



Operational Programme I Cohesion Policy 2014-2020

*Fostering a Competitive and Sustainable
Economy to Meet our Challenges*

Selection of Projects
Clarification on Criteria (Eligibility and Selection)

Monitoring Committee
4th November 2014

Project Selection Process

The process will be outlined in the OP

Call for Projects:

- Call will be published in Government Gazette (as applicable)
- Application form and guidance notes to accompany each call
- Window period for submission of projects will be longer (for better quality applications)
- Online project submission

Project Selection Process

The Managing Authority presides over the selection process

The Project Selection Committee will be set up:

- Secretariat to be provided by the MA;
- Members may include public service officers and/or non-public service officers;
- Ad hoc experts may be invited to support the Committee in its deliberations.

Project Selection Criteria

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Eligibility Criteria:

- Ensure that projects have reached a minimum standard;
- If one of these criteria is not met, the project will not proceed to the second round, i.e. the selection process;
- Eligibility Requirements applicable to specific Priority Axis, where applicable.

Selection Criteria:

- Marks will be allocated in line with the established qualitative and quantitative criteria;
- Projects will be ranked accordingly.

Eligibility Criteria

Complete application form

- All relevant details and support documentation must be provided;
- Outline/incomplete applications are not acceptable.

Contribution towards Investment Priorities

- Investment Priorities are described in the OP;
- Further guidance on eligible actions and expenditure to be annexed to the notes accompanying the call.

Eligibility Criteria

In line with the Specific Objectives as indicated in the OP

- The project must contribute towards at least one of the objectives of the Priority Axis and Investment Priority under which it is submitted.

Contribution towards indicators

- The project must contribute towards at least one of the indicators set in the Programme (output and/or result).

Eligibility Criteria

Project Remit within Mandate of Beneficiary

- Applicants must be publicly mandated (or have the mandate included in their statute) to carry out the project.

Project Leader from Beneficiary Organisation

- The relationship between the Project Leader and the beneficiary is fundamental since the Project Leader carries the overall financial and legal responsibility for the implementation of the project.

Eligibility Criteria

Proof of co-financing (where applicable)

- This could be in the form of a Statement from the bank or the person responsible for finances within the organisation (to be defined in call).

Project implemented within/for the direct benefit of the eligible territory

- Project must either be implemented in Malta and/or Gozo or for the direct benefit of the eligible territory.

Eligibility Criteria

The call may identify additional eligibility requirements relevant to the Thematic Objective/PA

Example:

Priority Axis 1 (Thematic Objective 1 – RTDi)

- Intervention is in line with the Smart Specialisation Framework as identified in the National R&I Strategy.

Priority Axis 6 (Sustainable Urban Development)

- Intervention is in line with sustainable urban development strategy/ies.

Selection Criteria

Further contribution towards indicators:

- Additional marks will be awarded if the project contributes towards the indicators beyond the minimum required (i.e. for eligibility purposes).

Project Sustainability:

- How the benefits of the project will continue to be delivered after the grant has ended.

Selection Criteria

Readiness:

- Has the tender document been prepared/launched/awarded?
- Has the MEPA permit been submitted/issued?
- Has the feasibility study and/or CBA (if required) been finalised?

Capacity of Organisation:

- Capacity is assessed both in terms of adequate human resources, as well as previous experience in the implementation of EU projects, preferably Structural Funds/Cohesion Fund or similar funds.

Selection Criteria

Justified need to implement the project:

- Why the project is needed/necessary and the Community value-added;
- Market research/preliminary work strengthens the argument in favour of the project

National Priorities:

- Projects will be scored in terms of their contribution to national priorities and relevant sectoral policies

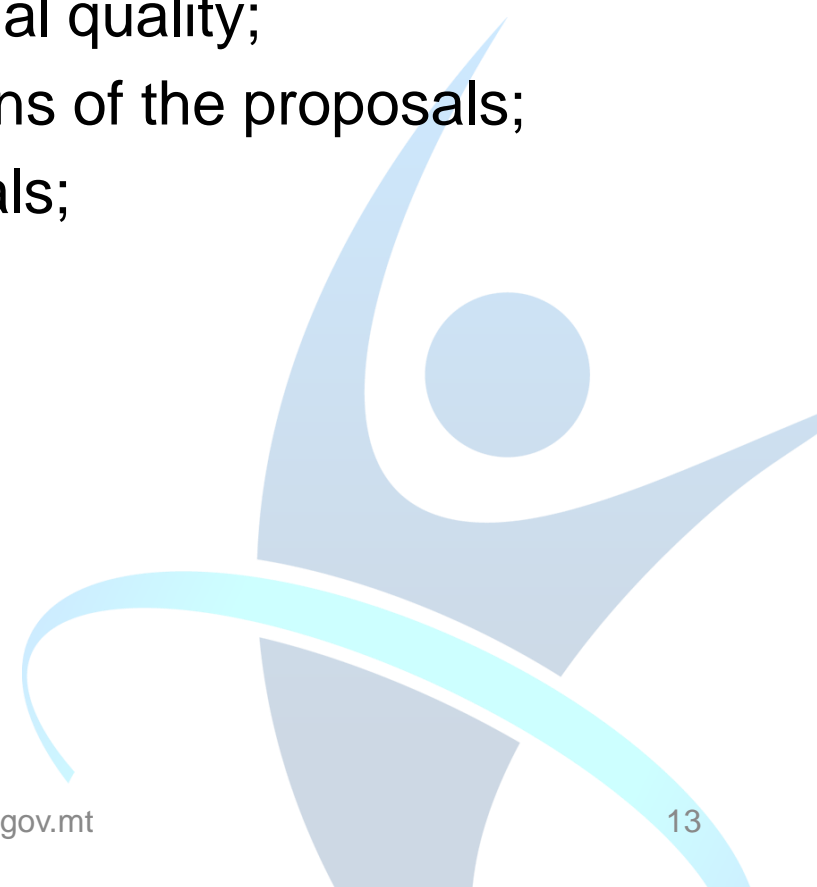
Selection Criteria

Quality of the Application Form:

- Marks will be awarded for exceptional quality;
- Coherence between different sections of the proposals;
- General presentation of the proposals;
- Budget in line with the activities;
- Adequate results.

Horizontal Priorities:

- Environmental sustainability;
- Equal opportunities.



Selection Criteria

Carbon Impact:

- Does the project contribute towards addressing climate change mitigation and adaptation?
- Low Carbon: Does the project take into account low carbon objectives?

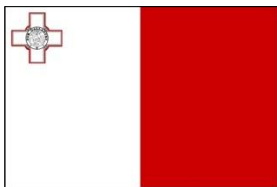


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