

MONITORING COMMITTEE

for Operational Programme II

Empowering People for More Jobs and a Better Quality of Life
Cohesion policy (2007-2013)

SELECTION OF PROJECTS

clarification on criteria

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PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS

The Process is outlined in the OP

- Call for projects:
 - ESF projects will be selected largely via a public call;
 - Call will be published in Government Gazette and websites;
 - An application form and guidance notes will accompany the call;
 - Information sessions will be held.

- Aid schemes
 - Setting up of Intermediate Bodies (IB);
 - IB will launch a call for project proposals to Beneficiaries;
 - Eligibility and selection criteria will be approved by MC.

PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS ...

- The Managing Authority presides over the selection process.

- Project Selection Committee will be set up:
 - Secretariat to be provided by the MA;
 - Members to include officials primarily from departments and agencies within OPM and MFIN;
 - Ad hoc experts may be invited to support the Committee in its deliberations.

PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

The Project Selection Criteria have been divided into two:

□ Eligibility Criteria:

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

□ Selection Criteria:

- Marks will be provided in line with the established criteria in the grid;
- Projects will be ranked accordingly.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ❑ Complete application form:
 - All relevant details and documentation must be provided;
 - Outline/incomplete applications are not acceptable.

- ❑ Fits within one or more of the focus areas of intervention:
 - Focus areas are described in the OP;
 - Further guidance on the eligible actions and expenditure to be annexed to the notes accompanying the call.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA ...

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

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

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA ...

- Project remit within the mandate of the Beneficiary:
 - Applicants must be publicly mandated (or have it in the statute in the case of NGOs) to carry out the task of the project.

- Project Leader from Beneficiary Organisation:
 - The association with the beneficiary is fundamental since Project Leader carries the overall financial and legal responsibility for the implementation of the project.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA ...

- Proof of co-financing (where applicable):
 - E.g. in the form of Statement from bank or person responsible within the organisation for finances.

- 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.

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 policies.

SELECTION CRITERIA ...

- Further contribution towards indicators:
 - Additional marks will be awarded if the project contributes towards the indicators beyond the minimum required.

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

SELECTION CRITERIA ...

- Readiness:
 - E.g. Has tender dossier been prepared/launched?
 - E.g. Has feasibility study (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 or similar.

SELECTION CRITERIA ...

- Quality of the Application Form:
 - Marks will be awarded for exceptional quality.

- Partnership:

projects that are implemented between two or more partners will gain additional points:

 - 1-2 additional partners – 3 points;
 - 3 additional partners or more - 5 points;
 - partnership between public organisations (including local councils) and non public organisations – 5 points.

SELECTION CRITERIA ...

- Horizontal Priorities:
 - Equal opportunities;
 - Environmental sustainability.

- ESF Principles:
 - Innovation;
 - Transnational and Interregional Co-operation.

Thank you

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