

## **EUROPEAN UNION**

DELEGATION TO THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

## **CONTRACTING AUTHORITY'S CLARIFICATIONS Nr. 2**

## "European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) – Country Based Support Scheme (CBSS) 2011 for Serbia"

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No	Question	Answer
1.	Is it possible to make alterations with regards to the concept note?	The elements assessed on the basis of the concept note cannot be modified by the applicant in the full application form. The EU contribution may not vary from the initial estimate by more than 20%, while the applicant is free to adapt the percentage of cofinancing required within the minimum and maximum amount and percentages of co-financing, as laid down in the Guidelines for Applicants under Section 1.3.  The above is stipulated in the Section 2.2.5 of the Guidelines for Applicants.
2.	Is it possible to make alterations regarding partners?	No, it is not possible to make alterations regarding partners.
3.	Regarding persons in the project team who are already employed 100% work time by local authorities - does the EIDHR allow these persons to receive pay from the project budget and to what percentage?	No, such persons may not be paid for their contribution to the action other than their salaries in the respective institution.  For the eligibility of costs please see the Section 2.1.4 of the Guidelines for Applicants.
4.	Are 50,000 the maximum of the grant requested from the Contracting Authority excluding co-financing, or is it the maximum total cost of the action, including co-financing?	The minimum and maximum grant amounts to be requested under this Call for Proposals, indicated in the Section 1.3 of the Guidelines for Applicants, refer to the EU contribution only, and not to the total costs of the Action.
5.	We have a question concerning the recent amendment on the 31.12.2011 of the DCI- and EIDHR regulations. The amendment makes VAT an eligible cost for calls issued after that date - will be changed via a corrigendum making VAT an eligible cost for the present call?	For this Call for Proposals the taxes, including VAT, are considered as ineligible cost, as stipulated in the Section 2.1.4 of the Guidelines for Applicants.

