

**Calabria Scouting – Public Notice Investments Attraction in the Tourism Sector in the Regional Territory**

**FAQ – 1**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>QUESTION</b>	<b>ANSWER</b>
<b>1</b>	Are expenses for the renovation of existing buildings already owned (or rented) and to be used as accommodation facilities (therefore not to be purchased and not to be built ex-novo, also in accordance with the EU, national and regional "zero land consumption" guidelines and policies) included among eligible expenses b) Purchase or construction of buildings including building interventions (as per Article 3 of Presidential Decree No. 380 of June 6, 2001) up to an extent not exceeding 60 percent of the total eligible costs?	Yes, in accordance with the provisions of the public notice and relevant regulations.
<b>2</b>	Eligible expenses (in Ch. 3.3) in total must be no less than 1 million and they should not exceed 5 million. Are small businesses prevented to participate in the call for small investments?	Regardless of their size, businesses are eligible to participate within the minimum and maximum limits of eligible costs stipulated in the notice.
<b>3</b>	A company that already carries out tourism activities in another region has already purchased a disused tourism facility in Calabria; this company intends to submit Application under the Notice in question for the opening of an Operating Unit in Calabria whose investment program provides only for the Renovation of Buildings as well as the Purchase of the necessary Equipment and Furniture. Given that the purchase of the facility took place a few months ago, can the company apply for the benefits in the Program referred to above or is the purchase that has already occurred considered as "the beginning of investment" and, therefore, ineligible?	The company is allowed to participate provided that the business unit is not already operating on the register of undertakings. Expenses incurred after the submission of the application will be considered eligible.
<b>5</b>	Having regard to the call and concerning the financial contribution to be made by the beneficiary, equal to 25 percent of eligible costs, either through the beneficiary's own resources or through external financing, can companies have recourse to the guarantee of Mediocredito Centrale for the financing?	No, they cannot, 25% must be contributed in a form free of any public support, in compliance with the notice.
<b>6</b>	1. As of 01.01.2022, must applicant companies already carry out the activities of the Ateco codes admitted, (i.e., possess the SCIA – Certified Declaration of Business Start-Up – or other authorizations) or may they have just reported them to the revenue agency or be recorded in the business register of the chamber of commerce but not exercise them? 2. If a company has already started the construction work of a building which will host a tourist accommodation facility, can the company participate in the notice, indicating among	1. As of 01.01.2022, companies must have already started and exercised an activity falling under the codes provided in the notice (data is indicated in the register of undertakings); 2. no, it is not possible.

	the expenses to be incurred only those necessary for the completion of the building and the outline of the entire production cycle?	
<b>7</b>	With reference to this Notice, is a company based in a region other than Calabria and with Local Unit in Calabria, that intends to expand its production capacity in the local unit in Calabria, eligible for the facilities.	Yes, in accordance with the provisions of the public notice.
<b>8</b>	With reference to the Calabria SCOUTING Notice, the announcement did not mention if - in order to participate - it is necessary to have an already active business or if there is a deadline to create it. What I meant is, if I own a property, can I participate in the call, developing a tourism facility?	Applicant companies must have already started and been engaged in an activity falling under one of the international/national classifications indicated in the notice.
<b>9</b>	I am the consultant of a company with registered office in Calabria that is already active in sectors identified by the Ateco codes admitted in the Notice in question. I would like you to confirm that my company could participate in the Notice by submitting an investment project involving the acquisition (from an unrelated third party) of an existing accommodation facility, for a subsequent expansion and redevelopment of the facility in the name of the company. In fact, for the beneficiary company this investment would entail, upon completion of the project, the creation of an additional local unit flanking those already registered at the CCIAA (Chamber of Commerce) before participating in the notice; this condition seems to meet the requirement in point 2.1.b) 2 of the notice. For all intents and purposes, then, the type of intervention (purchase of property and expansion/renovation) would seem to fall within both the list of eligible expenses and the definition of "initial investment" in the Community Guidelines on State Aid. My doubt is the following: if such intervention were allowed the notice, however, for this measure we would have a situation where the Region does not allow a Calabrian enterprise to participate in the notice to expand and improve a hotel that is already owned and active at least as a local business unit, while another Calabrian enterprise in the sector that acquires a third-party facility even though it is already operational can indeed participate (for the beneficiary, in fact, unlike the previous case, it would represent a new local unit of the sector in addition to those already registered in CCIAA, with primary Ateco code included among those allowed by the measure).	Companies listed in Article 2.1 of the notice and meeting all the conditions stipulated in the notice are eligible to participate.
<b>10</b>	CAN THE SHARE OF THE INVESTMENT FOR WHICH FINANCING IS REQUESTED, AND NOT COVERED BY THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT, BE COVERED BY A BANK LOAN WITH THE GUARANTEE OF THE CENTRAL FUND GRANTED THROUGH THE MEDIO CREDITO CENTRALE, PROVIDED THAT THE APPLICANT HAS NOT PROVIDED ANY CONTRIBUTION, AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT IN ANNEX 1 OF THE NOTICE IT IS SPECIFIED THAT THE EXTERNAL FINANCING MUST BE FREE OF ANY PUBLIC SUPPORT?	SEE ANSWER IN NO. 5

11	I would like to kindly know if my sole proprietorship company, having Ateco code 90.02.09, and dealing with events and shows, falls among the companies admitted in the call "Attraction in the Tourism Sector in the Regional Territory ("CALABRIA SCOUTING")". Thanks	The ATECO Code 2007 90.02.09 is not included among those eligible for benefits and provided for in Article 2.1.1 of the Notice.
12	I would kindly ask you to send me the BURC (Notice in the Official Bulletin of the Region of Calabria) at your earliest convenience, since the submission of our application expires on the 30th of this month	The Public Notice was published in Burc (Notice in the Official Bulletin of the Region of Calabria) No. 201 of September 8th, 2022 ( <a href="http://burc.regione.calabria.it">http://burc.regione.calabria.it</a> )
13	With reference to the Notice, I would like to ask you whether a company whose Ateco code is 41.2 (construction of residential and nonresidential buildings) that is registered with the chamber of commerce and that is about to start new Ateco code 55 (accommodation services) for the construction of a residence in the municipality of Montepaone, can participate in the call as stated in point 2 B) 2 of this notice.	Applicant companies, must have already started and carry out an activity falling under one of the international/national classifications indicated in the notice. For the reasons above, the company cannot participate.
14	I am writing to ask for clarification regarding the public notice INVESTMENTS ATTRACTION IN THE TOURISM SECTOR IN THE REGIONAL TERRITORY ("CALABRIA SCOUTING"). Specifically, should the creation of a new activity (1.1.3 lett. a) be in connection with the Ateco code of the applicant company? (by way of example if my company falls under category 2.1 lett. C, as I have a catering business 56.10.11, can the new activity that needs to be developed fall in the category of accommodation business, such as a hotel or B&B, or does the new activity have to be a food and catering service business?)	Type C companies that carry out an activity with an ATECO code that falls among those indicated in the Notice, are admitted to participate in order to set up and open a new business unit that is additional to those already working in Calabria. The new business unit needs to have one of the ATECO 2007 codes indicated the Notice, not necessarily similar to that of the local unit that is already operating.