

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Q: Is purchasing or renting a building/land considered as eligible activity?

A: Costs for purchase, rent or lease of land and existing buildings are NOT considered eligible and therefore CANNOT be financed under the grant.

2. Q: Is new construction (of a house, summerhouse, boat dock, zip-line etc.) considered as eligible activity?

A: New construction is considered as eligible activity/cost as long as it is done in line with all laws and regulations of the Republic of Serbia. Applicants have to present all necessary licenses and permits before signing the contract/receiving the funds. Please note that the timeframe for project implementation is 4 months, and in case the activity cannot be implemented in the given timeframe applicants will lose the right for funding.

3. Q: Is it acceptable to invest in a building the applicant does not own, but his closest relative does?

A: In case of investing in upgrading of facilities, the applicant has to own the property or at least have a signed 5-year lease contract for the property.

4. Q: Do registered agricultural holdings submit only their registration from the Register of agricultural holdings or do they also submit a Certificate of categorisation?

A: Registered agricultural holdings only submit their registration from the Register of agricultural holdings.

5. Q: Are registered agricultural holdings considered eligible applicants if they haven't provided tourism services until now?

A: Registered agricultural holdings are considered eligible applicants even if they have not provided tourism services until this point, as long as they intend to diversify their offer.

6. Q: If VAT is not considered as eligible cost, does it mean that applicants will have to cover VAT from their own funds as part of their self-contribution?

A: Since the EU and GIZ have a special status in the Republic of Serbia and are exempt from VAT, the applicants will be given special agreement under which they will also be exempt from VAT payment for activities carried out under the contract/grant. VAT exemption is carried out in the Tax Administration office, and all information regarding the exact procedure will be provided to beneficiaries.

7. Q: Is it necessary to submit in the application phase additional documentation (such as pro-forma invoice, offers etc.) to justify costs claimed in the budget?

A: No, only estimated costs should be presented in the budget. Upon applicant's approval for funding, GIZ procedures for spending the funds to be adhered by in the implementation period will be explained.