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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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“Strengthening the capacities of the IPA Bodies for the effective implementation of the Operational Programme on Digital Economy and Society 2024-2027”

Question no.01	Could you please clarify the interpretation of the Technical Capacity criterion, which states that: “The completed services are in the domain of: - policy development or programming or implementation or monitoring of implementation of EU funded actions, in at least one reference; AND - institutional strengthening in/to national or regional or local institutions, in the context of EU funded programmes, in at least one reference.” In this regard, could you please confirm whether tenderers are required to demonstrate that each reference covers both domains cumulatively, i.e. that the same reference must demonstrate experience in both (i) policy development/programming/implementation/monitoring of implementation of EU-funded actions and (ii) institutional strengthening in/to national, regional or local institutions? Alternatively, can the two requirements be demonstrated separately through different references, with at least one reference covering each domain?
Answer no.01	Tenderers are required to demonstrate experience in both domains specified under the Technical Capacity criterion. A single reference provided could cover one domain or both domains, but overall tenderers should provide references covering both domains, provided that the minimum requirement of 2 contract references is met.
Question no.02	On page 4 of the ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONTRACT NOTICE, section 16. Selection criteria, point 3) Technical capacity, it is stated that the completed services must be in the domain of "policy development or programming or implementation or monitoring of implementation of EU funded actions, in at least one reference" AND "institutional strengthening in/to national or regional or local institutions, in the context of EU funded programmes, in at least one reference". Could you kindly confirm that the wording "in at least one reference" means that the two domains may be evidenced by different references - i.e.

	that it is sufficient for at least one reference to fall within the first domain and at least one reference to fall within the second - and that it is therefore not required for every reference submitted to cover both domains simultaneously?
Answer no.02	Please refer to the answer provided to Question 1.
Question no.03	Regarding the technical capacity selection criterion requiring experience in the implementation, monitoring or institutional strengthening of EU-funded actions/programmes, we would appreciate clarification on the eligibility of projects financed by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). Specifically, can assignments implemented under EBRD programmes and facilities that are funded by the European Union and managed by EBRD be considered as EU-funded actions/programmes for the purpose of demonstrating compliance with the technical capacity requirements?
Answer no.03	Experience gained through actions/programmes funded by the European Union will be considered eligible, provided that the relevant experience meets the requirements specified under the criterion.