



**Contracting Authority:** Agency for Vocational Education and  
Training, Department for Financing and Contracting of IPA  
Programme

Access to education by students with disabilities

**CORRIGENDUM no.1** to Guidelines  
for grant applicants

IPA for the Human Resources Development Component in Croatia  
2007-2009

Reference: Europeaid/128940/M/ACT/HR

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The following aspects are corrected with respect to the Guidelines for grant applicants of the Call for proposals “Access to education by students with disabilities”, reference: Europeaid/128940/M/ACT/HR, published on 10 August 2009.

The changes are as follows:

***Instead of:***

***2.1.1 Eligibility of applicants: who may apply?***

(1) In order to be eligible for a grant, applicants **must**:

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- be specific types of organisations such as: non-governmental organisations, public sector operators, local authorities, international (inter-governmental) organisations as defined by Article 43 of the Implementing Rules to the EC Financial Regulation<sup>5</sup> **and**
- be specific types of organisations such as: VET schools, Centres for Secondary Education for Students with Disabilities, VET teachers’ organisations, State administration offices at the regional (county) level, City administrative offices for education **and**
- be the NGOs dealing with persons with disabilities and enterprises<sup>6</sup>, however only if in a partnership with schools and/or Centres for Secondary Education for Students with Disabilities **and**
- be nationals<sup>7</sup> of a Member State of the European Union or Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, FYROM, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey and Kosovo under UNSC Resolution 1244/99; countries that are beneficiaries of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument; Member States of the European Economic Area: Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway. This obligation does not apply to international organisations **and**
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<sup>6</sup> Enterprises must hold the apprenticeship agreement according to Vocational Education and Training Act (OG 30/09) and correspondent laws and by-laws.

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- be compliant with de minimis rule<sup>8</sup> as regulated by the Commission Regulation (EC) No 1998/2006 and the Government of the Republic of Croatia Decree on de-minimis aid (Official Gazette, 45/2007)<sup>9</sup>.

(2) Applicants must not derive profit from the grant i.e. the grant can only cover costs of activities.

(3) Potential applicants may not participate in calls for proposals or be awarded grants if they are in any of the situations which are listed in Section 2.3.3 of the Practical Guide to contract procedures for EC external actions (available from the following Internet address: [http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/procedures/implementation/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/procedures/implementation/index_en.htm)).

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<sup>8</sup> This rule applies only to private enterprises/organisations.

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**All other parts of the Guidelines for grant applicants remain unchanged.**