stage.
A8	<i>(applicable to both Calls)</i> An indicative outline of the main initiatives envisaged, focusing on the key stages of project implementation, should be provided. Please note that the Communication and Visibility plan will also be subject of assessment during the evaluation phase.
Q9	As blending instruments will be allowed under FRIT II, the following questions shall be answered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What will be final contracting deadline (e.g. date of individual loan agreements), which is the final implementation date (e.g. date of final repayment for loans or other financial instruments), if FRIT II funds are blended with additional sources of funding? (Loan maturity dates may deviate from initial 48months stipulated in the call of proposal). b. How shall remaining funds, resulting from proposed blending facilities be used at the end of the implementation period (exit strategy)? Can the funds remain with the Turkish Partner Institutions? This might be the case if EU funds are used in a revolving manner to leverage existing funds/loans.
A9	The deadline for the Commission to sign agreements with implementing partners is 31 December 2020. The deadline for the Commission to make payments under the second tranche is 31 December 2025. Implementing partners should take this into account for the contracts they would sign with contractors. Once EU funds have been disbursed by the entrusted Entity, reflows of such funds must be reimbursed to the Commission. The repayment period of non-EU funds (e.g. IFI loan repayments) is not considered part

	of the duration of the action.
Q10	Does FRIT II foresee funds for project preparation? We see a challenge with the ambition to start projects quickly after signing of CA and showing quick results and the implementation of EU procedure for tendering of services and goods. Funds for project preparation would help to mature project in shorter time and e.g. prepare tender documents beforehand
A10	Maturity of the proposals is key and it represents one of the elements that will be taken into consideration at the assessment stage. The second tranche of the Facility, including the two Calls for Expression of Interest, does not envisage any funds for project preparation.