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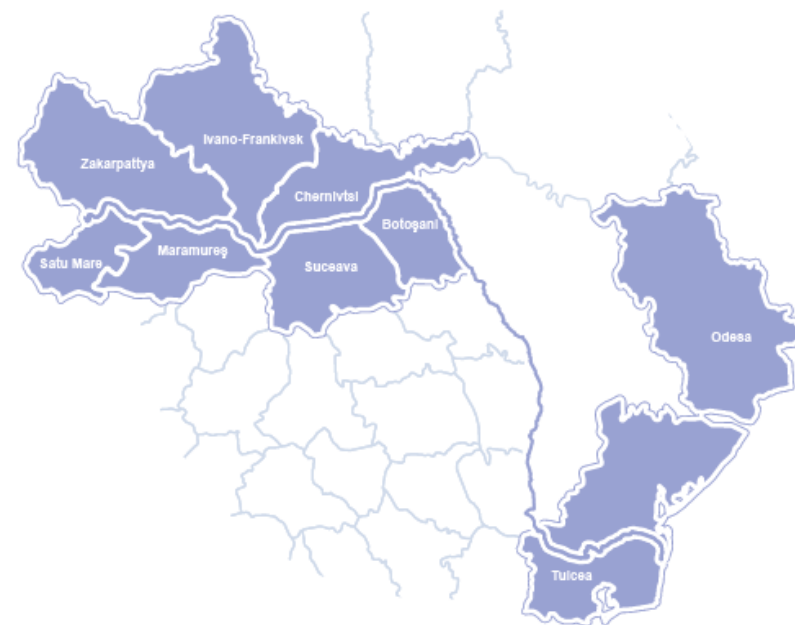
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part 1 – Eligibility requirements for:

- (a) Project**
- (b) Partners**
- (c) Activities**

part 2 – Cost categories. Eligible costs



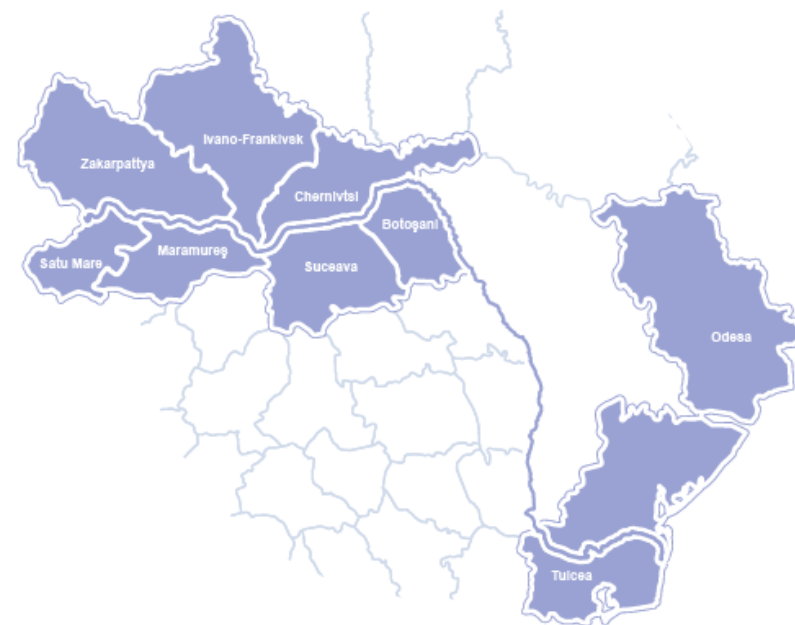
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part 1 – (a) Eligible projects



!! Check sections (1.3.4) and (2.4) of the Guidelines !!

PROJECTS

- Address the Priority of the Call
P1 Environmental focus across borders
- Address the Specific Objective of the Call
1.1 Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention and resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches
- Tackle the **intervention field(s)** of Specific Objective 1.1
- Contribute to the **mandatory programme Output Indicators**
- Contribute to the mandatory **programme Result Indicators**
- Meet the **mandatory cooperation criteria** (development, implementation, financing); staffing is optional

!! Check sections (1.3.3), (1.4.2) and (2.4) of the Guidelines !!

PROJECTS

- **Grant** amount between **800 000 EUR (min)** **AND** **1 400 000 EUR (max)**
- Total cost of **investment** is of min. **500 000 EUR**
- Each partner provides **cofinancing of min.10%** of their own eligible expenditure.
- Implementation period is of **12 months (min) to 24 months (max)**
- Should not have been approved from **financing from other sources**
- Should not have been **completed**

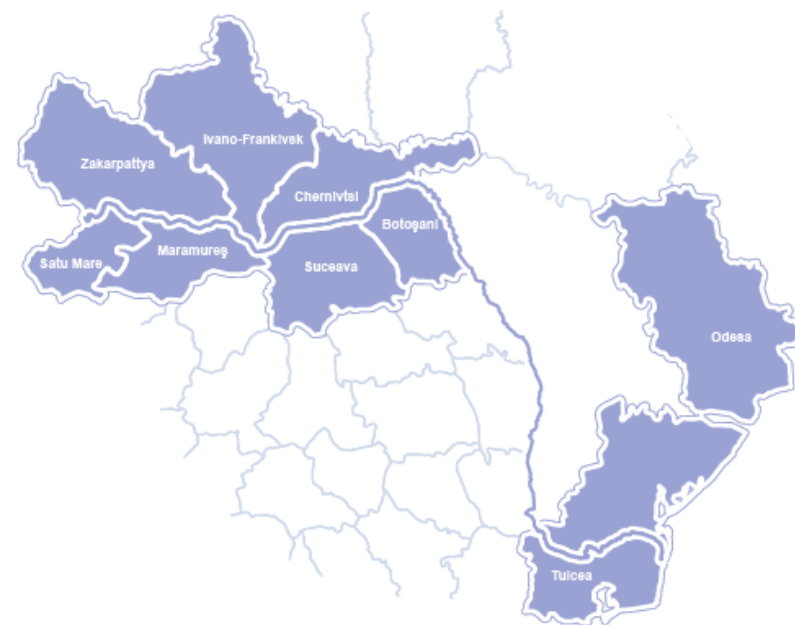
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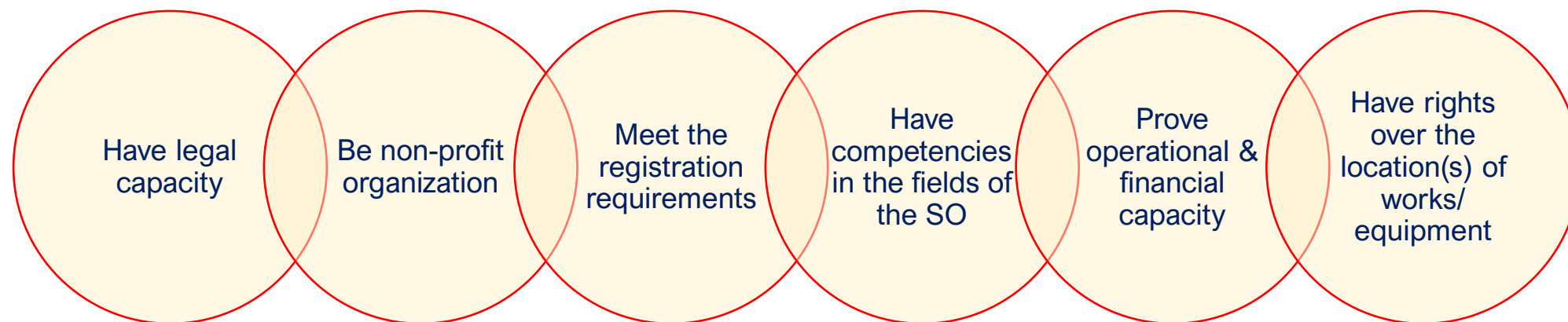


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(b) Eligible partners



!! Check sections (2.2) and (2.3) of the Guidelines !!**Any partner must:**

- Max. **4 partners per project** – one from **Romania** and one from **Ukraine**
- An organization may participate in **several projects**
- **Non-eligibility** of any project partner leads to non-eligibility of the entire project
- Partners **cannot be changed** during evaluation or contracting

!! Check sections (2.2.1) and (2.2.1.1) of the Guidelines !!

● **Partner registered outside the Programme area** – may participate in the project **IF** the activities he will perform:

___Are implemented **directly** **OR** with the support of their **offices/ branches** in the Programme area **OR** for the **benefit** of the programme area, **AND**

___Are **necessary** for achieving the project's results

TAKE NOTE THAT:

*The contribution of the partner located outside the Programme area shall be **described and duly justified** in the application form, in order to be **approved by the Monitoring Committee**.*

● **Sole partners** – EGTC registered in Romania having members from both Romania and Ukraine

!! Check section (2.2.2) of the Guidelines !!**Are eligible to apply:**

- ✓ Local / regional / national public authorities
- ✓ Sectoral agencies
- ✓ NGOs competent in climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience
- ✓ Higher education and research organisations
- ✓ Education/training centres and schools
- ✓ Business support organisations

!! Check section (2.3.2) of the Guidelines !!

Associated organizations

___ Play **a role** and **are involved** in project activities

___ May contribute directly to achievement of some of the **programme indicators** targeted e.g. RCO 87

TAKE NOTE THAT:

- *Cooperation agreements are needed (template available at www.ro-ua.net)*
- *Do not have to meet the eligibility requirements*
- *Do not receive programme funding*

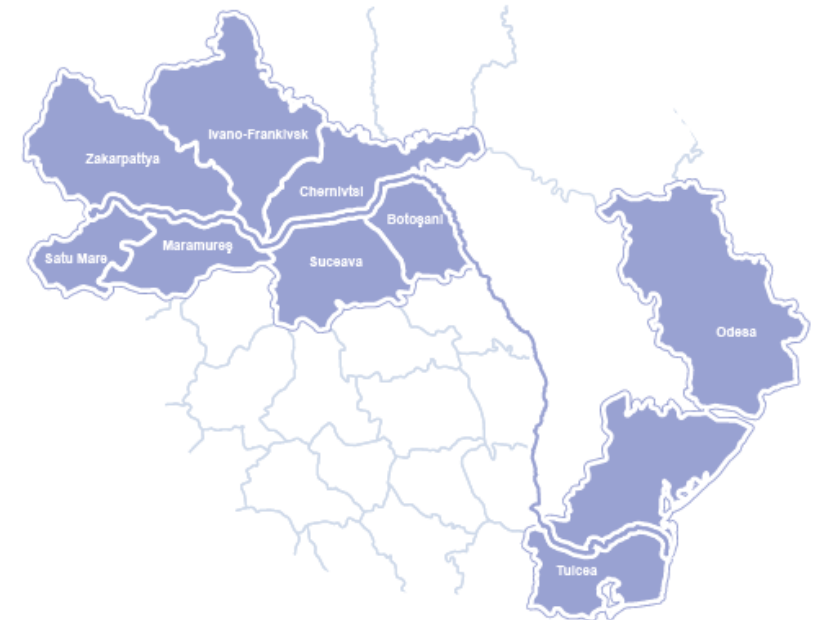
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(c) Eligible activities



!! Check section (2.4.6) of the Guidelines and Annex I Guidelines for indicators !!

Infrastructure (incl. green and blue infrastructure)

- ✓ Construction / rehabilitation / modernization of infrastructure related to systems/structures dealing with **fires, floods**, strengthening the banks of **rivers, canals**, the condition of **dams**;
- ✓ **Afforestation** of river banks;
- ✓ Preservation, revitalization and re-naturalization of **water bodies and ecosystems**;
- ✓ Preservation and restoration of **small rivers**

!! Check section (2.4.6) of the Guidelines and Annex I Guidelines for indicators !!

Equipment

- ✓ To address **emergency situations** (firefighting equipment, floods, etc), hardware, software, vehicles, etc)

!! Check section (2.4.6) of the Guidelines and Annex I Guidelines for indicators !!

Common strategies and tools for hazard management and risk prevention

- ✓ Joint action plans;
- ✓ Technical and operational measures to ensure real-time coordinated actions;
- ✓ Risk plans;
- ✓ Intervention procedures, exercises;
- ✓ Public awareness campaigns in collaboration with local civil society organisations;
- ✓ Joint operational plans and procedural framework for efficient management and deployment of joint interventions;
- ✓ Hydrological monitoring of rivers, water temperature, precipitation measurements, ice regime and other types of monitoring conducted at the initiative of local civil society

!! Check section (2.4.6) of the Guidelines and Annex I Guidelines for indicators !!

Trainings

- ✓ Joint training programmes;
- ✓ Networking;
- ✓ Exchanging experience and knowledge;
- ✓ Raising awareness in the field of efficient risk prevention and management in the cross-border area with the participation of local civil society and volunteers

!! Check sections (1.5) State Aid rules + Annex G and (2.4.7) of the Guidelines !!

- related to tobacco industry, alcoholic distilled beverages (excluding local and traditional products), arms and munitions
- individual sponsorships for workshops, seminars, conferences, congresses, studies or training courses
- charitable events
- re-granting / sub-granting of the funding
- aiming to / producing a profit for the Applicant or Partners
- falling under the state aid rules
- with activities linked to, or financing political parties

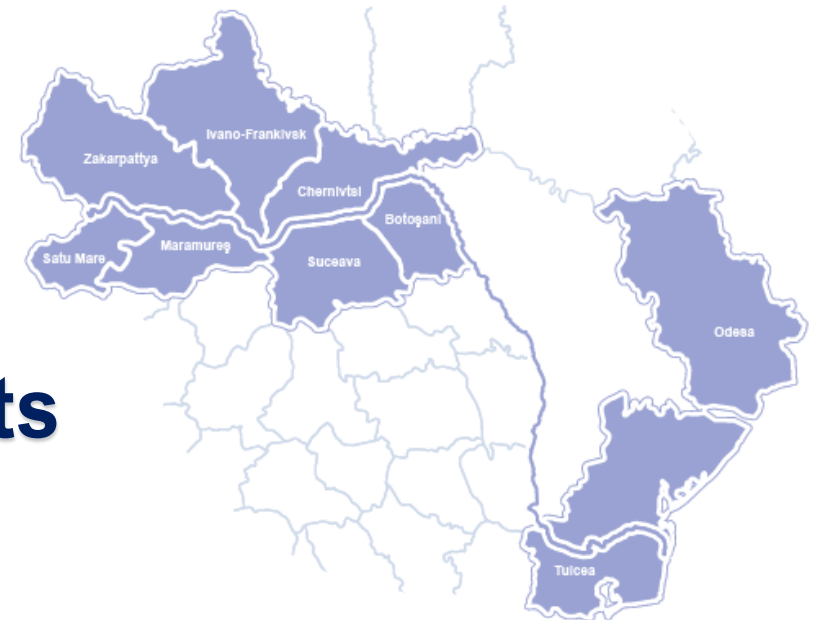
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part 2 – Cost categories. Eligible costs



!! Check section (2.5) of the Guidelines !!**Real costs**

Budget line 4
External expertise
and services

Budget line 5:
Equipment

Budget line 6:
Infrastructure and
works

Simplified costs (flat rates)

Budget line 1: Staff costs

Up to **20%** of the direct costs
from budget lines 4, 5, 6

**Budget line 2: Office and
administrative costs**

Up to **7%** of the direct costs from
budget lines 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)

**Budget line 3: Travel and
accommodation costs**

Up to **15%** of staff costs from
budget line 1

!! Check section (2.5.1.1) of the Guidelines !!

- When **Staff costs** are envisaged, each partner should:
 - a) Describe the project team's **functions** (*Application Form section C7*)
 - b) Add a **job description for** each function (*template Annex D Job Description*)
- Other additional staff costs **cannot be claimed** as real costs

!! Check section (2.5.1.1) of the Guidelines !!

office rent	insurance and taxes related to the buildings	utilities	office supplies	accounting, archives
maintenance, cleaning and repairs	security	IT systems	internet, telephone, etc.	bank charges

When **Office and administrative costs (indirect costs)** are envisaged, then:

- Indirect costs are eligible provided that they **do not include** costs assigned to another budget heading
- Costs are limited to the list above

!! Check section (2.5.1.1) of the Guidelines !!

travel costs

costs of meals

accommodation
costs

visa costs

daily allowances

When **Travel and accommodation costs** are envisaged, do consider that they:

- Are incurred and paid inside or outside the programme area
- Costs are limited to the list above

!! Check section (2.5.1.2) of the Guidelines !!

studies or surveys

training

translations

development,
modifications, updates to
IT systems and website

promotion,
communication, publicity,
promotional items and
activities or information

financial
management

events or meetings
(organization,
implementation)

participation in
events

legal consultancy,
notarial services,
technical and financial
expertise, other
consultancy,
accountancy services

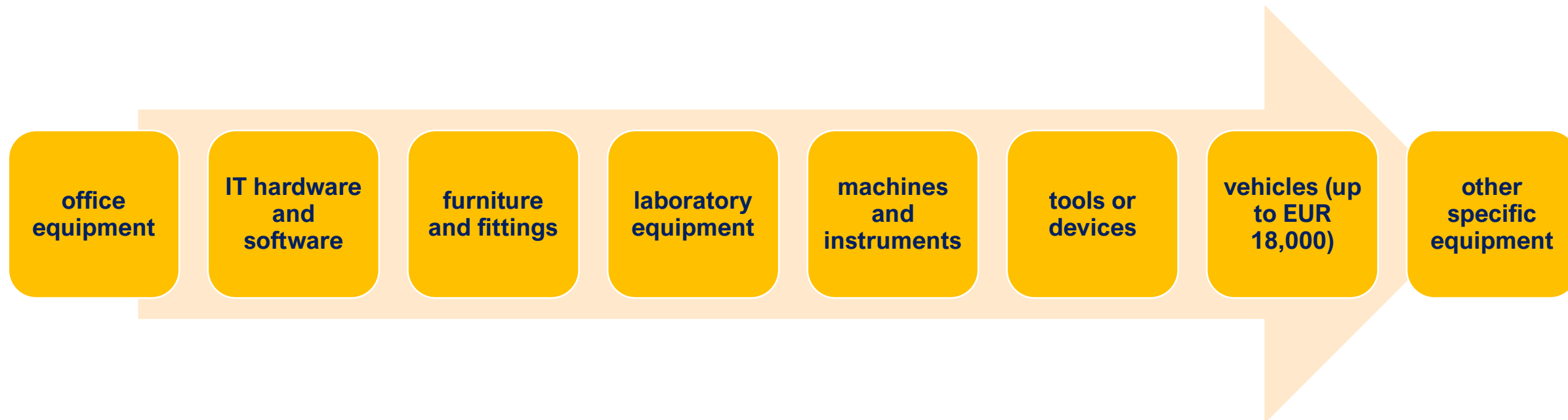
intellectual property
rights

provision of
guarantees by a bank
or other financial
institution

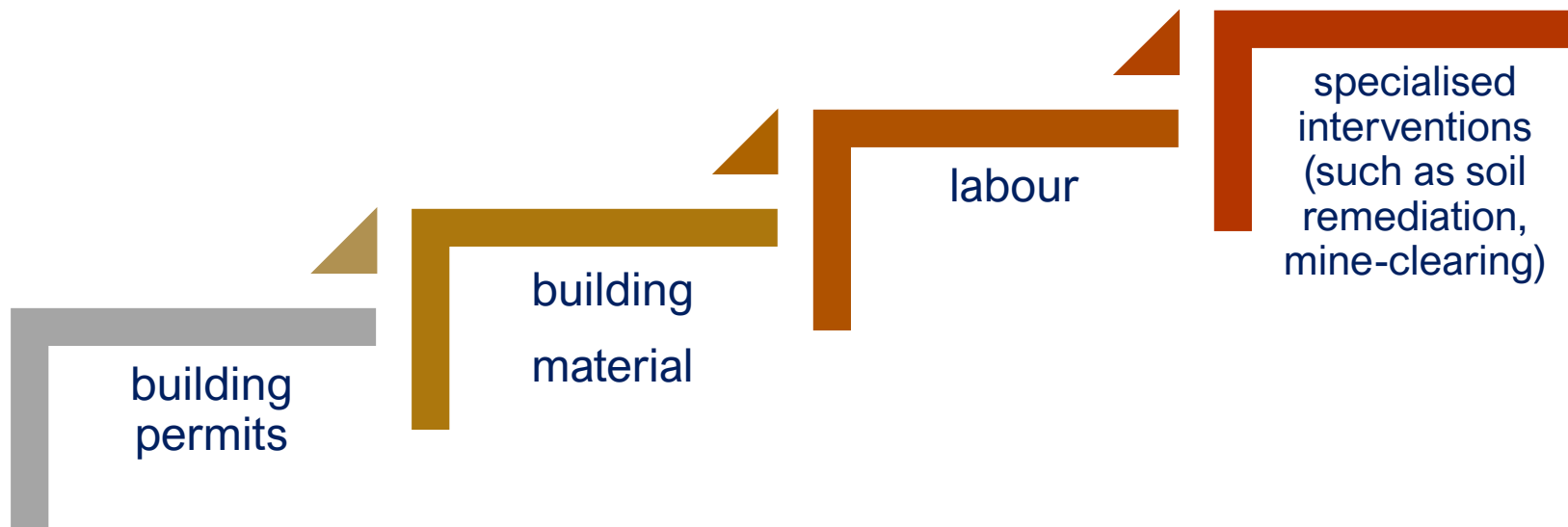
travel and
accommodation for
external experts,
speakers, chairpersons
of meetings and service
providers

other specific
expertise and
services needed for
operations

- Based on **contracts/written agreements** with external experts and service providers, and paid based on **invoices** or equivalent requests for reimbursement
- For certain tasks or activities strictly **linked to the project and essential** for its effective implementation'
- **DO NOT** include costs assigned to another budget heading
- Costs are limited to the list above

!! Check section (2.5.1.2) of the Guidelines !!

- Cost of **supplies for the office equipment** must be only included on budget line 2. Office and administrative cost budget line
- Do insert here also the cost of equipment, part of the **investments** foreseen by the project.
- Costs are limited to the list above

!! Check section (2.5.1.2) of the Guidelines !!

- Expenditure related to infrastructure and works refers to **costs incurred for the execution of the investment** necessary for the implementation of the project and for achieving its objectives.
- Total cost of investment(s) in a **project** must be of **minimum 500,000 EUR**
- **Investment** means infrastructure and works and/ or specialised equipment, as well as services directly linked to the investment which contribute to the **project objective** and that shall remain **in use** after the project implementation for at least **5 years after the final payment** to the project.
- Costs for infrastructure and works are limited to the list above

!! Check section (2.5) of the Guidelines !!**To be eligible, project costs should:**

- Be included in the indicative **overall budget** for the project
- Be **necessary** for the implementation of the project and **related to the activities** implemented
- Be **incurred and paid during the implementation** period of the project
- Be reasonable, justified and comply with the requirements of **sound financial management**
- Be **identifiable and verifiable**
- **Real costs** must be based on supporting documents

TAKE NOTE THAT:

- **Retroactive costs** are allowed **ONLY** for the studies and documentation related to infrastructure component provided they comply with the procurement rules
- **Technical documentation costs** cannot go over 10% of the cost of related to provision of infrastructure.

!! Check section (2.5) of the Guidelines !!

To ensure eligibility of costs, any project partner should:

- Comply with the provisions of **applicable national legislation**
- Observe the relevant **public procurement rules** (section 4.2.1 of the Guidelines)
- Meet the Programme **Visual Identity requirements**

!! Check section (2.5.3) of the Guidelines !!

- debts and interest on debt
- provisions for losses or liabilities
- costs declared by the beneficiaries and covered by another project or programme from any other sources
- the purchase of land or buildings
- purchase of used equipment or vehicles
- costs related to fluctuation of foreign exchange
- loans to third parties
- fines, financial penalties and expenditure on legal disputes and litigation
- gifts
- contributions in kind

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