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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

CONTRACT TITLE: EC-ENEST/TIA/2026/EA-RP/0116

**“Strengthening the capacities of the IPA bodies for the effective implementation of the
Operational Programme on Energy 2024-2027”**

Question 01	Regarding the technical capacity selection criterion requiring experience in: policy development or programming or preparation of projects and procurement documentation or implementation or monitoring of implementation of EU funded actions; institutional strengthening or capacity building in/to national or regional or local institution, in the context of EU funded programmes. Can you please confirm that experience gained under actions/programmes funded by the European Union but managed or implemented by international financial institutions, such as the EBRD or EIB, is eligible for the purpose of this technical capacity criterion, provided that the experience otherwise meets all requirements specified under the criterion? Further, we would appreciate confirmation of our understanding that the determining factor is the source of funding of the action/programme, rather than the institution managing or implementing the funds.
Answer 01	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. The Evaluation Committee shall assess each case individually.
Question 02	Could you please clarify to what extent services are expected to be delivered locally from Albania?
Answer 02	The extent to which services are expected to be delivered locally in Albania will be specified in the Tender Dossier, which will be shared with shortlisted candidates.
Question 03	With regard to the Section 16 – Selection criteria, item 3) Technical capacity, please confirm whether the reference contract itself must be EU-funded, or whether funding by another source is acceptable provided that

	the completed services concern EU-funded actions/programmes as specified in the criterion.
Answer 03	Please refer to Answer 01.
Question 04	Could you please clarify the technical capacity criterion requiring experience in “EU-funded actions” and “in the context of EU-funded programmes”? Should the references used to meet this criterion be directly EU-funded or EU co-funded, or may projects financed by other donors/IFIs (e.g. World Bank, KfW, EBRD, AFD, GIZ) also be accepted if the services are technically similar? In particular, would the following references be eligible: 1. projects financed exclusively by non-EU donors/IFIs; 2. non-EU financed projects implemented in support of or coordination with an EU-funded programme; 3. EU co-financed projects; 4. projects administered by another donor/IFI but funded through EU resources, trust funds or blending facilities?
Answer 04	Please refer to Answer 01.
Question 05	Please confirm that for the purpose of complying with the technical requirements mentioned under “the completed services are in the domain of” the projects implemented under financing of the European Investment Bank are considered compliant.
Answer 05	Please refer to Answer 01.
Question 06	Can one single reference comply with the 2 criteria (“policy development... AND “institutional strengthening...”) mentioned in the subject section?
Answer 06	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 contracts implemented at any moment during the last four years before submission deadline, each with a minimum value of EUR 1,000,000, is met.