



This document provides answers to all questions regarding the Call for Proposals submitted via the SECO website. Questions that were not submitted through this portal or after the deadline could not be considered. For clarity and data protection reasons, some of the submitted questions have been reformulated or anonymized.

Question	Answer
I am unable to log back into the website to upload the additional documents	You cannot log back into your previously created account. To submit new or updated documents, you must create a new account within the profile environment of the website. After registering, you will receive a link at the email address you provided to create a password.
When accessing the link provided for this program, we only see the login and Q&A page, with no option available to register a new account. Could you kindly advise which link we should follow to complete the registration?	On the Call for Proposals website, you can click on "Login" under "Call for Proposals for Projects with Swiss Companies in Ukraine." You will then be redirected to the page where you can register by indicating your username and mail-address. After registering, you will receive a link at the email address you provided to create a password.
I need to create a new account within the profile environment on the website but the website does not present me with this option. Any tip on how to create a new account to submit updated documentation?	On the Call for Proposals website, you can click on "Login" under "Call for Proposals for Projects with Swiss Companies in Ukraine." You will then be redirected to the page where you can register by indicating your username and mail-address. After registering, you will receive a link at the email address you provided to create a password.
We would like to clarify the interpretation of EC2 (Proof of being a Swiss company with presence in Ukraine). The document states that the applicant should include the Swiss parent company and its branch, subsidiary, or subcontractors. Our question concerns the possibility of participating in the call without having a registered branch or subsidiary in Ukraine, but instead working with a Ukrainian partner (subcontractor) under a long-term agreement. Could you please clarify the following points: 1. Would it be sufficient for a Swiss company to establish a contractual agreement with a Ukrainian subcontractor (without registering a branch or subsidiary) to meet the EC2 requirement? 2. If a Ukrainian partner is registered as an independent legal entity and has no formal legal connection to the Swiss company, can it still qualify as the Swiss company's "presence in Ukraine"? 3. Would participation be possible if the owners of the Swiss company also own a separate company in Ukraine, but the two entities are not legally connected?	To meet Eligibility Criteria 2, the legal entity in Switzerland needs to be in control of the legal entity in Ukraine through majority ownership. While Ukrainian subcontractors can operate as subcontractors for an eligible company, eligibility requires the presence of a subsidiary of the Swiss company. Based on the information provided, this does not appear to be the case. A contractual agreement with a Ukrainian subcontractor or the absence of a formal legal connection, as described in the question, does not meet Eligibility Criteria 2. Each application will be assessed individually upon submission.

We are the swiss subsidiary of a group abroad active in distribution of products abroad and in Ukraine through the brand for which we are the exclusive representatives in these 2 countries. > We would like to apply to your proposal > We are coming at the very late hour but would still be able to supply requested information in time we believe. Without any commitment from your side, would you please confirm if our application would have merits.	To meet Eligibility Criteria 2, companis must be legal entities registered in the Swiss commercial register in control of a legal entity registered in the Ukranian Unified State Register through majority ownership. Based on the information provided here this does not seem to be the case. Each application will be assessed individually upon submission.
Will business transactions related to the execution of the SECO project within the territory of Ukraine be subject to Ukrainian Value Added Tax (VAT) and/or Corporate Income Tax (CIT)?	Legal questions concerning VAT can be found within the contract template (Annex 4). No VAT exemption in Ukraine is granted unless projects register as international technical assistance projects in Ukraine.
1. Can I see documents uploaded in the first round? 2. Alternatively, is it possible to discard previously loaded docs and upload all new ones?	Submitted documents will not be shared amongst applicants for data protection reasons. Applicants who have already submitted an application have the possibility to make modifications and/or additions. In this case, the changed and/or new passages shall be marked in yellow within the document, and newly uploaded documents within already submitted applications shall have a filename starting with «NEW». The original documents that are replaced by the new documents will thus no longer be considered in the evaluation. It is the full responsibility of the applicant that the modifications are clearly recognizable in yellow. The already submitted proposal will remain valid and will be evaluated based on the original version if no updated submission is made before the new deadline.
1. What type of funding is provided: grant or loan? 2. Are M&A projects also eligible for co-financing? 3. What is the typical funding amount allocated per project? 4. We are partnering with a non-Swiss entity; will the funding be provided to the Swiss company or to the operating company? 5. We own 50% of a company registered abroad that operates exclusively in Ukraine. Would this project be eligible for funding?	Under the present Call for Proposals SECO financial contributions qualify as financial assistance according to the Federal Act on Financial Assistance and Subsidies. Legal entities registered in the Swiss commercial register in control of a legal entity registered in the Ukrainian Unified State Register of Legal Entities through majority ownership fulfill the precondition as per Eligibility Criteria 2. The minimum volume of SECO's financial contribution for one applicant will be CHF 1 million, the maximum CHF 15 million. Payments will be made to a bank account registered in Switzerland of the applicant. Based on the information provided here Eligibility Criteria 2 of the abroad registered company does not seem to be fulfilled. Each application will be assessed individually upon submission.
Where can I find a list of documents required to submit an application?	All the detailed information on the process, timelines, selection criteria, application documents, etc. can be found under the section "Documents" on the website of the present Call for Proposals.

For confidentiality reasons and as per our group's practice: 1) Could we enter into a NDA before submitting our application form (notably audited financial statements)? 2) Can we share our application form or at least our financial statements by email instead of uploading them on the platform?	As part of the Call for Proposals, equal and non-discriminatory treatment of all applicants must be ensured. Signing a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) with a single applicant could compromise this principle and restrict access to relevant information, potentially complicating compliance and audit procedures. Clause 7.6, "Confidentiality," in the Main Document specifies that both the applicant and the contracting authority must uphold confidentiality towards third parties, except where legal obligations apply. For the given reasons, SECO refrains from signing a NDA. All documents must be uploaded within the profile environment on the platform.
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