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Clarifications to the Guidelines for Applicants

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No.	Guidelines section(s)	Subject matter	Question / Clarification	Date
1	2.1, 3.1	Project Location	Could you please clarify whether the job creation and the labour migration components can take place outside the country of the Call for Proposals?	31 March 2026
			The job creation component of the project must take place in the country/ies of the Call for Proposals. Measures for the labour migration component can take place both in the country/ies of the Call for Proposals and/or in Germany (please refer to section 3.1 for further details)	
2	3.1 (French version)	Content of the Labour Migration Component	The sentence above the table 'Key Conditions' mentions "Conditions clés que la composante protection sociale ...". Is this correct?	31 March 2026
			Correction: "Le tableau suivant donne un aperçu des conditions clés que la composante renforcement de la migration de main-d'œuvre vers l'Allemagne "	
3	2.4.2	Eligible expenditures and grant amount	Could you please clarify, whether ineligible, but necessary investment costs can be considered in the calculation of the potential grant amount?	31 March 2026
			Ineligible, but necessary investment costs must be included in the respective section of the Funding Plan, but cannot be considered for the determination of the potential IFE grant.	

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4	3.1, 3.2, 6.3	Time limits for implementation and co-financing of labour migration measure	There seems to be a contradiction for the maximum duration of the labour migration measures (one or three years). Could you please clarify?	31 March 2026
			<p>Corrections for sections 3.1 and 3.2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is a condition that the investment part (infrastructure and equipment) can be concluded at the latest one year after having concluded the investment phase of the job creation component. Maximum duration for co-financing all other measures is generally limited to the operational period of the job creation component, but up to a maximum of 3 years after the end of the investment phase of the job creation component. <i>The co-financing for measures of the labour migration component is generally limited up to the end of the 1st year of the operational phase of the job creation component. Longer co-financing needs must be justified, but cannot exceed 3 years after the end of the investment phase of the job creation component.</i> 	
5	Annex 1	KPI 1 – Eligibility of jobs in the public sector	Could you please clarify whether jobs created in state-owned private enterprises are eligible?	31 March 2026
			“Jobs created in the public sector do not count (except governmental owned enterprises with a legal personality and a commercial purpose).”	
6	Annex 6.1	Eligibility criteria - Years of Operation	In Annex 6.1. the exception for recently established entities differs from the definition in section 1.1. Could you please clarify?	31 March 2026
			Correction for Annex 6.1:	

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			<p>If the local consortium entity has been in operation for less than 3 years, it would still qualify, (i) if it is a subsidiary of one or more of the other consortium partners, and (ii) if all other consortium partners have been in operation over 3 years</p> <p><i>In case of a recently registered entity in the country of call, which is an investee of an individual applicant or any of the consortium members (e.g. subsidiary, joint venture, Special Purpose Vehicle-SPV), then the respective shareholders of this entity must have been operating for a minimum of 3 years at the time of CN submission.</i></p>	
7	2.4.1	Retention guarantee	<p>Could you please clarify the period for withholding the 10% retention guarantee?</p> <p>Correction: A sum equal to 10% of the grant amount will be withheld by IFE until completion of the <i>KPI creation period investment</i> (not considering defects liability period) to secure finalisation of the project.</p>	31 March 2026
8	2.4.2	Use of cash contributions	<p>Could you please clarify whether the cash contribution can be used for eligible expenditures only?</p> <p>Correction: Cash contributions can be used for both eligible and ineligible expenditures. Therefore, the following sentence in the Guidelines is omitted: “To be exclusively used for Eligible Expenditures (see below)”</p> <p>However, please notice that the required minimum of 15% cash contribution refers to the eligible expenditures.</p>	31 March 2026

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9	4.3 and Annex 8	Bonus criteria	<p>In section 4.3 it is stated that bonus points will be granted in case the project foresees synergy effects with “<i>other projects of the Special Initiative</i>”, while Annex 8 mentions “<i>projects of the German development cooperation</i>”. Could you please clarify?</p> <p>Correction for section 4.3 The project provides positive synergies with other projects <i>of the German development cooperation within the Special Initiative "Decent Work for a Just Transition"</i></p>	31 March 2026