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Call for Proposals

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ReferNet Call for Proposals 2024-2027

Cedefop's Questions and Answers 5

Potential candidates have submitted the following questions:

1) (Annex II - Questionnaire 6) - Under Requirement 2: Language(s)
Are we to answer the question if the person meets the criteria in full? It is very difficult to decide what to do where in a copy / paste application form.

Cedefop answer 1

Yes, applicants must select whether the person meets the criteria in full.

2) (Annex II - Questionnaire 6) - Under Requirement 2: Language(s) Is the requirement an average of skills?

Cedefop answer 2

Please refer to point 3.3.1 A-Criteria of the Call for proposals document.

ReferNet coordinator and each team member "must have the capacity to understand, speak and write in English to a standard at least equivalent to level C1 (as determined in 'Language levels of the Common European Framework of Reference' – CERF".

It is therefore **not** an average, but **each** skill (understand, speak and write) must correspond to at least C1.

3) We are working on an application in response to the ReferNet Call for Proposals. We have a query with respect to the composition of the ReferNet Team, in terms of including persons nominated directly from other public entities falling outside the applicant entity (also a public entity), upon the applicant's request, and how these entities are to be represented within the application itself. Would they need to be considered as affiliated entities? But based on the Call for Proposals document, it is unclear whether they fall under the definition of 'Affiliated Entity'. In addition, would their contribution be eligible for financing? It is worth highlighting that having the identified public entities on board is crucial for fulfilling ReferNet deliverables. We are also seeking Letters of Support from these entities.

Cedefop answer 3

As per the "Definitions" section of the Call for proposals document, an affiliated entity is a legal entity and cannot be a natural entity. Therefore, team members cannot be considered as affiliated entities.

If team members carry out core tasks of the action, they cannot be considered as subcontractors either, as per point 5.9.3 of the Call for proposals document.

Team members must comply to the requirements stated in point 3.3.1 of the Call for proposals document.

It is up to the applicants to select the team members they consider suitable to carry out the tasks as required by the Call for proposals documents and to define the legal relationship which should exist between the applicant and the team members not employed by the applicant.