

Project Selection Methodology

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Title: Stages of the selection procedure

Stage B Stage A **Application Form with the Concept Note** attached mandatory **Template** documents Stage B: Phase B3' Stage B: Phase B1' **Beneficiaries** Stage B: Phase B2' **Administrative & Eligibility Assessment Project Eligibility Quality Assessment** & State Aid **Assessment Compliance**









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Title: Stage A: Concept Note

LB submits a
Concept
Note to the
MA



- based on an on/off procedure
- following a targeted set of criteria
- examining consistency with strategy, intended targets, indicators of Programme etc.

MC validates the results of the assessment













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Title: Stage B: Phase B1-Administrative & Project Eligibility Assessment

The selected LBs of Stage A are invited to submit the full AF with mandatory documents

Projects will be examined by JS in collaboration with Unit A of the M.A. based on an on/off procedure and following a relevant List of Criteria.

Administrative compliance:

a) AF submitted within the deadline set, b) is correctly filled in, c) required documents are submitted, and properly completed, signed, stamped

Eligibility criteria:

a) Structure of the cross-border partnership, b) the general compatibility with objectives and principles, c) the duration of the project, d) project budget, size and costs are in line with the limits set by the call

Horizontal policies compliance: legislation of public contracts, sustainable development, fundamental rights, equal opportunities and nondiscrimination, accessibility for persons with disabilities Depending on the result of the examination, the proposal proceeds to Phase B2' or the project is proposed for rejection





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Title: Stage B: Phase B2-Quality Assessment

The Projects that qualify for Phase B2 are subject to Quality Assessment based on a scoring system using core selection criteria.

Projects will be checked for Project Quality (Content related criteria and Implementation criteria) by two Assessors from the Register of Assessors

(one Assessor per country)

Implementation-related criteria: quality of the partnership, methodological approach, maturity of the project, budget and finance

Content-related criteria:
relevance of the proposal, quality
of outcomes and results, impact
and sustainability, innovation,
cross-border cooperation and
capitalization

The final assessment results are checked and finalized by Unit A' of the Managing Authority and submitted in descending order for approval to the Monitoring Committee.















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Title: Stage B: Phase B2-Scoring System

Maximum total score:

90 points 100% successful

Admissible score for the content-related criteria: 25/40 62% of the maximum score

Minimum total score:

60 points 66% of the maximum score

Admissible score
for the Implementation-related criteria:
35/50
70% of the maximum score











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<u>Title: Stage B: Phase B3'-Beneficiaries Eligibility Assessment & State Aid Compliance</u>

Beneficiaries submitted necessary supporting documents shall be checked by MA/JS for applicant's eligibility

Beneficiaries Eligibility & State Aid Compliance check is carried out by JS

The results of the assessment are validated by MC

A technical meeting is held, where the financial scope of each project is finalized, if required, and the subsidy contract is signed















Title: Complaint Procedure

A Complaint procedure applies to Stages A and B

If a proposal is rejected, the Lead beneficiaries have the right to appeal the decisions made by the MC within 7 working days from the day following notification of the Monitoring Committee's Decision

A Joint Complaints Committee shall examine and evaluate the legal and factual argument(s) and claims of the complaint, form its opinion and reach a conclusion on the complaint.

The conclusion of the Joint Complaints Committee shall be validated by the Monitoring Committee



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Thank you for your attention!

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