

Lump sum for the costs of preparing a strong partners

Poland – Belarus – Ukraine 2021-2027

Poland – Russia 2021-2027

"COPY-PASTE" SCOs

- ✓ based on Article. 53 (3) (c) (d) of CP, we want to copy-paste a lump sum for the costs of preparing a strong partnership from the programmes of the European Neighborhood Instrument+ 2014-2020

*Article 53(3) future CPR – The amounts for the forms of grants referred to under point (b), (c) and (d) of paragraph 1, shall be established in one of the following ways:
(...)
(c) in accordance with the rules for application of corresponding unit costs, lump sums and flat rates applicable in Union policies for a similar type of operation,
(d) in accordance with the rules for application of corresponding unit costs, lump sums and flat rates applied under schemes for grants funded entirely by the Member State for a similar type of operation,*

- ✓ good practice – ready to use and relatively easy to apply, similar type of project
- ✓ no justification for calculation methodology (only a comparison is required)
- ✓ the lump sum for strong partnership is still in use, moreover, the methodology of the current perspective was not questioned by the AA,

Key principles

- ✓ the MA has to ensure that not only the results of the method (the rate or X%) are used, but also the underlying assumptions/ conditions/ prerequisites build-in in the method (e.g. definitions, eligibility of expenditures, types and scopes of projects, conditions under which the method will be updated, etc.)
- ✓ everything that is packed in the original definition of the lump sum (e.g. cost categories and cost items the lump sum covers, outputs to be delivered, conditions of delivery, payment triggers, adjustment of the amount of the lump sum, if foreseen) should be fully reused

Operations do not have to be identical, however, their “similarity” has to be ensured by the MA. Scope of projects (e.g. thematic scope), budget size (e.g. small-scale projects), duration of the operations (e.g. small projects), type of project partners (e.g. universities or SMEs), planned outputs and results could be a starting point.

The lump sum may be settled by:

- ✓ large infrastructure projects (LIP – projects with the highest financial value ranging from 2.5 million to 6 million EUR. We also plan real costs as part of preparatory costs in infrastructure projects).
 - ✓ regular projects (projects with a value from 0.2 million to 2.5 million EUR).
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The lump sum may be settled in the project under the following conditions:

- ✓ planning the costs of preparing a strong partnership in the project budget, which is part of the approved Application Form
- ✓ travel and accommodation costs incurred before submitting the Application Form cannot be settled with real expenditure
- ✓ the cost of preparing a strong partnership does not exceed EUR 5,000 per project
- ✓ signing a grant contract
- ✓ the effectiveness of the lump sum will be measured by the indicator of submitting the Application Form.

Doubts after internal consultations between Departments of our Ministry

✓ discredit the legal basis, i.e. Art. 53 (3)(c)(d)

c) Union policies – is ENI one of the EU policies?

d) grants funded entirely by the Member State – what does entirely mean?

Does anyone have experience using the copy-paste method?

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