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Evaluation Procedure

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Two step selection procedure

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Stage A’

Concept Note Submission

Stage B’

Evaluation of Proposals

(a three (3) phase procedure)

Stage A'- Concept Note submission (1)

- **LB submits a Concept Note to the MA exclusively electronically via MIS**

- **MA evaluates Project Proposals' Concept Note** in collaboration with the National Authorities, if required following a targeted set of criteria, and examining consistency of Project Proposals with strategy, intended targets, indicators of the Programme etc.

- **MC approves the results of the evaluation**

Stage A’- Concept Note submission (2)

- The Managing Authority reserves the right to propose modification of the partnership at this stage.
- Potential beneficiaries can file a complaint.
- The complaints are examined by the Joint Complaint Committee.
- The result of the Joint Complaint Committee, is approved by the Monitoring Committee.
- **Stage A’ will not be implemented in the case of a Targeted Call for Project Proposals.**

Going towards Stage B’

• Successful project ideas submit their full application forms for assessment:

- at a time specified by each Call for Project Proposals (CfPPs)
- exclusively electronically through MIS

Stage B. Evaluation of Proposals

The evaluation of proposals is completed in 3 consecutive and distinct Phases and more specifically:

- Phase B1′: Administrative & Project Eligibility Assessment
- Phase B2′: Quality Assessment
- Phase B3': Beneficiaries Eligibility Check & State Aid Compliance for Project Proposals which have been positively evaluated in phases B1 and B2

Phase B1': Administrative & Project Eligibility Assessment

- **Electronic submission of Project Proposals**
  - **automatic MIS check**
  - **ALLOW OR NOT ALLOW** the submission of the proposal

Selection Criteria

- **Administrative compliance**
- **Eligibility criteria**
- **Horizontal policies compliance**

Document-related check is an **ON-OFF procedure**;

Phase B1 check is carried out **by JS** in collaboration with Unit A' of MA

Phase B2: Quality Assessment

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- **Scoring System** using core **Selection Criteria** -> to assess the quality of the eligible PPs

Selection criteria

A. Content related criteria

- Relevance
- Quality of expected outcomes and results
- Cross Border cooperation

B. Implementation related criteria

- Quality of the partnership
- Quality of the methodological approach
- Maturity of the Project
- Budget and finance

Evaluation Procedure – Selection Criteria: Phase B2 (1)

Phase B2: Quality Assessment

- The evaluation procedure is under the control and responsibility of Unit A of the MA.

- **Evaluation** of proposals is performed **by two (2) Assessors – One Assessor from each Register of Assessors of each Country.**

- **Maximum total score** of Project Proposal: **90 points**.
- "Admissible score" for **Content-related criteria:** a **minimum threshold of 25/40** points
- In case criterion A.3 "cross-border cooperation" is graded with zero (0) points the proposal will be rejected
- "Admissible score" for **Implementation-related criteria:** a **minimum threshold of 35/50** points

Evaluation Procedure – Selection Criteria: Phase B2 (2)

Phase B2: Quality Assessment

- **Final Evaluation Results** - checked and finalized **by Unit A'** of MA;
- A **shortlist ranking** the proposals – in **descending order** - prepared by MA and submitted for approval to MC.

- Project proposals that **do not meet** the quality assessment criteria are **sorted out**.
- The **results** of the assessment will be **validated by MC**, and
- The **results** will be **communicated** to the **Lead Beneficiaries** of each partnership by MA.

- **Complaint procedure** applies.

Evaluation Procedure – Selection Criteria: Phase B3

Phase B3: Project Beneficiaries Eligibility and State Aid compliance check

Beneficiaries declared as eligible in Stage A, **submit** the necessary **supporting documents** as requested by MA for eligibility check;

Beneficiaries Eligibility check is carried out **by JS**;

Project proposals that **do not meet** the eligibility criteria are **sorted out**.

The **results** of the assessment will be **validated by MC**;

Complaint procedure applies.

Upon completion of:the Evaluation procedure & Complaint Procedure, a Technical Meeting is held in order to finalize issues related to the financial scope of the project, state aid etc., if required;

Upon completion of Technical Meetings and finalization of project aspects, the Subsidy Contract is signed.

Thank you!

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