

Questions and answers about the Call for proposals 2020/CFP/TRU/01 concerning actions of common interest to support the implementation of the Basic Training Programme

1. Is it possible that one iteration be supported by 3 training institutions? If yes, then only one application form should be submitted to FX? If the 3 training institutions would be involved in the implementation of one iteration and these institutions are independent financial units then who should sign the application and the grant agreement?

Yes, it is possible that one iteration is supported by 3 training institutions, on the condition that each of the respective training institution individually complies with all the requirements included in the Call for proposals and its annexes (including the minimum hosting capacity required). Each training institution should submit a grant application, which will be evaluated individually. Upon a successful outcome of the selection procedure, the Agency will conclude a distinct grant agreement with each selected training institution.

2. Is it possible that 3 training institutions from one MS would support 3 iterations separately and therefore submit to Frontex 3 separate grant application forms?

Yes, it is possible that 3 training institutions from one Member State support 3 iterations separately. In that case, each training institution should submit a grant application. Consequently, Frontex would receive 3 grant applications, one per each training institution.

3. Regarding the specific equipment required for the training could you please clarify which type of pistols must be provided for the learners by the training institution (applicant) for the time of training implementation and what ammunition do you mean by:

- **FX ammunition - do you mean the colouring one?**
- **UTM ammunition – is this the one used for training purposes, that is the protective ammunition against a possible shot?**

Regarding the specific equipment required for the training:

- Type of pistols which must be provided to the learners by the training institution (applicant) during the training: striker action pistols (9mm), with corresponding 9x19 mm ammunition, as indicated on page 25 of the Call for proposals.
- Simulation type firearms: UTM, FX or similar, with corresponding ammunition: Man marking ammunition, FX ammunition, UTM ammunition or similar (used for training purposes, with colouring features, also called simunition).

4. When it comes to the personal equipment such as belts, holsters for the gun, batons, etc., will those materials remain at the academy or, on the contrary, learners will take everything with them once the training period of time comes to an end? Furthermore, is the personal equipment included in the amount calculated as the unit cost per learner per iteration (20 thousand euros)? Or might it be purchased separately?

The unit price per learner per iteration is designed to cover all costs linked with the implementation of the Basic Training Programme. Therefore expenses related to the equipment (including the cost in case of purchasing new equipment) fall under the unit price. The material supplied will remain with the training institution after the completion of the Basic Training Programme.

5. There is a need for some clarifications regarding the Annex 3, section II point 1.2 Quality of the Proposed Actions. Does this point refer to the formative actions such as field trips and visits or the actions taken to achieve the eligibility of the academy as the training centre for the Standing Corps? What methodology should be followed?

The Annex 3 section II point 1.2 refers to how the training institution will implement the Actions 1 (hosting the implementation) and the Action 2 (providing full board accommodation for learners). This description should encompass the activities and their deadlines, the organisation of work, the allocation of resources as well as the time schedule. It will be then awarded up to 20 points as described in the point 9 of the Call for implementation of the Basic Training Programme.

6. Would it be possible to provide support for one training group of approximately 180 learners by 3 training centre within one iteration? Each training centre would receive a group of approximately 60 learners.

In order to comply with the minimum hosting capacity required in the Call, each training institution should be able to receive 140 learners per iteration. Therefore, if an institution would like to host the implementation of the Basic Training Programme within 3 training centres, the institution should support a training group of 420 learners, meaning a minimum of 140 learners per location.

7. In case the learners would be accommodated outside the premises of the training institution could you please specify the distance in kilometres, or the maximum time frame for commuting the learners from the training centre to a hotel?

The accommodation premises should be located in the immediate vicinity.

8. Can the costs related to the training infrastructure include the retrofitting of lecture rooms with accommodation equipment (i.e. additional tables, chairs, shelves) and expenses related to the necessary maintenance? If it is not possible to provide certain elements of technical or specific equipment for the purposes of proper implementation of the training (such as laptops), can it be purchased under the frame of the allocated grant?

Yes, the unit price is designed to cover all costs linked with the implementation of the Basic Training Programme, including expenses related to training infrastructure.

9. Will the training institution be given the access to the training version of the following databases in English: SIS, VIS, SLTD, Eurodac, INTERPOL, EUCARIS, EUVID etc.?

The training institution should arrange the access to the databases to the extent possible during the implementation of the Basic Training Programme.

10. Can the costs arising directly from providing full accommodation include the costs of:

- purchase of a television subscription, digital television set-top boxes,
- possible retrofitting of the rooms (e.g. with a kettle, bed, coffee, tea),
- minor necessary maintenance, repair of room equipment or repurchase of equipment used or destroyed during the training,
- retrofitting the kitchen with the equipment necessary to ensure the delivery of buffet meals (such as refrigeration dispensers, meal warmers, coffee machines, tableware),
- employing a dietitian if in case of a need to use a medical diet,
- utilization losses in table equipment?

Yes, the unit price is designed to cover all costs linked with the implementation of the Basic Training Programme, including expenses related to full accommodation.

11. Is it possible to freely determine the action plan by completing the table on page 5 of the application form (Annex 3) or is it imposed by the Program?

The action plan can be freely determined by the training institution on the condition that it follows the Calendar of implementation (Annex 13).

12. Will the firearms be used as part of practical classes other than shooting training (i.e. Border checks module, border surveillance module)? If yes, can dummy weapons be used for this purpose?

The firearms will be used in the shooting range and as part of the practical classes. It will be possible to use dummy weapons (also known as blue guns or red guns).

13. Should the applicant secure accommodation for the trainers (if so, to what extent)?

The accommodation of the trainers does not fall under the scope of the Call to support the implementation of the Basic Training Programme. Consequently, the training institution does not have to secure their accommodation.

14. What happens when a learner does not complete the training which would have the effect for the training institution to host a group smaller than 140 learners? In such case what happens to the purchased elements of the technical or specific equipment that were bought based on the calculation done with the consideration of the total number of 140 learners?

The minimum of 140 learners per iteration only refers to the capacity of the training institution to host the Basic Training Programme of such a group, not to the actual number of learners by the end of the iteration. The training institution will receive a final grant equivalent to the number of learners that have completed the training multiplied by the unit cost per learner per iteration.

15. Can we include in the eligible costs the expenses to secure the free time for the learners such as the sightseeing of the surroundings with a guide and entrance tickets or the purchase of pool tables that would be available on the premises of the training centre during the learners' free time?

The training institution is free to determine which actions are covered by the unit cost per iteration under the condition that those expenses comply with the requirements set up in the points 11.6 and 11.7 of the Call. Therefore, in the example you are describing, the sightseeing does not fall under the scope because it is not linked with the delivery of the training. However, the purchase of goods for the learners on the accommodation premises is an eligible cost.

16. In the Call eligible costs relate to the organisations of meetings (e.g. catering, equipment) and to the dissemination of information, translations. What meetings and translations are taken into account?

The costs arising from translations and meetings are qualified as eligible costs to the extent that they are related to the implementation of the Basic Training Programme. For instance, organization of a meeting can be necessary for the visit of Frontex representatives to the training institution's premises.

17. Are the material requirement in the Call for every learner, each section or the whole iteration group?

The requirements concerning the material are made for one classroom of 20 learners. If the organization of the delivery of the training is planned by the hosting institution in a way that divides every modules in one classroom at a time, there is no need to provide the material in a bigger quantity. However, if for instance

the activity involving 20 life jackets is foreseen to be taken place in two places simultaneously, the quantity should be doubled.

18. Which are the destination countries flags 1 and 2 listed in the return exercise of the Call?

Concerning the flags of destination, country 1 and 2 refers respectively to the country of departure (which should be a Member State) and the country of arrival (which should be non-European) in the return exercises. The hosting institution is free to determine which countries are represented in the training accordingly.

19. Are the field visits supposed to take place the same day for every students or is it possible to divide the iteration in several groups in order to organise the visits during different days?

About the field visits, it is up to the hosting institution to organize the delivery of the training in a suitable way according to the resources available. Each group should be composed of a minimum of 20 learners.