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A. By the decision of the Monitoring Committee of the Programme taken on 21.11.2025 slight changes to the general eligibility rules of Applicants have been introduced to ensure that certain type of organizations can apply for EU support with equal rights from all the four participating countries (e.g. central universities irrespective of being governed by public or private law, or, religious and charity organisations, etc.) On one hand, the list of organisation types that are eligible to apply for the EU contribution allocated to the Programme has been complemented with the religious organisations. On the other hand, one of the two options for the situation where the headquarters of the partner is not located in the eligible Programme area, the option b) has been extended for bodies governed by private law with a public service mission, having a local branch registered in the Programme area.

As such the following chapters of the Guidelines for Applicants has been modified:

Chapter of the Guidelines for Applicants	Initial	Modified
1. 2.1 General eligibility of Applicants	<p>Applicants have to fulfil eligibility criteria with respect to their legal status, their operational background, their geographical location and their professional and financial background¹. At the same time, they must not be subject to any of the exclusion criteria. Last, but not least, the proposed partnership has to meet the respective requirements.</p> <p>Each Applicant has to fulfil all of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – be a legal person and 	<p>Applicants have to fulfil eligibility criteria with respect to their legal status, their operational background, their geographical location and their professional and financial background¹. At the same time, they must not be subject to any of the exclusion criteria. Last, but not least, the proposed partnership has to meet the respective requirements.</p> <p>Each Applicant has to fulfil all of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – be a legal person and

¹ Have stable and sufficient sources of finance to ensure the continuity of the organisations throughout the project duration, to play a part in co-financing it and to ensure the needed cash flow. Moreover, the partners must have the necessary financial resources and mechanisms to cover operation and maintenance cost for operations comprising investment in equipment so as to ensure its financial sustainability.



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">– be non-profit making² and– be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the proposed project activities both from a professional and financial point of view and must not act as intermediaries and– in general, the following organisations are eligible to apply for the EU contribution allocated to the Programme:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Public authorities, meaning legal entities established and governed by public law, assigned with special competencies and performing tasks in public interest; or2) Bodies governed by public law, meaning organisations<ul style="list-style-type: none">– established for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest, not having an industrial or commercial character,– having legal personality, and– which are either<ul style="list-style-type: none">- financed, for the most part, by the state, regional or local authorities or by other bodies governed by public law; or | <ul style="list-style-type: none">– be non-profit making² and– be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the proposed project activities both from a professional and financial point of view and must not act as intermediaries and– in general, the following organisations are eligible to apply for the EU contribution allocated to the Programme:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Public authorities, meaning legal entities established and governed by public law, assigned with special competencies and performing tasks in public interest; or2) Bodies governed by public law, meaning organisations<ul style="list-style-type: none">– established for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest, not having an industrial or commercial character,– having legal personality, and– which are either<ul style="list-style-type: none">- financed, for the most part, by the state, regional or local authorities or by other bodies governed by public law; or |
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² With exceptional status by law, ministries and state owned companies having portfolio of public interest are eligible.



- subject to management supervision by those bodies; or
- have an administrative, managerial or supervisory board, with at least half of the members appointed by the state, regional or local authorities or by other bodies governed by public law; or

3) **Non-profit organisations governed by private law**, established for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest, not having an industrial or commercial character

- Applicants have to prove **the registration of at least one year**, counted back from the day of official opening the present call for proposals. Cases of legal succession can be accepted when proving the necessary operational background, provided that the predecessor- and the successor organisation together can cover at least one year of continuous operation.

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³ With exceptional status by law, religious organisations are eligible.



- As a general rule Applicants have to have their headquarters in Hungary or Slovakia or Romania or Ukraine, and their headquarters or a regional/local branch office has to be registered and acting in the eligible Programme area or if not registered there but having legislative scope of authority to act in the programme area (NUTS III, or equivalent regions covered by the Programme) as defined in the present Guidelines.
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In a situation **where the headquarters of the partner is not located in the eligible Programme area**, two setups can be distinguished:

- a) in case the national/regional organisation's headquarters in Hungary or Slovakia or Romania or Ukraine is not registered in the eligible Programme area and the **local branch is a legal entity registered in the Programme area** then the local branch office has to be the Applicant and in case of contracting it shall be the lead partner / partner. In this case, the local branch has to prove at least one year of operation in the eligible Programme area, counted back from the day of opening the present call for proposal and the leader of the branch office has to be an authorised representative of the legal person to act in connection to the implementation of the relevant project part. Furthermore, local staff of the branch has to be involved in project management.

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b) a central/national public sector body

(irrespective of the place of its registration within the concerned participating country (Hungary or Slovakia or Romania or Ukraine)) may act as a Lead Applicant or as an Applicant and in case of contracting it shall be the lead partner / partner. In this case, the organisation shall prove its distinct role in the border region and take into consideration that project activities have to be implemented in the eligible Programme area and must have a cross-border character. The participation of a partner from outside of the eligible Programme area can be justified if the organisation/ institution is legally appointed and authorised for a professional task related to the Objective's thematic field.

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All other information related to this Call for proposals remain unchanged.

⁴ Mainly universities and charity organisations, with a local branch registered in the Programme area.