

Clarification on the Call for Expressions of Interest No. JER-001/2010/1 to select Financial Intermediaries that will receive resources from the European Investment Fund acting through the JEREMIE Holding Fund for Greece to implement the Funded Risk Sharing Financial Instrument

Reference number: Call for EoI No. JER-001/2010/1

The Deadline for the submission of Expressions of Interest is the 16th of July, 2010.

<p>Question 1 (Q1):</p> <p>Two questions were received on this subject and a common answer is provided for both</p>	<p><u>Eligibility Criterion 1.2 (Annex 2, Part II, page 32):</u></p> <p>“Does it mean that the applicant should have geographical presence only in each Region or it is prerequisite to have branches in each county of each Region?”</p> <p>“How do you define the “ability to deliver nationwide geographical coverage”?”</p>
<p>EIF Answer:</p>	<p>The prerequisite to satisfy the eligibility criterion 1.2 is for the Applicant to have at least one branch per Region covered by the Financial Instrument (cf. Annex 2, Part I, 3. Indicative Summary of Transaction Terms, Geographical allocation).</p> <p>To be noted however that the branch network of the Applicant and therefore the easiness of access to SMEs that such network shall provide, will be also evaluated under the Quality Assessment Criterion 2.2 “General quality of the project proposal and implementation strategy submitted under the Expression of Interest.” (cf. Annex 2, Part II).</p>
<p>Q2:</p>	<p><u>Language (Section 5, page 5):</u> The Expression of Interest, including the submitted documents, shall be in English. Should the translated documents be verified by an authorised official translator or not?</p>
<p>EIF Answer:</p>	<p>Only the official documents required to prove compliance of the Application with points 4 and 6 of the “List of Documents attached” (cf. Appendix 2 to Expression of Interest) and which may be originally available in the Greek language need to be translated by a certified translator. The copies of the respective original documents in Greek also need to be submitted.</p>

	All other documents submitted need to be in English.
Q3:	Shall the Declaration on absence of conflict of interest and Statement regarding situations of exclusion 1 and 2 be completed by the coordinating entity, in case of consortia or joint ventures, or by all participating entities?
EIF Answer:	In case of consortia or joint ventures, Appendices 3-5 to the Expression of Interest shall be completed by all participating entities.

In case additional questions are received within the deadline specified under Section 4 "Expression of Interest" (page 5), a second Clarification document will follow.