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Answers to clarification requests received by interested parties

Call for project proposals OP_UP2_ii 1_2020_1 – Article 47 of EMFF Regulation [EU] 508/2014

1. What is being understood by ‘scientific or technical bodies’?

Any EMFF support given in the aquaculture sector can only be granted where it has been clearly demonstrated in an independent marketing report that good and sustainable market prospects exist for the product. Any scientific or technical body [public or private] who are essentially experts in the field of aquaculture, needs to be recognised by the Member State and be in compliance with the National Strategy for Aquaculture. The independent character of such validation report should be ensured and proved by not involving any potential beneficiaries into the conduct, elaboration or financing of the report itself. It is pertinent to note that the results of the operation receiving support should be publicised by the Member State; hence it is suggested that the applicant needs to establish a contact with DFA to get a letter of understanding or Memorandum of Understanding – ideally this is presented with the Application Form.

2. Is there a specific legal form which they should have? Or would any undertaking qualify?

It can be either a public or private body.

3. How is validation expected to occur? Are there specific guidelines as to the rigour of the validation exercise?

No specific guidelines are established, and it is up to the project proponent to prove that the exercise will be sufficiently thorough that it fulfils the objectives of Article 47.

4. What is the aid intensity?

For public bodies, the aid intensity will be of 75% EU funds and 25% national funds. Meanwhile, for private ones shall amount to 50% EU/national funds and 50% private funds. If the applicant falls beyond the scope of SMEs, aid intensity will be reduced by 20% as per Article 95 and Annex 1 of the Fund-specific Regulation.



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