DICE Digital R&D Fund - Clarification Questions:

**Application**

1) Is the application due midnight or noon on the 15th?
   **Answer:** The Application is due at midnight i.e. **23.59 GMT on the 15th of December 2020**

2) Could you guys confirm where the video is to be submitted?
   **Answer:** The video has to be submitted in the **Vision and Rationale** section of the application. A text box is provided to enter a URL that must not have limited access (so our assessors can view)

3) I am having difficulty logging into the portal. Can you help?
   **Answer:** The correct link for the application is [https://apply.gmt.britishcouncil.org/outreach/workbench.ofml](https://apply.gmt.britishcouncil.org/outreach/workbench.ofml). Please also refer to the step-by-step application guidance on the portal.

**Eligibility**

4) I have applied to deliver services to the British Council through a supplier contract. Am I able to apply to this Fund?
   **Answer:** Yes

5) I have applied to another grant opportunity from the British Council. Am I able to apply to this Fund?
   **Answer:** Yes, you can apply for more than one Fund. In the application process we will ask you to share the other funds to which you have applied.

6) Can 1 organisation pitch for multiple projects? Can It partner with different organisations for each of the proposal?
   **Answer:** Yes

7) I am helping a program for an organisation that is not an NGO, but it is a private company. Is it OK to apply as a private company?
   **Answer:** Yes

8) We currently have a grant from DICE Egypt on a different type of project, that will end on March 2021. Can we still apply for this grant?
   **Answer:** Yes, you may apply for this grant even if you are working with DICE in any country in another capacity. We assume that you have capacity to deliver both.
9) We applied to the Digital Collaboration Fund but the results will be announced at the end of the month. Can we still apply to this fund? and If yes can we apply with the same partner?
   **Answer:** Yes

10) I am part of larger public sector organisation (University), but only I would be working in this project. Will you offer this grant to me or directly to the organisation?
   **Answer:** The grant will only be awarded to organisations, not individuals

11) If I work in an organisation that is not legally registered. Is it possible for me to apply for the grant and simultaneously register my organisation so that till the time of contracting, I have a legal registration status?
   **Answer:** Yes. However, the formal registration should be in place by the application submission deadline.

**Finance and Budgets**

12) Can money from this grant be used to contribute to staff time as well? Are there limits to what the funding can be used for / things that we can’t use the funding for?
   **Answer:** Yes. There is no stipulated limit to how much of the cost must go towards staff expenses vs other project expenses, however, your methodology and approach must support and justify the cost breakup you propose.

**Project Delivery**

13) Do you consider Zoom, Slack and Mural.co secure platforms?
   **Answer:** Yes, premium accounts for these digital platforms are considered secure.

14) Due to language constraints, can we choose one Partner’s location to deliver the digital experience and only in that partner’s language?
   **Answer:** Yes, the partners may choose to only deliver the project in one location if the content/material is suited to that location/country. However, to mitigate the issue of language as a barrier, you may hire interpretation and translation services for your experience which should be costed in your budget.

15) Do you have a minimum or suggested total workload and frequency (e.g. weekly sessions)?
   **Answer:** No, we allow all applicants the flexibility to decide workload and frequency of online engagement among themselves and with their target audience as required for their particular digital experience.

16) Will the delivery of the experience be considered among the 6 days (Feb-May) for the partnership as practice?
   **Answer:** No, the six days to participate in the community of practice and research are in addition to the delivery of the project and must be accounted for in the budget as such.
17) Are the six community of practice days within the £7k to £15k budget?
   **Answer:** Yes, these 6 days’ worth of staff cost must be included in the £7k to £15k budget.

18) Can you share details of R&D Fund projects (2018-2020), like workload, number of sessions, etc, for benchmarking?
   **Answer:** The DICE Fund in 2018 was different in scale and nature so we will not provide a benchmark as such, but please do visit our website to acquaint yourselves with the kind of work that has been happening under DICE over the past 3 years.

19) What is the due diligence requirement mentioned in the guidance notes?
   **Answer:** The due diligence list is provided to give applicants a sense of what documentation the British Council may require if your proposal is successful. These will ONLY be required from successful applicants at the contracting stage.

20) Is due diligence applicable for organisations that have worked with the British Council in the past?
   **Answer:** As a rule, recent previous partners are not required to undergo due diligence. However, even if you are a prior partner, the British Council may need access to updated organisation information if required.

21) For Brazil applicants, will the Due Diligence documentation also be asked?
   **Answer:** Yes, due diligence requirements will be applicable for subcontracted Brazilian partners as well.

22) Is it necessary for all organisations to produce each due diligence document listed in the guidance section?
   **Answer:** The British Council is flexible about this - if you do not have a certain due diligence document listed in the guidance notes, we will at the time of contracting individually contact you to seek another alternate piece of evidence as required.

23) If an organisation does not have the following for due diligence, what do they do?
   **Answer:** If your organisation does not have audited financial reports, you may share with us whatever financial statements you have available for your organisation.

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**Partnership and Matchmaking**
24) Can the British Council put my organisation in touch with an organisation from another DICE who are interested in pairing up?

**Answer:** Given the high interest in the DICE Digital R&D Fund, we are unable to provide individual matchmaking, but we are keen to help interested organisations find a Digital Partner and are providing three ways to do so:

I. You can visit the DICE Developing Inclusive and Creative Economies [LinkedIn group](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/) and look for a partner there or create a post to share your interest in finding a partner.

II. You can join one or all of our forthcoming matchmaking sessions, which are designed to help interested organisations to find a partner, visit the [DICE Digital R&D page](https://www.dicefund.org/). 

III. Explore and add your details to this [Google Doc](https://docs.google.com/document), where organisations are registering their interest in finding a partner organisation.

25) Is it possible to apply for a partnership across three countries (for example Brazil, Indonesia and the UK)?

**Answer:** Only two organisations may apply for this grant, however we welcome you to work with colleagues/consultants/subcontracted organisations from other DICE countries.

26) We'd like to work with our previous DICE partner, in order to deepen/expand our collective ability and expertise (for example, to explore new ways in which to work with each other, and to bring in a couple of other organisations). Is this something that would be welcomed? Or do you have a specific preference for new relationships?

**Answer:** We welcome existing partnerships and new, and do not have a preference for either.

27) Due to the Brazil restriction, should Brazil Applicants fill in the Grant Application Jointly form along with Partner?

**Answer:** Yes, Brazil applicants and partners will also apply on the same GMT portal and have to collectively fill out the grant application.

28) Am I allowed to attend more than one matchmaking session?

**Answer:** Yes