

Section of the Call Conditions	Initial version	Amended version
Section 6.1 “Eligible participants”	Non-EU countries: listed European Economic Area (EEA) countries and countries associated to the ESF+ (Iceland, Montenegro, Norway and Serbia) or countries with which an association agreement is being negotiated and for which the agreement enters into force by the deadline of this Call.	Non-EU countries: listed European Economic Area (EEA) countries and countries associated to the ESF+ (Iceland, Montenegro, Norway and Serbia) or countries with which an association agreement is being negotiated and for which the agreement enters into force by the deadline of this Call (Moldova).
Section 6.2 “Consortium composition requirements”	Among these entities at least one legal entity must demonstrate a proven track record of experience in the field of long-term unemployment (Annex 8 ‘Declaration of the professional competences’).	Among these entities at least one legal entity (or experts engaged in the project) must demonstrate a proven track record of at least one year experience in the field of long-term unemployment (Annex 8 ‘Declaration of the Professional Competences’).
Section 7.2 “Operational Capacity” a) and b) parts	<p>Applicants must have the know-how, qualifications, and resources to implement the projects successfully and to contribute their share (including sufficient experience in projects of comparable size and nature). This capacity will be assessed, on the basis of the competence and experience of the applicants and their project teams, including operational resources (human, technical, and other) or, in exceptional cases, the measures proposed to obtain it by the time the task implementation starts.</p> <p>Under this Call, only the operational capacity of the coordinator will be assessed.</p> <p>The coordinator must have sufficient experience in project management/coordination. In concrete terms, this means the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The coordinator (as a legal entity) has managed at least one consortium project (funded by EU or national funds) with a value of at least EUR 200 000 with at least two partners within the last five years; or b) The lead project manager, directly involved in the implementation of the project submitted under the Call, has managed at least one consortium project (funded by EU or national funds) with a value of at least EUR 200 000 with at least two partners within the last five years. <p>Additionally, the lead project manager is expected to have a very good command of English (C1 level or higher). The lead project manager can be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) currently employed, or ii) planned to be employed by the coordinator (no later than the date of signature of the Grant Agreement). 	<p>Applicants must have the know-how, qualifications, and resources to implement the projects successfully and to contribute their share (including sufficient experience in projects of comparable size and nature). This capacity will be assessed, on the basis of the competence and experience of the applicants and their project teams, including operational resources (human, technical, and other) or, in exceptional cases, the measures proposed to obtain it by the time the task implementation starts.</p> <p>Under this Call, only the operational capacity of the coordinator will be assessed.</p> <p>The coordinator must have sufficient experience in project management/coordination. It is compulsory to meet criteria specified in points a) and c) OR b) and c). In concrete terms, this means the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The coordinator (as a legal entity) has managed (as a coordinator) at least one consortium project (funded by EU or national funds): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with a value of at least EUR 200 000; • with at least 2 other beneficiaries (coordinator and 2 beneficiaries); • which was implemented and finished within the last 5 years (2020-2024). OR b) The lead project manager, directly involved in the implementation of the project submitted under the Call, has managed at least one consortium project (funded by EU or national funds): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with a value of at least EUR 200 000; • with at least 2 other beneficiaries (coordinator and 2 beneficiaries); • which was implemented and finished within the last 5 years (2020-2024). <p>Additionally, the lead project manager is expected to have a very good command of English (C1 level or higher). The lead project manager can be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) currently employed, or

	<p>c) Proven track record in working with long-term unemployment initiatives for at least 1 year. If the coordinator does not have the required experience, this experience may be provided by one or more co-applicants, or by one or more experts engaged in the project.</p>	<p>ii) planned to be employed by the coordinator (no later than the date of signature of the Grant Agreement).</p> <p>c) Proven track record in working with long-term unemployment initiatives for at least 1 year. If the coordinator does not have the required experience, this experience may be provided by one or more co-applicants, or by one or more experts engaged in the project.</p>
<p>Section 7.2 “Operational Capacity”</p>	<p>Please note that project coordination/management activities are core activities and cannot be subcontracted.</p> <p>The operational capacity of the coordinator to manage the project shall be confirmed by the submission of the following supporting documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the cases referred to in points a), b) (i) and c) of this Section: - A declaration by the coordinator certifying the professional competences, appropriate qualifications, proven experience working with a long-term unemployment initiatives for at least 1 year and a very good command of English (C1 level or higher) (please see Annex 8 of the Call Conditions for a template). The coordinator must certify that the required expertise in working with a long-term unemployment will be provided either by the coordinator or by one or several co-applicants or experts; - General profiles (qualifications and experience) of the staff responsible for the management of the project (information to be provided under the point 2.3 of Part B of the Application Form); - A list of projects managed by the coordinator and/or the lead project manager within the last five years (please see Annex 5 of the Call Conditions for a template). The information provided should include the subject matter of these projects, their main activities, description of the partners, duration of a project, total and funding amounts, and the role of the coordinator. - In the case referred to in point b) (ii) and c) of this Section: - A declaration by the coordinator certifying that the lead project manager with the relevant professional competences, appropriate qualifications and a very good command of English (C1 level or higher) will be employed by the coordinator no later than the date of signature of the Grant Agreement (please see Annex 8 of the Call Conditions for a template); 	<p>Please note that project coordination/management activities are core activities and cannot be subcontracted.</p> <p>The operational capacity of the coordinator to manage the project shall be confirmed by the submission of the following supporting documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A list of projects managed by the coordinator or the lead project manager within the last five years (please see Annex 5 of the Call Conditions for a template to justify requirements a) and b)). The information provided should include the subject matter of these projects, their main activities, description of the beneficiaries, duration and budget of a project, and the role of the coordinator. 2. A Declaration of the Professional Competences, appropriate qualifications, proven experience working with a long-term unemployment initiatives for at least 1 year and a very good command of English (C1 level or higher) (please see Annex 8 of the Call Conditions for a template to justify requirement c)). The coordinator must certify that the required expertise in working with a long-term unemployment initiatives will be provided either by the coordinator or by one or several co-applicants or experts. <p>If it is considered that the coordinator does not have the required operational capacity, the whole application will be rejected.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explanation/description certifying that the coordinator has previous experience in recruiting staff with the relevant professional competences and appropriate qualifications to manage a project (information to be provided under the point 2.3 of Part B the Application Form). <p>If necessary, additional supporting documents may be requested to confirm the operational capacity of the coordinator. If it is considered that the coordinator does not have the required operational capacity, the whole application will be rejected.</p>	
Section 8.3 "Admissibility and eligibility check"	<p>To be considered admissible, an application shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submitted by the Call deadline; - Submitted electronically via the Portal. Paper submissions are NOT accepted; - Readable and accessible; - Complete and must contain all the information, annexes, and supporting documents requested. Only the information requested in the application and the documents specified in Annex 4 to the Call Conditions will be taken into consideration during the assessment. 	<p>To be considered admissible, an application shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submitted by the Call deadline; - Submitted electronically via the Portal. Paper submissions are NOT accepted; - Readable and accessible; - Complete and must contain all the information, annexes, and supporting documents requested. Only the information requested in the application and the documents specified in Annex 4 to the Call Conditions will be taken into consideration during the assessment. <p>-</p> <p>The application will be considered inadmissible and will be rejected if the following annexes are not submitted with the application at the time of its submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annex 1 Detailed Budget Table. - Annex 5 List of the Previous Projects. - Annex 8 Declaration of the Professional Competencies.