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# Eligibility and quality assessment

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# Selection procedure

## **2 step selection procedure:**

### **I. eligibility assessment**

fulfilment of technical requirements

### **II. quality assessment**

2 step qualitative evaluation



# I. ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT



# Eligibility assessment principles

- Technical **yes** or **no** process
- **No** correction possible
- **Only eligible applications are further assessed**



# Is your answer 'yes'?

- Submission online and application summary by post in due time in identical versions, proof of sending provided?
- Complete application (application summary, partner declarations, support letters)?



# Is your answer 'yes'?

- Application filled in according to instructions?  
English?
  
- Partner declarations?
  - signed and dated
  - name of partner identical to application form
  - amount stated covers at least amount of partner contribution
  - no amendments to the standard text



# Is your answer 'yes'?

- Support letters?
  - signed and dated by relevant organisation
  - name of partner(s) identical to application form
  - no amendments to the standard text
  
- Involvement at least 3 countries of which 2 EU-MS and financed by Interreg Europe?
  
- Half of the policy instruments are related to Structural Funds?



## **II. QUALITY ASSESSMENT**





# Quality assessment principles

## 2nd step for eligible applications

- 2 step approach:
  1. strategic assessment
  2. operational assessment
  
- Scoring system (0-5)
  
- Decision by monitoring committee



# 1. Strategic assessment

**Criterion 1:** Relevance of proposal

**Criterion 2:** Quality of results

**Criterion 3:** Quality of partnership

**Only** projects reaching at least an adequate level ( $\geq 3.00$ ) are further assessed for operational criteria.



## 2. Operational assessment

**Criterion 4:** Coherence of the proposal & quality of approach

**Criterion 5:** Quality of management


**Criterion 6:** Budget and finance

**Only** projects reaching at least an overall adequate level ( $\geq 3.00$ ) are recommended for approval/recommended for approval with conditions to the monitoring committee.



# Quality assessment criteria

Detailed description in the programme manual (§5.3.2):

 1. Strategic assessment criteria	
<b>Criterion 1 – Relevance of proposal</b>	
Sub-category	Indicative assessment questions (and source in application form)
Relevance of the theme tackled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Is the theme tackled clearly in line with one of the programme's specific objectives? (C.2)</li><li>▪ Are the theme and the policy instruments addressed clearly related to regional development and/or EU Structural Funds policies? Are they clearly in line with the competences of the relevant authorities at local, regional and national level? (B.2.1.1, B.2.1.2, C.2)</li><li>▪ Are the issues tackled at regional level linked to the regions' smart specialisation strategies? If so, has the link been sufficiently explained and justified? (B.2.1.1)</li><li>▪ Is the theme of clear European added-value? Can this theme be considered of general interest in the context of EU regional policy? (C.2)</li></ul>
Relevance of the proposed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Is the theme of the project clearly being tackled at</li></ul>



# Provisional timing

July-August 2015	Eligibility check
September-November 2015	Quality assessment
End 2015	Decision & notification
Early 2016	Negotiation of conditions
Early 2016	Effective start date of projects

Thank you!

