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**1. Publication reference**

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**2. Procedure**

Open

**3. Programme**

IPA 2008

**4. Financing**

National Programme for Croatia under the IPA – Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2008

**5. Contracting authority**

Central Finance and Contracting Agency

NOTE: The final decision concerning eligibility of applicant & partners, activities and costs will be brought by the Evaluation Committee and CFCA (subject to ex-ante control of the EC Delegation), upon evaluation of the submitted project proposals.

List of Abbreviations:

CFCA – Central Finance and Contracting Agency (Središnja agencija za financiranje i ugovaranje – SAFU)

GfA – Guidelines for Applicants (Upute za prijavitelje)

PRAG - Practical Guide to Contract procedures for EC external actions

<b>QUESTIONS</b>	<b>ANSWERS</b>
<b>Date: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009</b>	
1. In the action, one of the partners is an international network organization. One of its member organizations would be responsible for carrying out part of the action. Is it possible to pay this member organization through the partner by signing a contract between the partner and its member organization?	Please note that in <b>GfA</b> in chapter <b>2.1.2. Partnerships and eligibility of partners</b> is stated who may act as a partner and who is an associate. Furthermore, in the <b>application form</b> in chapter <b>III. Partners of the applicant</b> , point <b>2. Partnership statement</b> is defined what is a partnership and what are the principles of a good partnership practice., List of eligibility criteria that applicants have to fulfil (and partners as well) is stated in the GfA, chapter 2.1.1 (Who may apply?).

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	<p>In <b>General Conditions</b> in article 1 you can find general obligations of the applicant and partner/s as well. Under point 1.3. of the General Conditions is written as well: “The Beneficiary alone shall be accountable to the Contracting Authority for the implementation of the Action. It shall undertake that the conditions applicable to it under Articles 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 14, 16 and 17 shall also apply to its partners, and those applicable under Articles 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 16 to all its subcontractors. It shall include provisions to that effect as appropriate in its contracts with them.”</p> <p>Also, please bear in mind that Partnership statement/s has to be signed between the applicant and partner/s.</p> <p>Please note, as it is stated in the GfA, chapter <b>2.2.4. Further information for the Application</b> - in the interest of equal treatment of applicants, the Contracting Authority cannot give a prior opinion on the eligibility of an applicant, a partner, an action or specific activities. Eligibility of the Applicants and Partners will be established by the Evaluation Committee during the evaluation process and particular decision will be subject of ex-ante control performed by the EC Delegation.</p>
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