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Large Scale Projects
in the frame of the Joint Operational Programme
Romania – Ukraine – Republic of Moldova 2007-2013
- Selection Procedure -

I. Definition and criteria

According to the CBC Implementing Rules Article 2 (7) *LSP's are projects comprising a set of works, activities or services intended to fulfill an indivisible function of a precise nature pursuing clearly identified objectives of common interest for the purposes of implementing cross-border investments.* Article 4 rules that: "... the participating countries may also, in agreement with the European Commission, jointly identify large-scale cross-border investment projects which will not be selected through calls for proposals: these projects shall be specifically mentioned in the programme or selected at a later stage by the Joint Monitoring Committee, ..., provided that they are consistent with the programme's priorities and measures and that there is a budget specifically for this purpose."

A LSP shall fulfill the following criteria:

- Be directly related to the Programme and its priorities. For the Joint Operational Programme Romania-Ukraine-Republic of Moldova 2007-2013, the addressed priorities are: Priority 1: "Towards a more competitive border economy" and Priority 2: "Environmental challenges and emergency preparedness", the following fields of interest for the development of the border area being considered:
 - Cross border infrastructure;
 - Infrastructure for energy;
 - Environment and emergency preparedness.
- Be crucial for the development of the Programme eligible area,
- Have a clear cross-border impact,
- Have an investment (infrastructure) character,
- Be coherent with national/regional development strategies and have support from the national/regional level authorities responsible in the field of intervention on both sides of the border
- Have outcomes of a sustainable character,
- Be compliant with the criteria defined by the programme / by the JMC /applicable rules and procedures (cross-border partnership, size of grant, eligibility of the applicant, eligibility of the action, eligibility of costs etc.),
- The beneficiary must be clearly identified as the only one being able to implement the LSPs.



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II. Budget and Duration

According to the Financial Table of JOP Ro-Ua-Md 2007-2013, the overall allocation for Priorities 1 and 2 is 101.374.453 Euro – community contribution, of which a maximum amount of 30.412.336 Euro (30%) may be allocated to LSPs.

The minimum amount of community contribution for a LSP is 3.000.000 Euro, and the maximum amount is 10.000.000 Euro.

Two thirds of the projects will be in the partner countries and the JMC will assure a balanced distribution of the financial resources, proportionally with the activities and involvement of the organizations from each state.

The maximum duration of a LSP shall not extend 36 months.

Projects can be of one of the three types: integrated, simple or symmetrical.

III. LSPs Selection Method

Step. No.	Description	Responsible body	Indicative deadline ¹
1.	Formation of the JWG for LSPs identification	JMA jointly with National Authorities	6 weeks from the date of the JMC's Decision for the approval of the present procedure
2.	2.1 The preliminary project summaries are sent to the JTS 2.2 JWG draws up the list of possible LSPs	2.1 Applicant and partners / JTS 2.2 JWG	2 months from JWG formation
3.	Elaboration of projects summaries	Applicant and partners	One month from the completion of the possible LSPs list
4.	JMC approves the preliminary short list with LSPs proposals and submits a written recommendation to the European Commission (EC)	JMC	One month after the submission of the final project summary to the JWG
5.	EC (DG AidCo) confirms the final short list with the accepted LSPs	EC (DG AidCo)	15 calendar days
6.	Elaboration of: Feasibility Studies (FS) Environmental Impact Assessments	Applicant	6 months after the Commission's confirmation

¹ All the deadlines are maximal



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	(EIA) A detailed Description of the Action; The final Budget; Evidence of ownership or access to the land.		
7.	Final decision of the JMC based on the Feasibility Studies and EIAs; JMC sends to the EC a written recommendation regarding the selected projects and the related feasibility studies and EIAs	JMC	One month after the completion of FS and EIA
8.	Final confirmation of the EC	EC (DG AidCo)	15 calendar days
9.	The confirmed applicants submit to JMA the necessary additional documents: Technical specifications; Building permission; Partnership Agreement; Any other required annexes	Applicant	6 months from EC project approval
10.	Signature of the Grant Contract	JMA + Applicant	45 days after the submission of the documents
11.	Implementation of the Action	Beneficiary Partners +	All project's activities must end until December 31 st , 2014 or all project's activities must end until 31st of December 2015, provided that the Financing Agreements concluded between the European Commission and Ukraine and between European Commission and Moldova are amended.



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Step 1: Formation of the JWG

Aiming to identify possible LSPs to be implemented in the frame of the Joint Operational Programme Romania-Ukraine-Republic of Moldova 2007-2013, a Joint Working Group shall be constituted.

In establishing the composition of the JWG, the following fields of interest for the development of the border area shall be considered:

- Cross border infrastructure;
- Infrastructure for energy;
- Environment and emergency preparedness.

Each state participant in Programme:

- shall identify, based on its own procedure, LSPs ideas and the partners for the projects;

- shall designate its representatives in the JWG: representatives of relevant institutions such as ministries, territorial bodies of central administrations, public administrations, local authorities, regional development agencies, including National Authorities. In the JWG works also the JMC representatives can participate. In this respect, delegations of each partner state in the JMC shall designate one representative to participate in JWG works. This can be a JMC member/deputy or another representative of JMC. The total number of each delegation shall not exceed 15 members.

JMA will launch an announcement/issue letters to appropriate authorities/organizations to start this procedure with explicit deadlines in order to stay into the timeline estimated.

Both the proposals for project ideas identified at national level and the nominations for the JWG shall be submitted to JMA. The proposals for project ideas will be submitted in written form to JMA, as soon as the each state has identified, based on its own procedure LSPs ideas and the partners in the project.

JMA shall draw up the composition of the JWG, and shall invite the JWG members at least 15 calendar days before to participate in the JWG meetings.

The travel and accommodation expenses for the JWG members shall be covered from the TA budget of the Programme.

The JTS will be responsible for organizing and acting as a secretariat for the JWG meetings, including drawing-up the minutes.

In case that the number of possible LSPs ideas is high, subgroups on specific fields may be set up, as per the above mentioned fields of interest. The projects analyzed in each subgroup on a specific field will be limited to 3 per country, e.g. 9 in total on each subgroup.

Step 2: The Joint Working Group draws up the list of possible LSPs

Before the JWG meeting, the applicant and partners shall be asked in reasonable time to send the preliminary project summaries (annex 3) to the JTS in order to be assessed by the JWG.



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Secretariat disseminates the preliminary project summaries to JWG members not later than 10 working days before the JWG meeting.

The JWG members shall analyze the project ideas from the point of view of the compliance with the above mentioned LSPs criteria, the strategic development of the respective area, the project overall budget; if necessary, the JWG members may ask the LSPs initiators to bring clarifications or to present their project ideas within the JWG works. After the final ranking of the projects is done, the list of possible LSP's will be approved by the JWG. The decision will be adopted by consensus.

Step 3: Elaboration of Projects Summaries

The potential beneficiary of the projects identified by the JWG shall elaborate the Projects Summaries.

Projects Summaries should include the following elements:

- A brief project description,
- Identification of the beneficiary and partners,
- Justification of the choice of both beneficiary and partners, in line with section 6.3.2 of PRAG,
- Justification of the relevance of the proposed action in programme's general context,
- Justification that both beneficiary and partners possess sufficient operational and financial capacity as well as the necessary experience to implement the project,
- Justification of how the project meets the criteria listed in Point I above (Definition and criteria),
- A description of the methods and procedures to be used, including those for acquisition and implementation of the capital investment,
- Justification of the action long term sustainability and viability from the point of view of finance and environmental impact,
- An overall indicative budget,
- Declaration by the Applicant,
- Partnership Statement.

The potential beneficiary may require assistance from the JTS in drafting the project summaries providing that the principle of equal treatment of applicants is ensured and a prior opinion on the eligibility of the applicant, its partners, an action or specific activities is not required.

The template for the Project Summary is annexed to the present Procedure and is part of it.

Step 4: JMC approves the preliminary short list and submits the written recommendation to EC (DG EuropeAid)



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JTS will verify the project summaries from an administrative point of view and will ask for clarifications when needed.

When the project summary has not been received in due time for being presented to the JMC in the meeting, the applicant cannot participate further in the selection process.

JTS organize the JMC separate special meeting for the approval of the preliminary short list, based on the Projects Summaries and on the preliminary list of projects ranked by the JWG. If the consensus regarding a project on the preliminary short list cannot be reached, then according to article 8, paragraph 4, from JMC Rules of Procedure the decision can be put to a vote.

In the evaluation process of the Projects Summaries, JMC in accordance with consensus decision may use the external assessors, contracted by the JMA through public acquisition procedure, according to the national legislation and paid from the TA budget of the programme. Selection criteria for independent external assessors are proposed by JMA and approved by JMC decision, according to the rules of procedure of the JMC.

JMC may ask the Applicants for clarifications and completion of Projects Summaries with technical information.

JMC makes a written recommendation that reflects how each proposal meets the LSP criteria.

JMC will assure a balanced distribution of the projects per partner country.

The preliminary short list together with the projects summaries and the JMC recommendation will be submitted to EC (EuropeAid Cooperation Office) inter service consultations and for approval.

Step 5: European Commission confirms the final short list

EuropeAid Cooperation Office shall verify the projects relevance and shall prepare the final short list with the accepted projects proposals.

Step 6: Elaboration of Feasibility Studies and Environmental Impact Assessments

Once the shortlist has been confirmed by the EC, the JMA shall ask the selected applicants to submit the following additional documents:

- A feasibility study (a single study per project),
- An environmental impact assessment,
- A detailed Description of the Action;
- The final Budget;
- The evidence of ownership or availability to use the land/building (for instance concession)

The Feasibility Study (FS) should be elaborated in accord with the following general guidelines:

- Shall be one FS for the whole project,



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- Shall be elaborated according to the national rules of the country where the infrastructure is located. For projects implementing common infrastructure, it will be the task of the Beneficiary to present a common document if different FS are prepared on each side of the border;
- In case that there is no specific legislation, the study shall comprise, at least, the following mandatory sections:
 - general information about the project (description of the investment, technical data of the investment – area and location, the legal status of the land/building, site surveys, the main characteristic of the proposed constructions etc -, project schedule),
 - information regarding project management (summary and methodology)
 - estimated costs for the investment,
 - cost-benefit analysis,
 - main technical and economic indicators, authorizations and agreements (type of documentation required by the different national legislations), drawings.

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) (in case it is requested by the national legislation of the state where the project is implemented) shall be signed by the relevant authorities; In case the project does not require such a study, a certification proving that the project has no negative environmental impacts shall be issued by the relevant regional and/or national authority.

The study shall describe and evaluate the direct and indirect effects of the project against the following elements:

- Population, fauna and flora;
- Soil, water, air, climate and landscape;
- Interaction among the above mentioned factors;
- Goods and cultural heritage.

In addition to the Feasibility study and the Environmental Impact Assessment, the Applicant must provide documents attesting the ownership or availability to use the land/building (for instance concession).

Location of the proposed works shall be identified by the following means:

- Small scale plans (i.e. 1:10.000) that reveal the location;
- Large scale plans (i.e. 1:500 or less) that reveal the average dimensions and main structures;
- Location permit (if necessary).

Eligibility of the expenditures with FS and EIA:



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Applicant can be in one of the following situations:

- a) A FS/EIA is already available for the project.

In this case, the expenditure incurred with the FS/EIA is not eligible from the project's funds.

- b) Applicant does not dispose of a FS/EIA.

In this case, according to the second paragraph of point 6.2.8 of PRAG, the costs incurred before the contract signature but after the submission of the Project Summary become eligible with the condition that a grant contract is signed between the Applicant and the JMA.

If the studies are carried out by external experts, they shall be identified according to a selection procedure (Annex IV – acquisition procedures – of the Grant Contract from PRAG).

The estimated cost of the FS (including the Environmental Impact Assessment, the technical documentation and building permit) could not exceed 10% of total project costs. For the FS under 200.000 euros, JMA may use the Commission framework contracts involving Europaid as contracting authority. The related costs shall be covered from Programme funds.

The execution period for the FS shall be of about 6 months.

Step 7: Final decision of the JMC based on the Feasibility Studies and EIAs

Based on the documents mentioned in Step 6, the JMC shall draw up the draft final list of projects to be financed and submit the list together with written recommendation, the FSs, EIAs and other necessary documents to the European Commission.

In the evaluation process of the project documentation, JMC can use external assessors, contracted by the JMA through public procurement procedure, according to the national legislation and paid from the TA budget of the programme. Selection criteria for independent external assessors are proposed by JMA and approved by JMC decision, according to the rules of procedure of the JMC.

If the consensus regarding a project on the final list cannot be reached, then according to article 8, paragraph 4, from JMC Rules of Procedure the decision can be put to a vote.

Those projects that will receive the approval of the JMC and do not have any recommendations for improvement either from the JMC members and/or from the independent evaluators shall be submitted for the final confirmation/ approval of the EC.

However, in the case of those projects that are approved by the JMC with improvement recommendations, the applicants and partners will modify the applications accordingly, in the shortest time possible (20 working days). The applicants that do not comply with the set deadline will no longer participate to the selection process.

The JMA and JTS will ensure that all applicants and partners in the prior mentioned case will receive full explanation regarding exclusively the recommendations of the JMC members and/or of the independent evaluators. For this purpose, the JTS will organize separate workgroups with each project representatives.

For their final approval, the newly improved applications will be submitted through written procedure to the JMC.



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For the final confirmation/ approval of the EC, the projects will be submitted in the order of their readiness.



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Step.8: Final confirmation/ approval of the EC

EuropeAid Cooperation Office shall check the admissibility of the projects with respect to their feasibility studies, environmental impact assesment and their viability in terms of land and/or building ownership, if necessary in cooperation with other relevant DGs.

Projects accepted by the EC shall form the final list of projects to be financed.

Step 9: The confirmed applicants submit to JMA the necessary additional documents

After the final confirmation of the EC, the JMA shall inform the beneficiaries in writing and requests the following documents required for the signature of a Grant contract:

- Technical specifications;
- Building permit;

Other necessary supporting documents that must be submitted by the Applicant to the Contracting Authority before signing the contract are:

- 1) The statutes, or articles of association or, if public bodies, copy of the law, decree, resolution, decision establishing the applicant organisation and each partner organisation** - as originals or as photocopies certified “According to the original”, stamped and signed by the legal representatives of the applicant and its partners, in the national language and in English translation;
- 2) Certificates of fiscal registration, or Certificate of tax payer registration for the applicant and each partner** – as originals or as photocopies certified “According to the original”, stamped and signed by the legal representatives of the applicant and its partners or by a person having a legal mandate in this respect, in the national language and in English translation;
- 3) A. Certified copy of a valid certificate for the applicant and each partner issued by the competent state authority in each participating country proving that the applicant and its partners have fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of debts to the consolidated state budget in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which they are established** – as originals or photocopies certified “According to the original”, signed by the legal representative or by a person having a legal mandate in this respect, in the national language and in English translation;
B. Certified copy of a valid certificate for the applicant and each partner issued by the competent local authority in each participating country proving that the applicant and its partners have fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of debts to the local budget in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which they are established – as originals or photocopies certified “According to the original”, signed by the legal



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representative, or by a person having a legal mandate in this respect, in the national language and in English translation; When this type of document is not available, a self-declaration in English, signed by the legal representative of the applicant / partner stating that obligations relating to the payment of debts to the local budget are fulfilled should be provided.

In order to be considered valid, the certificates have to be issued in maximum 30 calendar days starting from the date when the Joint Technical Secretariat requested the documents.

- 4) **Where the grant requested exceeds EUR 500 000, an external audit report** produced by an approved auditor, certifying the applicant's/ partner's accounts for the last financial year available. This obligation does not apply to international organizations and public bodies.
- 5) **Legal entity sheet (Annex D of the Grant Contract/ Documents to be filled in)** duly filled in and signed by the legal representative of the applicant, accompanied by the justifying documents which are requested therein – as original, in English.

If the applicant has already signed a contact with the European Commission/the Joint Managing Authority of the programme, instead of the legal entity sheet and its supporting documents the legal entity number may be provided, unless a change in its legal status occurred in the meantime.

- 6) **Declaration on compliance with state aid regulations and gratuitousness of project results** (*only for Romanian Applicants and partners*) (*Annex XII of the Grant Contract*).
- 7) **Partnership Agreement** stamped and signed by the legal representatives of the applicant and of each partner in the project or by persons having legal mandates in this respect – as original, or copies “According to the original”.
- 8) ***Documents proving the right over the land and the infrastructure to be realized/rehabilitated/improved described by the application:***

8.1) When the applicant or partner is the owner of the infrastructure to be realized/rehabilitated/improved or is the owner of the land on which the infrastructure project will be implemented, the following documents are required:

- i) **the legal act** (e.g. government decision, law, government ordinance, decision of local authorities, property act, etc.) stating the property - as photocopy certified “According to the original”, signed by the legal representative or by a person having a legal mandate in this respect, in the national language and in English translation,



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- ii) **statement that the infrastructure/ land is free of any encumbrances, is not the object of a pending litigation, is not the object of a claim according to the relevant national legislation** - as photocopy certified “According to the original”, signed by the legal representative or by a person having a legal mandate in this respect, in the national language and in English translation,

AND

- iii) **documents related to the registration of the infrastructure/ land in the relevant public registers** - as photocopies certified “According to the original”, signed by the legal representative, or by a person having a legal mandate in this respect, in the national language and in English translation.

8.2) When the applicant or partner has received the infrastructure or land in long term concession/ rent /administration/or any similar type of rights specific to the particular infrastructure or land, the following documents are required:

- i) **the legal act** (e.g. government decision, law, government ordinance, decision of local authorities, concession act, rental act, etc.) stating its rights for at least 10 years from the completion of the action - as photocopy certified “According to the original”, signed by the legal representative or by a person having a legal mandate in this respect, in the national language and in English translation,

AND

- ii) **statement from the owner that the infrastructure/ land is free of any encumbrances, is not the object of an pending litigation, is not the object of a claim according to the relevant national legislation and the agreement of the landowner stating that the investment may be performed** - as photocopy certified “According to the original”, signed by the legal representative or by a person having a legal mandate in this respect, in the national language and in English translation,

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- iii) **documents related to the registration of the infrastructure/ land in the relevant public registers** - as photocopies certified “According to the original”, signed by the legal representative or by a person having a legal



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mandate in this respect, in the national language and in English translation. Central/regional/local authorities, public bodies and international organization are exempted from this requirement.

9) Documents proving the right over the facilities where supplies are to be installed/used described by the application :

9.1.1 When the applicant or partner is the owner of the facilities (building or office space) where the supplies will be installed/used in the case of projects where:

- *not-removable supplies are foreseen to be procured , OR*
- *the total value of supply contracts is amounting OVER 50,000 EUR within the individual budget of the applicant or partner.*

The following documents are required:

- i. **the legal act (e.g. government decision, law, government ordinance, decision of local authorities, property act, etc.)** stating the property - as photocopy certified “According to the original”, signed by the legal representative or by a person having a legal mandate in this respect, in the national language and in English translation,

AND

- ii. **statement that the facility is free of any encumbrances, is not the object of a pending litigation, is not the object of a claim according to the relevant national legislation** - as photocopy certified “According to the original”, signed by the legal representative or by a person having a legal mandate in this respect, in the national language and in English translation,

AND

- iii. **documents related to the registration of the facility in the relevant public registers** - as photocopies certified “According to the original”, signed by the legal representative or by a person having a legal mandate in this respect, in the national language and in English translation.

9.1.2 When the applicant or partner is the owner of the facilities (building or office space) where the supplies will be installed/used in the case of projects where:

- *not-removable supplies are foreseen to be procured , OR*
- *the total value of supply contracts is amounting BELOW 50,000 EUR within the individual budget of the applicant or partner.*



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The following documents are required:

- i. **the legal act (e.g. government decision, law, government ordinance, decision of local authorities, property act, etc.)** stating the property - as photocopy certified “According to the original”, signed by the legal representative or by a person having a legal mandate in this respect, in the national language and in English translation,

AND

- ii. **statement that the facility is free of any encumbrances, is not the object of a pending litigation, is not the object of a claim according to the relevant national legislation** - as photocopy certified “According to the original”, signed by the legal representative or by a person having a legal mandate in this respect, in the national language and in English translation,

9.2.1 When the applicant or partner has received the facilities (building or office space) in concession, rent or any similar type of rights in the case of projects where:

- *not-removable supplies are foreseen to be procured , OR*
- *the total value of supply contracts is amounting OVER 50,000 EUR within the individual budget of the applicant or partner.*

The following documents are required:

- i. **the legal act (e.g. government decision, law, government ordinance, decision of local authorities, concession act, rental act, etc)** stating the rights over the facilities for at least 10 years from the completion of the action or valid for the implementation period of the action, as the case may be (see 2.1.1.1. above) - as photocopy certified “According to the original”, signed by the legal representative or by a person having a legal mandate in this respect, in the national language and in English legalized translation,

AND

- ii. **statement from the owner that the facility is free of any encumbrances, is not the object of an pending litigation, is not the object of a claim according to the relevant national legislation and the agreement of the owner stating that the supplies may be installed/used-** as photocopy certified “According to the original”, signed by the legal representative or by a person having a legal mandate in this respect, in the national language and in English translation,

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- iii. **documents related to the registration of the facility in the relevant public registers** - as photocopies certified “According to the original”, signed by the legal representative or by a person having a legal mandate in this respect, in the national language and in English translation. Central/regional/local authorities, public bodies and international organization are exempted from this requirement.

9.2.2 **When the applicant or partner has received the facilities (building or office space) in concession, rent or any similar type of rights in the case of projects where:**

- *not-removable supplies are foreseen to be procured , OR*
- *the total value of supply contracts is amounting **BELLOW 50,000 EUR** within the individual budget of the applicant or partner.*

The following documents are required:

- i. **the legal act (e.g. government decision, law, government ordinance, decision of local authorities, concession act, rental act, etc)** stating the rights over the facilities for at least 10 years from the completion of the action or valid for the implementation period of the action, as the case may be (see 2.1.1.1. above) - as photocopy certified “According to the original”, signed by the legal representative or by a person having a legal mandate in this respect, in the national language and in English legalized translation,

AND

- ii. **statement from the owner that the facility is free of any encumbrances, is not the object of an pending litigation, is not the object of a claim according to the relevant national legislation and the agreement of the owner stating that the supplies may be installed/used-** as photocopy certified “According to the original”, signed by the legal representative or by a person having a legal mandate in this respect, in the national language and in English translation,

Important Notice:

1. During the selection process, the applicants had to submit the “evidence of ownership or availability to use the land/ building (for instance concession). Were the documents enlisted at points 8.1/ section i), 8.2/ section i), 9.1.1/ section i), 9.1.2 section i), 9.2.1/ section i), 9.2.2/ section i), were already submitted, the applicant or partner are excepted from submitting them again. The exception applies only in those cases in which the applicant or partner has previously submitted the documents exactly as described at points 8.1/ section i), 8.2/ section i), 9.1.1/ section i), 9.1.2 section i)
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9.2.1/ section i), 9.2.2/ section i).

2. Regarding the documents related to the registration of the facility in the relevant public registers (points 8.1/ section iii), 8.2/ section iii), 9.1.1/section iii), 9.2.1/ section iii), the applicant and partners have to submit them if the project character requires it. For instance, all cases of infrastructure construction/ reconstruction require the documents related to the registration of the facility in the relevant public registers. Therefore, the JMA/JTS will inform the applicants/partners about the requirement to provide the documents related to the registration of the facility in the relevant public registers.

10) Financial Identification Forms (Annex E of the Grant Contract/ Documents to be filled in) for the accounts specially opened for the project implementation in EUR and in the national currency, for the applicant and for all the partners who are responsible for managing a part of the budget for the action – in original, in English

(http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/procedures/implementation/grants/document/s/e3_f_fif_en.pdf). The financial identification form will accompanied by a bank statement²

11) Decision of the empowered bodies of the applicant and all the project partners, stating the amount and percentage of co-financing to be provided and spend during the implementation period of the project, as well as any ineligible expenditure or any other costs necessary for the project implementation – in original or as legalized copy, in the national language and in English translation.

In the case in which the amounts allocated for the Feasibility Studies and Environment Impact Assessment in the final budget are not spent, the remained sums can be redistributed within the budget before the Grant contract signature, but without changing/ altering the total budget of the project.

In case that the beneficiaries do not provide JMA with requested documents (including all necessary annexes and necessary supporting documents) within six months from the date when they got the final EC confirmation, the project may lose the status of LSP character.

In duly justified cases, beneficiaries may ask (in writing) for an extension from this time limit, but not more than of one more month.

² For Romanian Applicants/Partners – please follow the JMA’s Instruction no 26/04.08.2011, regarding the opening of the project special accounts



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Step 10: Signature of the Grant contract

The Grant Contract shall be the standard grant contract from PRAG (Grant Contract – External Actions of the European Community).

Article 2 of the Grant Contract (*Implementation period of the action*), such as *Article 14* from Annex II of the Grant Contract (*Eligible Costs*) will be formulated so that to provide the eligibility of costs regarding the Feasibility Study, Environmental Impact Assessment and Technical specifications (including the building permit).

Contract shall be signed between JMA and Applicant.

Step 11: Implementation of the Action

The Beneficiary must consider that according to Commission Regulation (EC) No 951/2007, Article 43(2) point b) all project's activities must end until December 31st of 2014 or all project's activities must end until 31st of December 2015, provided that the Financing Agreements concluded between the European Commission and Ukraine and between European Commission and Moldova are amended

Strategic projects shall be monitored through half yearly progress reports sent by the beneficiaries and on the spot visits.

Beneficiaries shall implement the project in closer cooperation with the JTS and JMA, and if necessary with support from national authorities. For each LSP implemented, JMA shall appoint a person from JTS and JTS BOs as contact person for the concerned project. This person will participate, as far as possible, in main events of the project.

LSPs and their progress will be presented regularly at the JMC meetings.

Final provisions

The JMA can conduct the LSP selection process of large scale projects step by step and the EC will analyze the project summaries and provide the 'first step' approval.