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ANSWERS TO APPLICANTS QUESTIONS

RECEPTION PERIOD JULY 9 – 15, 2021

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE WEHUBIT PROGRAMME:

"EdTech – Use of education technology to improve quality
and continuity of teaching and learning"

Reference: SEN2000211SP2-AP-01 – 1st round

RÉPONSES AUX QUESTIONS DES SOUMISSIONNAIRES

PÉRIODE COUVERTE 9 AU 15 JUILLET 2021

**APPEL À PROPOSITIONS DANS LE CADRE DU PROGRAMME
WEHUBIT :**

« EdTech – Utilisation des technologies de l'éducation pour améliorer
la qualité et la continuité de l'enseignement et de l'apprentissage »

Référence : SEN2000211SP2-AP-01 - 1^{er} tour

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ERRATUM

In accordance with **the guidelines (point 2.1.2)** of the call for proposals on "EdTech – Use of education technology to improve quality and continuity of teaching and learning", **under "Countries" section**, please note that the actions must be implemented in one of the **13 following countries** : Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda. Morocco is not an ACP country (African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States) and has been removed from the initially published version.

Conformément aux **lignes directrices (point 2.1.2)** de l'appel à propositions « EdTech – Utilisation des technologies de l'éducation pour améliorer la qualité et la continuité de l'enseignement et de l'apprentissage », **sous la section « Couverture géographique »**, veuillez noter que les actions doivent être mises en œuvre dans **un des 13 pays suivants** : Bénin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Guinée, Mali, Mauritanie, Mozambique, Niger, Ouganda, RDC, Rwanda, Sénégal, Tanzanie. Le Maroc ne faisant pas partie des pays ACP (Pays d'Afrique, Caraïbes et Pacifique), il a été retiré de la version initialement publiée.



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INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the guidelines (point 2.2.3) of **this call for proposals on "EdTech – Use of education technology to improve quality and continuity of teaching and learning"** :

- We invite you, first of all, to have a look at the **Frequently Asked Questions section (FAQ)** on our website. [This section](#) can be helpful for all questions (how to apply, eligibility, supporting documents and budget). Please read this section carefully !
- We remind you [the Wehubit website](#) where you can download 2 useful documents ([Guidelines](#) and [Introductory Note](#))
- If you don't find the information you are looking for on our website and in the guidelines, then, for each round of the procedure,
 - **applicants may send their questions by e-mail to wehubit@enabel.be, at the latest 21 days before the applications submission deadline** (see table), making sure that they clearly indicate the Call for Proposals reference. The contracting authority will not be obliged to provide clarification on questions received after this date.
 - **questions will be answered at the latest 11 days before the applications submission deadline.**

In order to ensure the equal treatment of applicants, the contracting authority cannot give a prior opinion on the eligibility of applicants, an action or specific activities.

Individual responses will not be given to questions.

Only answers to questions and other important information not included in guidelines or FAQ will be published in due course on the website www.wehubit.be

As such, regular consultation of this website is recommended in order to be informed of the questions and answers published. If possible, we will update this file weekly. Questions and answers will only be published in the language in which they were received. In order to ensure privacy, organisations names are kept anonymous (replaced by XXX).

Calendar (1 st round)	Date	Hour (Brussels time)
Deadline for submitting questions	09th July, 2021	13:00
Deadline date for responding to questions	19th July, 2021	13:00
Deadline for submitting Grant application concept notes	30th July, 2021	13:00



INTRODUCTION

Conformément aux lignes directrices (point 2.2.3) de **cet appel à propositions « EdTech – Utilisation des technologies de l'éducation pour améliorer la qualité et la continuité de l'enseignement et de l'apprentissage »** :

- Nous vous invitons tout d'abord à jeter un coup d'œil à la section **Foire aux questions (FAQ)** sur notre site web. [Cette section](#) reprend les réponses aux questions (comment postuler, éligibilité, documents justificatifs et budget). Veuillez les lire attentivement !
- Nous vous rappelons aussi de bien consulter [le site web de Wehubit](#) où vous pouvez télécharger les 2 documents utiles ([Les lignes directrices](#) et [La note introductive](#))
- Si vous ne trouvez pas l'information recherchée sur notre site web ni dans les lignes directrices, vous pouvez, à chaque tour de la procédure,
 - **envoyer vos questions par courrier électronique, au plus tard 21 jours avant la date limite de soumission des demandes**, à l'adresse wehubit@enabel.be en indiquant clairement la référence de l'appel à propositions. L'autorité contractante n'a pas l'obligation de fournir des éclaircissements sur des questions reçues après cette date.
 - **Il y sera répondu au plus tard 11 jours avant la date limite de soumission des demandes.**

Afin de garantir l'égalité de traitement des demandeurs, l'autorité contractante ne peut pas donner d'avis préalable sur l'éligibilité des demandeurs, d'une action ou d'activités spécifiques.

Aucune réponse individuelle ne sera donnée aux questions.

Seules les réponses aux questions ainsi que d'autres informations importantes ne figurant pas sur le site web ou dans les lignes directrices seront publiées en temps utile sur le site www.wehubit.be.

Il est par conséquent recommandé de consulter régulièrement le site internet afin d'être tenu informé des questions et réponses publiées. Dans la mesure du possible, nous mettrons ce document à jour chaque semaine. Les questions et réponses ne seront publiées que dans la langue dans laquelle elles ont été reçues. Dans un souci de confidentialité, les noms des organisations ne sont pas mentionnés (remplacés par XXX).

Calendrier (1 ^{er} tour)	Date	Heure (de Bruxelles)
Date limite envoi des questions	09 juillet 2021	13:00
Date limite réponses aux questions	19 juillet 2021	13:00
Date limite soumission des notes conceptuelles de demandes subside	30 juillet 2021	13:00



ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN JUNE 29 – JULY 8, 2021

Question 1

I noticed a new call for proposals on your website, titled “EdTech - Use of education technology to improve quality and continuity of teaching and learning”. Do you accept proposals focused on the agricultural sector in which digital educational tool are made accessible for farmers?

Answer:

Please refer to [the introductory note](#) of the current call for proposals. This note describes in detail the topic of the call.

To check whether your project is aligned with the other guiding principles of the Wehubit Programme, please refer to [the policy & guiding principles section](#) on our website.

Question 2

We are multi-country organisation with registered offices in Africa and Central America and a Global office in the UK.

In 2020 we launched a new App to continue and improve the quality of learning for young people and particularly adolescents who were learning on their own due to school closures. There is proven demand for us to continue and grow our reach with this learning opportunity. Would we be eligible to apply for this call for proposals?

Answer :

To be eligible for a grant, the applicant must satisfy various conditions, including having already managed a grant (from public funds) equivalent to 40% of the amount requested. A certificate of satisfactory performance signed by the donor is mandatory and constitutes proof thereof.

Please refer to [the guidelines of the call](#), especially on points:

- **2.1.1** Admissibility of applicants (& co-applicant(s)); **and**
- **2.1.2** Admissible actions giving all details regarding admissibility and eligible countries.

Question 3

Je vous fais parvenir ce mail afin de savoir quels sont les pays qui peuvent participer à l'appel à projet du wehubit dont la deadline est pour le 30 juillet ?

Réponse:

Nous vous renvoyons vers [les lignes directrices au chapitre 2.1.2 "couverture géographique"](#) de



l'appel en cours. Les actions doivent être mises en œuvre dans un des 13 pays suivants : Bénin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Guinée, Mali, Mauritanie, Mozambique, Niger, Ouganda, RDC, Rwanda, Sénégal, Tanzanie.

Question 4

Par cet email, je voudrais avoir plus d'informations sur la capacité financière exigée des organismes demandeurs de subsides dans le cadre de cet appel à projet "EdTech: Utilisation des technologies éducatives pour améliorer la qualité et la continuité de l'enseignement et de l'apprentissage". Nous sommes un consortium de 3 organismes qui voudrait répondre à cet appel à projets.

Notre question est de savoir si la capacité financière de 40/% du subside est demandée:

- à chaque organisme individuellement ou potentiellement au consortium.
- Si elle est annuelle (état financier de chaque organisme, audité chaque année) ou pour deux ans ?

Réponse:

Nous vous renvoyons à [l'article 2.1.1 Recevabilité des demandeurs \(et codemandeur\(s\)\) des lignes directrices](#) (voir page 4/16) :

- pour prétendre à des subsides, le demandeur doit satisfaire à diverses conditions, **notamment** 'avoir déjà géré un subside (constitué de fonds publics) équivalent à 40% du montant demandé'.

Le(s) codemandeur(s) ne sont pas tenus de satisfaire à cette exigence.

Question 5

Concerning the following requirement: Have already managed a grant (of public funds) amounting to 40% of the amount applied for? A certificate of satisfactory performance signed by the donor is mandatory and constitutes proof thereof;

Would it be eligible a local NGO (that takes part of an INGO) that is implementing the project in the target country, but it does not directly manage grants as the grants are always managed by an European branch of the same INGO? The European branch is responsible for the fundraising while the local NGO is responsible for the implementation.

Answer:

To be eligible for a grant, your organisation (the applicant) or your co-applicant must satisfy various conditions, including moreover that the organisation needs to be established or represented in the country where the action is implemented. To us it means that you are locally



registered with the authorities, that you have local staff and that you are directly implementing activities in the country.

Question 6

We are interested in applying for the EdTech Open Call for Proposals reference: SEN2000211SP2-AP-01 as XX Lab. The EdTech Lab converges stakeholders and beneficiaries in education ranging from students, researchers, innovators, end-users, and government acting as one force in the creation of new realities. Ultimately, we converge early-stage educational technologies to generate solutions that deliver efficiency in service and access.

We currently run accelerator programs for startups at various growth stages providing them with business development support. We would like to enquire about our eligibility to apply for this grant especially with the criteria that state that:

Be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and not act as an intermediary.

Answer:

To check the admissibility of applicants & co-applicants and the eligibility of costs, please refer to the guidelines of this call on points :

- **2.1.1 Admissibility of applicants (& co-applicant(s)).**
To be eligible for grants, the applicant must satisfy various conditions, especially to be a public actor or be a private non-profit actor; **and**
- **2.1.3 Eligibility of costs.**
Grants to sub-beneficiaries are ineligible costs. We refer you to Article 7-General obligations of the contracting beneficiary of the Grant Agreement, especially article 7.4 (cf. Annex F)
- **Please refer to Ch. 3.2** of the Introduction Note regarding the strategic orientations of the call and our focus on the support to the scaling-up of existing solutions.

Question 7

I am contacting you because I have the two following questions:

- Could the 10% co-funding for this grant come from a current ongoing DGD program?
- In the past it was not possible because DGD was the founder of this call, but as this year this call is funded by the European Union, I was wondering if it is possible this year?

Answer :

The answer to the 2 questions is 'yes'. The action must be relevant and coherent (i.e



establishment in partner country, the project implementation dates must correspond to the dates to be mentioned in the grant agreement,...).

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Question 8

I am contacting you because I have the following question regarding the EdTech call that has been launched on your Wehubit platform.

Since it is possible to have more than one co-applicant for this call and that the applicant or co-applicant needs to be established or represented in the country where the action is implemented, could I ask if the following structure would be accepted for this call?

- Applicant: Belgian NGO supporting partners in the country of implementation & directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s)
- Co-applicant 1: partners in the country of implementation
- Co-applicant 2: Belgian non profit organization working on digitalization who will directly implement activities with our partners in the country of implementation.

Indeed, in the criteria for the co-applicants it says that they don't need to be established or represented in the country where the action is implemented if it is the case for the lead applicant. In the case presented here above, one of our co-applicant would thus be registered & officially represented in the country of implementation but the other not. Would this be accepted?

Answer :

Here are the answers to your 3 questions:

Please refer to the guidelines which provide clear answers to these questions. In addition, we may share with you the following: Yes, according to the guidelines at least one of the (co-)applicants need to be established in the country of implementation. Be aware that the lead applicant needs to demonstrate its active role in the implementation of the action, and not act as an intermediary (contracting, reporting, invoicing).

Question 9

Subject: Can UN agencies apply?

Message: I work at XX West and Central Africa Regional Office and we are supporting various countries in the region that are implementing digital learning strategies, including many of the countries you mentioned in the call for proposals.



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I wanted to ask if XX country offices (for instance, XX Niger, or XX Burkina Faso) are eligible to apply for this or not.

Answer :

To be eligible for grants, the applicant must satisfy various conditions. Please refer to chapter 2.1.1 Admissibility of applicants (& co-applicant(s)) on page 4/16 of the [call for proposals guidelines](#).