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Assessment process and quality assessment criteria

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ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE



1. Administrative Compliance Check

Eligibility

Legal status check

Eligible project proposals

2. Financial capacity check of private Lead Applicants

Only applicable for Priority 1 project proposals with PVT Lead applicants

Eligible project proposals passing Financial capacity check

3.a Quality assessment (including consolidation)

Content-wise assessment

Financial assessment

3.b State Aid Compliance Check

Assessment results

MC decision for funding

Assessment Criteria reflect the information to be provided in the sections of the Application form

→Basis for funding decision of the MC

1. **Relevance** (what for?)
2. **Implementation and methodology** (how?)
3. **Quality of the outputs and sustainability of the expected results** (what?)
4. **Partnership technical and operational capacity** (who?)
5. **Budget and cost-effectiveness** (how much?)



Projects should set **particular emphasis on all criteria** during project preparation to be successful.

QUALITY ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND SUB-CRITERIA



1. Relevance

Assessment of the following sub-criteria:

- ✓ Relevance to overall Programme goals and objectives
- ✓ Relevance to needs and constraints of target regions and Area of Intervention
- ✓ Definition of beneficiaries of project results
- ✓ Contribution to Lisbon and/or Gothenburg goals and relevance to other EU and national policies
- ✓ Added value in terms of innovation

2. Implementation and Methodology

Assessment of the following sub-criteria:

- ✓ Project design (proposed methodology)
- ✓ Work plan and timetable (coherence, transparency)
- ✓ Management and coordination structures (efficiency, transparency)



QUALITY ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND SUB-CRITERIA (CONT.)



3. Quality of outputs & sustainability of expected results

Assessment of the following sub-criteria:

- ✓ Core outputs (definition and assumptions on their use, target groups, process assumptions)
- ✓ Sustainability of expected results at institutional and financial level
- ✓ Transferability and replicability of outputs and results beyond the partnership and the transnational boundaries
- ✓ Communication and knowledge management strategies

4. Partnership technical and operational capacity

Assessment of the following sub-criteria:

(total criterion score being the sum of sub-criteria scores)

- ✓ Lead Applicant experience of project management
- ✓ Technical expertise of partnership
- ✓ Appropriateness and relevance of partnership



Assessment criteria

- ✓ Relevance
- ✓ Partnership technical and operational capacity
- ✓ Implementation and Methodology
- ✓ Quality of the outputs and Sustainability of the achieved results
- ✓ Budget and cost effectiveness

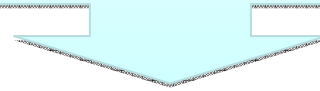
“Budget and cost-effectiveness” is only one category of the assessment...

...but **it can make the difference!**

Sub-criterion 1: Value for money

The budget has to refer to a **realistic estimation of costs**:

- ✓ value of single outputs;
- ✓ value of the overall project in relation to its objectives.



The guiding principle is the **“three E” principle**, which is checked not only within the project assessment but also throughout the whole project implementation.



Sub-criterion 2: Coherence with the work plan

- ✓ clear coherence between the described activities and outputs and the financial tables;
- ✓ proper distribution of the budget between budget lines;
- ✓ analytical breakdown and description of costs for External Experts, Equipments, Investments, Others.
- ✓ allocation of costs per reporting periods based on payments.

The guiding principle is the coherence between the foreseen activities and the resources devoted to them

Sub-criterion 3: Partners' contribution

- ✓ The budget of each partner should reflect its responsibilities in the work packages.
- ✓ Partners should aim at defining a fair distribution of activities and their related costs among the entire partnership (no artificial splitting).

The guiding principle is the transnationality and the budget should reflect the active participation of all partners (max. 50% of the project ERDF can be allocated to the LP).



Thank you for your attention!

