

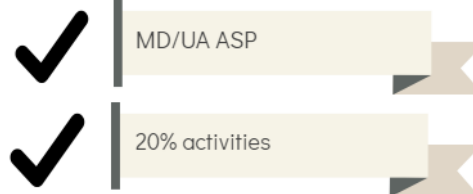
## Involvement of Moldovan and Ukrainian institutions in the DTP

### How to involve Project Partners from Moldova and Ukraine?

Institutions from **Moldova (MD)** and **Ukraine (UA)** in specific sectors might be particularly important for some of the projects planning to request co-financing from the DTP. Furthermore, **data and elaboration of country positions** may be essential or extremely relevant for some projects where Ukraine and Moldova can play a decisive role.

While Moldovan and Ukrainian institutions could be **directly financed through the ENI** from the second call on, their **presence could be also ensured by two DTP provisions financially supported by ERDF funds**:

1. MD/UA Associated Strategic Partner (MD/UA ASP)
2. 20% activities



A **MD/UA ASP** is usually an institution relevant for achieving the project results that cannot bear the financial burden of a full financed partner. MD/UA ASPs are involved in the project without directly receiving funds from the Programme (without own budget), but **“sponsored” by an ERDF partner**.

MD/UA Associated Strategic Partners may be organisations which are **relevant for the project** in terms of area of expertise and at the same time are **interested in providing professional or political support** to the project and are able to offer valuable input for the development of project outputs. Thus, MD/UA Associated Strategic Partners may bring a significant contribution to the sustainability of the project outputs. Financial-related provisions for this scheme can be found on the Factsheet on ASP and on the section IV, Part 3 of the DTP Applicants Manual.

In case the involvement of Ukrainian and Moldovan institutions is considered essential for the achievement of the project results, their presence in the project **Steering Committee (SC)** should be ensured through the project rules of procedure and decision making, where equal weight on the SC shall be provided. The partnership is expected to regulate the participation of the MD/UA ASP in Art 4 of the Partnership Agreement, namely in the sections related to the *a) Composition of the Steering Committee, b) Tasks, d) Decision making*.

An additional aspect that supports the MD/UA ASP is the **use of ERDF funds to implement some activities in Moldova and/or Ukraine** (so called 20% activities).



Project activities co-financed by the ERDF shall be **located in the part of the Programme area comprising European Union territory** (EU part of the Programme area).

Nevertheless, project partners can, in justified cases, implement part of ERDF-financed activities (i.e. participating in events, organisation of seminars, events or workshops) **in EU countries outside programme area and/ or non-EU countries within the programme area**. Detailed information on this scheme can be found on the section 3.3.3.4 of the DTP Implementation Manual and on the section IV, Part 3 of the DTP Applicants Manual.

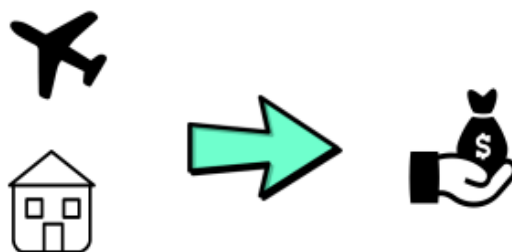
In case of **procurements/contracts for services**, to be carried out according to the law of the ERDF sponsoring partner's country, by the concerned ERDF partner, ASP are expected to provide content input on the ToRs and full support to the ERDF sponsoring partner. Specific provisions on the tasks of the ASP and the ERDF sponsoring partner could be included in the project Partnership Agreement (by adding additional paragraphs to Art 4).

Prescribed rules are going to be checked by the Controller of the ERDF sponsoring partner during the regular check of the partner reported expenditures.

## Supported activities

- ❖ **Travel and accommodation costs** (and in certain cases also **daily allowance**) of representatives of Ukrainian and Moldovan ASP institutions can be paid by a sponsoring ERDF partner.

Modalities of **travel payment or reimbursement** should be agreed beforehand with the ERDF sponsoring partner (and its controller), taking into consideration the DTP provisions in this respect.



ERDF sponsoring partners can sponsor **costs to be budgeted under the budget line “External expertise and services” to implement activities in Ukraine**. Such activities are meant to be needed for the **smooth and complete implementation of the project**, as well as provide a **clear benefit for the whole programme area**.

Type of **activities to be paid directly by the ERDF sponsoring partner** for the benefit of Moldova and/or Ukraine and of the programme area could be:

- ❖ Organisation of events
- ❖ Externalisation of studies/analysis/ data collection on a specific project topic
- ❖ Capacity building/training activities

In any case, **staff and overheads costs of the Moldovan and Ukrainian institutions cannot be covered by the ERDF sponsoring partner**. Small scale investments and equipment are not supported either.

**Direct transfer of funds** from the ERDF sponsoring partner to the Moldovan and Ukrainian institution **is not allowed**.