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**Call for Proposals: 'SUPPORT TO JOINT ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS'
SMP-IMA-2021-JA-2731-12302**

Questions & Answers (Q&A)

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QUESTION 1	
Q1	In the Specifications, under section 7. Financial and operational capacity and exclusion, it is specified that neither Financial capacity or Operational capacity checks will be done for beneficiaries who are public bodies. For this we understand that if an applicant within a joint tender's consortium is a public body, it will not be required to submit evidence for any of these categories (e.g. stable and sufficient resources, general profiles of the responsible staff, description of the consortium participants, list of previous projects, etc). Is our understanding correct?
A1	<i>Your understanding is generally correct, but the EISMEA reserves its right to request them at a later stage, in case of doubt in order to prove financial or operational capacity.</i>
QUESTION 2	
Q2	The product choice entitled fluorinated greenhouse gases falls under Regulation 514/2014. However what is meant by this product choice in terms of the scope. For example, could you please clarify: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If it is meant illegal import of F-gases using transportable pressure equipment and restrictions on the placing on the market for specific transportable pressure equipment intended for these gases, or• If there is a question about refrigerating systems;• If there is a question about placing on the market and restrictions on placing on the market for aerosol dispensers;• Or about F-gases only as chemicals under REACH. If none of the above specifically, are we free to approach the topic from whichever angle we see as most pressing for market surveillance?
A2	<i>The list of eligible activities mentioned in the call (which includes fluorinated greenhouse gases) is the outcome of an EU survey that was launched at the beginning of the year, in order to prioritise the actions. The input was provided by market surveillance stakeholders (EUPCN members). Hence the Commission does not have any particular demand in terms of scope. You have the freedom to make a proposal according to what you consider the most relevant issues in relation to the product categories listed in the call.</i>
QUESTION 3	
Q3	In the specifications of the call, among the product choice for testing in pg. 6, one of the options is "Solar panels and ancillary equipment". Is this in reference to photovoltaic panels or to solar thermal collectors?

A3	<p><i>Our approach will be similar to the answer to Q2. The list of eligible activities mentioned in the call (including “Solar panels and ancillary equipment”) is the outcome of an EU survey that was launched at the beginning of the year, in order to prioritise the actions. The input was provided by market surveillance stakeholders (EUPCN members).</i></p> <p><i>Hence the Commission does not have any particular demand in terms of scope. You have the freedom to make a proposal according to what you consider the most relevant issues in relation to the product categories listed in the call.</i></p>
QUESTION 4	
Q4	<p>Under Section II, Operational Capacity, are we supposed to fill in the tables in operational capacity for both the Coordinator and the Applicants?</p> <p>Regarding the box in Section II, under point 3.3 Affiliated entity, mentioning ‘Only for public bodies-legal status GOV (to be taken out if not applicable): I declare that the financial workflows of the public officials employed in this action are fully under my control and a part of their salary is booked to eligible costs only to carry out activities in addition to our routine activities.’, does it apply only to affiliated entities or to applicants as well? In case it applies also to applicants, should the box be repeated for every applicant that has GOV status?</p>
A4	<p><i>Under Section II, Operational Capacity, you are supposed to fill in the tables in operational capacity for both the Coordinator and the Applicants. Concerning the way to present the CVs, Declaration of Honor, table of previous projects, it is important for us that the information is available in the application package, where you place it is not so critical.</i></p> <p><i>Concerning point point 3.3 Affiliated entity, section I, applies only to affiliated entities.</i></p>
QUESTION 5	
Q5	<p>For MSAs in Switzerland that will participate to the actions outside of the budget, what is the exact procedure to fill in the submission documents? Do they need to fill in the Part A – Administrative information and the annexes mentioned in the call document (CVs, table of previous projects, Declaration of honour)?</p>
A5	<p><i>For MSAs in Switzerland that want to participate to the actions outside of the budget, they need to fill in the Part A – Administrative information and the annexes mentioned in the call document (CVs, table of previous projects, Declaration of honour), just like the other participants.</i></p>
QUESTION 6	
Q6	<p>There is a question regarding the products enlisted under energy labelling (washing machines, dishwashers, tumble dryers, refrigerators, TV monitors, lighting products, Professional refrigerated storage cabinets).</p> <p>Can we submit a proposal for several products belonging to this category? Or this product category can only be reflected in one proposal alone?</p> <p>For instance, could we submit 3 different proposals for 3 products enlisted under energy labelling (i.e. for dishwashers, TV monitors, and washing machines)? Or that would lead to the automatic rejection/reserve list for 2 of the 3 proposals in this example?</p> <p>How do you plan to address multiple applications for the same category that has multiple products within, as in the case of energy labelling (washing machines, dishwashers, tumble dryers, refrigerators, TV monitors, lighting products, Professional refrigerated storage cabinets)?</p>
A6	<p><i>The results of the EU survey addressed to EUPCN members were grouped into the 7 products proposed for energy labelling under the 1st category (first line of the table in the call text):</i></p> <p><i>-Product choice: Energy labelling (washing machines, dishwashers, tumble dryers, refrigerators, TV monitors, lighting products, professional refrigerated storage cabinets).</i></p> <p><i>It is not requested to submit 1 proposal with the 7 products. If EISMEA receives a proposal covering only a part of the products listed, or if we receive 3 proposals with one product each (as you suggest below) they will be taken into consideration.</i></p>
QUESTION 7	

Q7	Are the project activities strictly limited to the listed products? Or under Covid conditions the project can be organized for biocides(example, cooperation in disinfectant testing)?
A7	<i>The products listed in the call text are the results of a consultation of the EUPCN members and we should respect their prioritisation. In addition, we should avoid duplicating actions. For instance, a call regarding testing on PPE (personal protective equipment) was launched in 2020 by DG JUST.</i>
QUESTION 8	
Q8	In the document Call for Proposals SMP-IMA-2021-JA-2731-12302 in section 2.A the activities that can be funded (scope) are specified: „the eligible products are those listed in the table below, following a survey towards the EUPCN members who have expressed the most pressing needs in this area.“ Please confirm that other products, that are not mentioned in the table 2.A of Call for Proposals SMP-OMA-2021-JA-2731-12302 will not be funded. For example toys, jewelry, ski waxes, glues and cement are not eligible products under this project?
A8	<i>EISMEA confirms that only the products mentioned in the Call text are eligible for funding.</i>
QUESTION 9	
Q9	After a consultation of the AdCo members we identified two products, namely mobile scissor platform lifts and handheld circular saw(s) for wood products. Could you please inform me whether the “mobile scissor platform lifts” fall under eligible concept of “Non-road mobile machinery”, as mentioned in the Call for proposal? If so, do we need to focus on the electric or engine powered lifts, or is this left to the choice of the project applicants?
A9	<i>Concerning your question on the eligibility of “mobile scissor platform lifts”, we consider that “mobile scissor platform lifts” are included in ‘non-road mobile machinery’. For the second question, EISMEA leaves the choice to the project applicants.</i>