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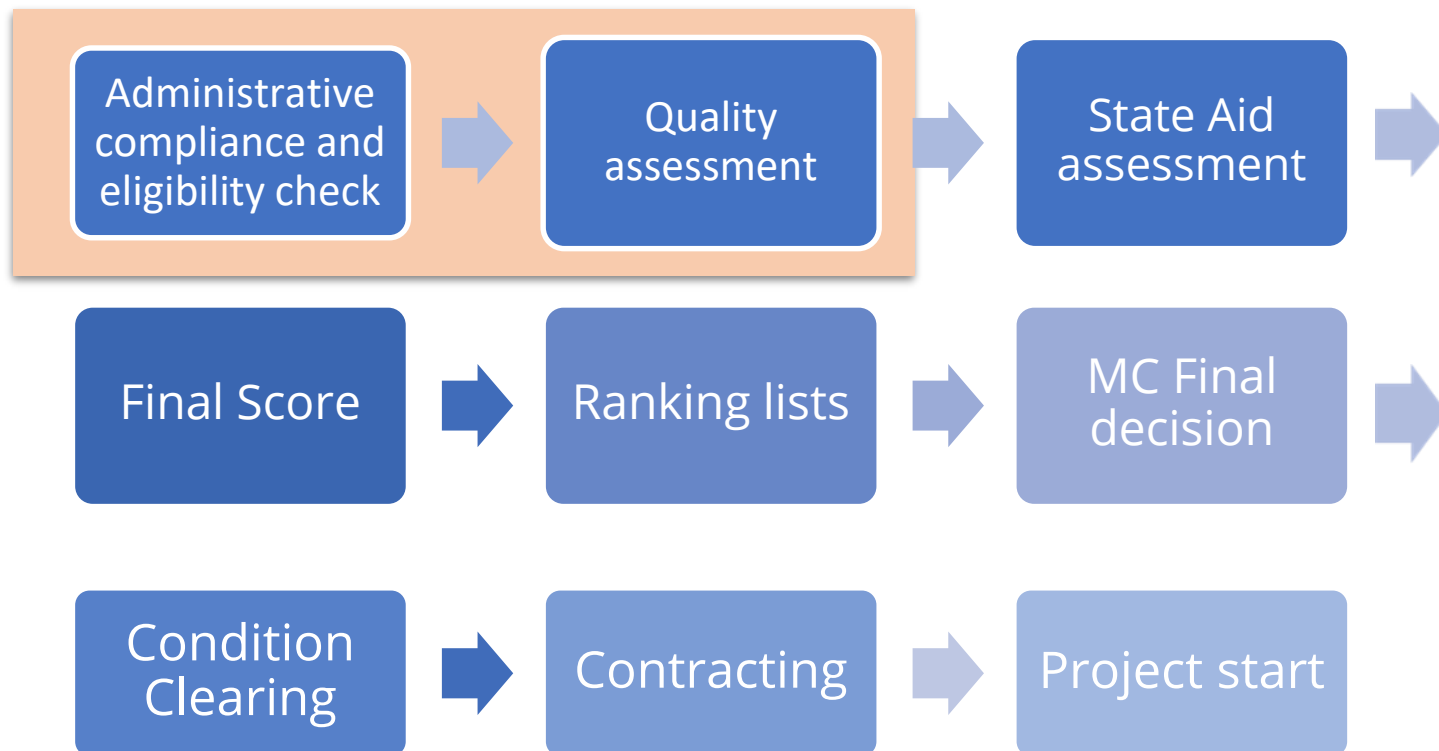
Project selection procedure

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Steps in the selection process





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Annex 1 – Project Selection Assessment Criteria

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Bodies in charge

Joint Secretariat

- Carrying out the assessment on behalf of MC during adm/eligibility check, quality assessment, State aid phases, CC and complaints (with MA)

National Authorities

- Involvement on Assimilated competence and Infringement ex art 258 TFEU (only for projects which pass the quality phase)

Monitoring Committee

- Final Decision on Selection (and criteria)

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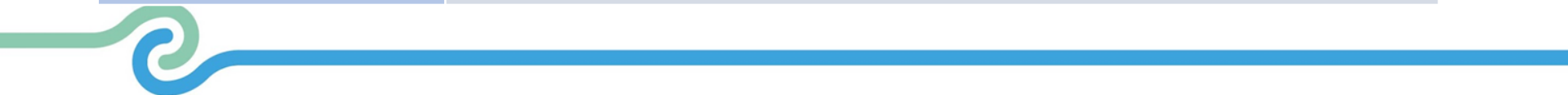
Main elements

	Admissibility compliance and eligibility check	Quality assessment
AIM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • verifying the administrative and eligibility compliance with the requirements set in the Call knock-out criteria – YES / NO • (if 1 criteria is NO, the project to be REJECTED as ineligible – exception: the failure of the criterion leads to the rejection of a single project partner and the general partnership requirements are still met) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evaluating the quality of admitted and eligible proposals • set of criteria: STRATEGIC OPERATIONAL • Points awarded
SUBJECT	information in the AF and annexes uploaded to Jems (statements, Statute, other registration acts, copy of ID documents, act on delegation, authorizations, permits, assessment of expected impacts of climate change, financial statements and bank reference letter - for private LPs) – Jems prevail	AF!
RESULT	<p>Passed > quality assessment, communicated to the MC for approval</p> <p>Rejected > Lead applicants to be informed by MA</p>	Next stages: State Aid assessment – Final score

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Administrative compliance and eligibility checks

CRITERIA	DESCRIPTION
Submission and completeness of the AF	proposal is the only submitted for the given project complete and filled out in English signed by the responsible person
General Call requirements	project duration min / max No of partners total financial dimension
Eligibility of Lead partner /Project partners	LP in only 2 proposals eligible organizations participation “per department”
Annexes	declarations are complete and correct consistent information in the proposal and in annexes Financial capacity of the private LP is demonstrated for investments: other supporting documents
Cooperation criteria	commitment to at least three cooperation criteria
Horizontal principles	respect of the horizontal principles (+DNSH) – assessment of declarations commitments



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FINANCIAL CAPACITY



Criteria: subvention rates and Grant dependency ratio

Balance sheets and Profit & Loss accounts approved and/or audited and submitted to the competent authorities, (Standard projects 2 years, SSP 1 year), bank reference letter

If not available in public registers, to be delivered to JS

Excel tool for self assessment

- the result of the assessment performed by the Programme, in compliance with the rules set for this 1st Call for Proposal, will be considered the only valid for determining the financial capacity

Profit making organizations

BALANCE SHEET	PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT
SUBVENTION RATE The ratio "Equity/ ERDF requested by lead applicant "is higher than 0,5	SUBVENTION RATE The ratio "ERDF requested by lead applicant /Value of Revenues from sales and services" is equal/less than 0,3
LIQUIDITY RATE The ratio "Current assets" + "Cash and cash equivalents" / "Current liabilities" is equal or higher than 0,8	OPERATIONAL PROFIT positive
*Standard projects: mathematical average in 2 years, exception is operational profit – both years	

Non-profit organizations

SUBVENTION RATE Net Worth / ERDF requested by the lead applicant is higher than 0,5
GRANT DEPENDENCY RATIO The ratio ("ERDF/Project duration in years) / Total Annual income is lower than 0,3
*Standard projects: mathematical average in 2 years





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Quality assessment

Key aspects	Aim	Sub-criteria
Cooperation character	Presence of a common identity as a CBC project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importance and necessity of cooperation • The results cannot be achieved without cooperation • Benefit for PP from cooperation • CB activities
Territorial dimension	Existence of territorial customized solution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common territorial challenges and opportunities are addressed
Capitalization aspects	Effective transfer and reuse of existing knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of available knowledge and builds on existing results and practices
Innovative character	Added value of the solution proposed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration of new cross-border solutions (beyond existing practice)
Relevance and strategy	Need for the project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macro strategies, EUSAIR • Synergies with programmes/initiatives





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Quality assessment

Key aspects	Aim	Sub-criteria
Intervention logic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution to achievement of Programme objectives and indicators • Plausibility of the IL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution to Program objectives / priorities / SO/targets; • Project outputs linkage to the POI • SO/outputs/results are needed and achievable with given resources • Needs of TGs are addressed
Sustainability Durability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of project outputs beyond project lifetime • Benefits to beneficiaries after project closure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durability of the outputs • Replicability of the outputs outside partnership • In case of investment in infrastructure or productive investment – evidence of financial resources and mechanisms to cover operation and maintenance costs
Quality of partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Composition of partnership is relevant for the project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant project partners with proven experience and competence • Necessary operational capacity • Newcomers • Optimal overall size of partnership • Role/complementarity





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Quality assessment

Key aspects	Aim	Sub-criteria
Environment	Sustainability objectives and DNSH principle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable development practices • SEA + DNSH (also in CC!)
Operational	Feasibility and efficiency of the project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management • Communication • Work Plan • Budget



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Scoring

Each quality assessment criterion is assessed on the basis of sub-criteria

Not evaluable (0)	information not present or missing
Insufficient (20)	information not relevant
Poor (40)	information provided is relevant, but contains strong weaknesses
Fair (60)	not sufficiently detailed, there are areas that could be strengthened
Good (80)	clear and detailed, small improvements could be made
Excellent (100)	information provided addresses well the criterion in its details, clearness and coherence

Strategic assessment criteria	Weight	Min. quality thresholds
Cooperation character	20%	
Project relevance and strategy	18%	
Contribution to Programme's objectives, results/outputs	16%	
Partnership relevance	16%	
TOTAL STRATEGIC	70%	42
Management	7%	
Communication	7%	
Work Plan	8%	
Budget	8%	
TOTAL OPERATIONAL	30%	18
TOTAL OVERAL	100%	





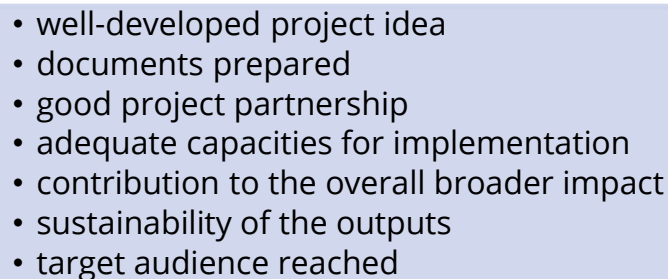
Results of the selection

- FINAL SCORE for each application after the closure of the quality assessment and State aid assessment
- Ranking lists per SO
 - applications approved and financed
 - applications approved and not financed
 - applications not approved
- MC of the Programme responsible for the **final decision**
- The MC reserves the right not to commit all available resources depending on the quality of submitted applications or to allocate additional ERDF resources to finance more proposals from any of the ranking lists.



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Successful
projects

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- well-developed project idea
 - documents prepared
 - good project partnership
 - adequate capacities for implementation
 - contribution to the overall broader impact
 - sustainability of the outputs
 - target audience reached



Recommendations

- Choose carefully your partners
- Form a partnership in accordance with the purpose/goals of the project
- Clearly define the roles of all partners in the project
- Read carefully all the documents from Application package, and other useful documents („*POINT OF ATTENTION*“ in the Guidelines!)
- Respect all conditions of the 1st Call
- Elaborate and prepare ALL project documentation in detail
- Duly fill in the AF and upload annexes to Jems and **CHECK!!!**
- Respect deadlines!



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