

Comparative table with the proposed changes to the Applicant's Guide – Call for proposals for projects No. 1 "Restoration of wetlands and peatlands"

No	Type of document	Initial version	Proposed version
Applicant's Guide			
1.	Guide's cover guide - Deadline for submission of Applications for Funding	Deadline for submitting Applications for Funding: 15 January 2021 at 14:30.	Deadline for submitting Applications for Funding: 31 March 2021 at 17:00.
2.	Chapter 7.2. Types of eligible projects	NA	<p>In the last paragraph, the following text is added:</p> <p>“ if for duly justified reasons (agreement is not obtained from the owners, or if it has been found that the essential characteristics and functions of the peatland/wetland have been totally lost so that the proposed rehabilitation work becomes untimely in terms of the expected result, Applicants shall have the possibility to replace for each region a maximum of 40 % of the number of peatland allocated to the region as listed for the region concerned in Annex No 9 to the Applicant's Guide .</p> <p>New peatlands/wetlands will be selected from among those listed in Annex No. 14 to the Applicant's Guide “peatlands and wetlands in Romania”.</p> <p>The proposed replacement will take into account the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The final area proposed by the project application for restoration is not less than that specified for the region concerned in the table in Annex No. 9 to the Applicant's Guide; ➤ The number of peatlands and wetlands restored through the project application for the region concerned is not reduced from that specified for that region in the table in Annex No. 9 to the Applicant 's Guide. ➤ Annex 6 to the grant application provides the supporting documents which have been the basis for the need to replace up to a maximum of 40 % of the number of initial peatlands, as well as

			documents showing at least the same value of the ecosystem, i.e. the identification of the anthropogenic pressure on wetlands/peatlands (documents, technical documentation/ photographs of the area concerned showing that the specific character of the peatland or wetland no longer exists/can be restored).”
3.	Chapter 7.3 Types of eligible activities	"In order to be eligible for funding, all 4 projects will exclusively target restoration works for the 45 wetlands/peat lands selected."	"In order to be eligible for funding, all 4 projects will only target restoration works for the 45 wetlands/peatlands selected, subject to the conditions set out in Chapter. 7.2 of the Applicant’s Guide.’
4.	Chapter 11. Preparation and submission of projects	The period for the submission of applications for funding shall be 4 months from the opening of the call for proposals. The deadline for launching the call is 16 September 2020 at 14:30, i.e. the deadline for the submission of applications for funding for this call is 15 January 2021 at 14:30, the deadline for effective registration at the premises of the Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests in Libertatii Blvd., No. 12, Bucharest, Sector 5, Romania.	The period for the submission of applications for funding shall be 6,5 months from the opening of the call for proposals. The deadline for launching the call is 16 September 2020 at 14:30, i.e. the deadline for the submission of applications for funding for this call is 31 March 2021 at 17:00, the deadline for effective registration at the premises of the Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests in Libertatii Blvd., No. 12, Bucharest, Sector 5, Romania.
5.	Chapter 18. Information and communication	”d) online information measures, via a project page on an existing website of the organization. If the promoter does not have a website, then it is required to build and maintain a dedicated website throughout the implementation period of the project as well as during the sustainability period. Updated information on the project will be published regularly in Romanian. For projects developed in partnership with an entity in the Donor States, the	" d) online information measures, throughout the project implementation period as well as during the sustainability period, through a dedicated project website on an existing organization website or social media profile, where a website does not already exist (as amended in November 2020 in points (d) and (e) of Article 2.3.2 of Annex 3 Information and Communication - EEA and Norwegian Regulations 2014-2021, document available at https://www.eeagrants.ro/documente?filtru_program=&filtru_tip_doc=31). Updated information on the project will be published regularly in Romanian. For projects developed in partnership with an entity in the Donor States, the information will be published on the

		information will be published on the project promoter's website or on the dedicated project site in bilingual version (RO/EN).'	project promoter's website/on a social media profile/on the project's dedicated website in bilingual version (RO/EN).'
6.	Chapter 20. Annexes	NA	To be completed by : "Annex No 14 Peatlands and wetlands in Romania".
Attachments to the Applicant's Guide			
7.	Annex No 6 - Information and supporting documents concerning land subject to ecological recovery	NA	The following shall be added: '- In the case of an application for replacement of up to 40 % of the number of initial patlands listed in Annex No 9 to the Applicant's Guide for the region in question, the supporting documents which were the basis for the need for replacement (declarations, written documents, technical documentation/photographs for the area showing that the specific character of peatland or wetland no longer exists/can no longer be restored, as well as documents resulting in at least equal value of the proposed ecosystem(s), i.e. identification of anthropogenic pressure on wetland/peat bogie, etc.). -The reply concerning the consultation of the National Agency for Protected Natural Areas showing that the proposed restoration measures are not to be found in the framework of other projects aimed at implementing active conservation measures under the management plans to be financed under the POIM, Axis 4, Type B actions to avoid double funding.';
8.	Annex 6 - Self-declaration of the landowners	"d) the activities proposed in the grant application and aimed at the improvement of the land under my ownership have not benefited in the last five years and are not receiving public funding from national or european funds (reimbursable and non-reimbursable)"	"d) activities proposed in the grant application and aimed at the development of land under my ownership have not benefited in the last five years and are not receiving public funding for the rehabilitation of wetlands and peatlands from national or european funds (reimbursable and non-reimbursable)"
9.	Annex no. 14 - Peatlands and wetlands in Romania	NA	Annex No 14 Peatlands and wetlands in Romania is inserted in the Applicant's Guide.