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1st Call for Project Proposals: Common Projects

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1st CfPP - Terms of Reference



STAGE A - Submission of a Concept Note and its selection criteria



STAGE B - Submission of an Application Form and its selection criteria

>>> 1st Call for Project Proposals - Overview

Type of Call for Proposal: **Common**

Priority: **P1, P2, P3**

Specific Objectives: **P1: RSO1.1, RSO1.2 (not RSO1.3)**

P2: RSO2.4, RSO2.6, RSO2.7

P3: RSO4.2, RSO4.5, RSO4.6



P1 Budget:

Two step procedure:

P2 Budget:

STAGE A & STAGE B

P3

P4

Enhanced ~~governance~~ for cooperation in the GR-IT area

Pre-announcement date:

October 20th, 2023

Launch date – STAGE A:

end November 2023

Close date – STAGE A:

after 45 calendar days

Application Package available at:

www.greece-italy.eu

- RSO1.1. Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies
- RSO1.2. Realising the benefits of digitalisation for citizens, companies and governments
- RSO1.3. ~~Enhancing growth and competitiveness of MSBs and SMEs~~
- RSO2.4. ~~Addressing climate change and disaster risk prevention and resilience, taking into account ecosystem-based approaches~~
- RSO2.6. ~~Promoting transition to a circular and resource efficient economy~~
- RSO2.7. ~~Improving protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure~~
- RSO2.8. ~~Improving services to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning~~
- RSO4.5. Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems
- RSO4.6. Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism
- ISO6.1. ~~Enhance the institutional capacity of public authorities~~
- ISO6.4. ~~Enhance institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders to implement macro-regional strategies~~


>>> Available budget for 1st Call

P1
Enhanced cooperation for a more competitive and smarter GR-IT area



10,9M EUR

P2
Enhanced cooperation for a greener and low carbon GR-IT area



18,5M EUR

P3
Enhanced cooperation for a more social and inclusive GR-IT area



15,58M EUR

RSO1.1.
Developing and enhancing **research and innovation capacities** and the uptake of **advanced technologies**

5,74M. EUR

RSO1.2.
Reaping the benefits of **digitalisation** for citizens, companies and governments

5,16M. EUR

RSO2.4.
Promoting **climate change adaptation** and **disaster risk prevention** and **resilience**, taking into account **eco-system-based approaches**

5M. EUR

RSO2.6.
Promoting the transition to a **circular and resource efficient economy**

6M. EUR

RSO2.7.
Enhancing **protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure**

7,5M. EUR

RSO4.2.
Improving **equal access to inclusive and quality services** in education, training and lifelong learning

3,52M. EUR

RSO4.5.
Ensuring **equal access to health care** and fostering **resilience of health systems**

6,06M. EUR

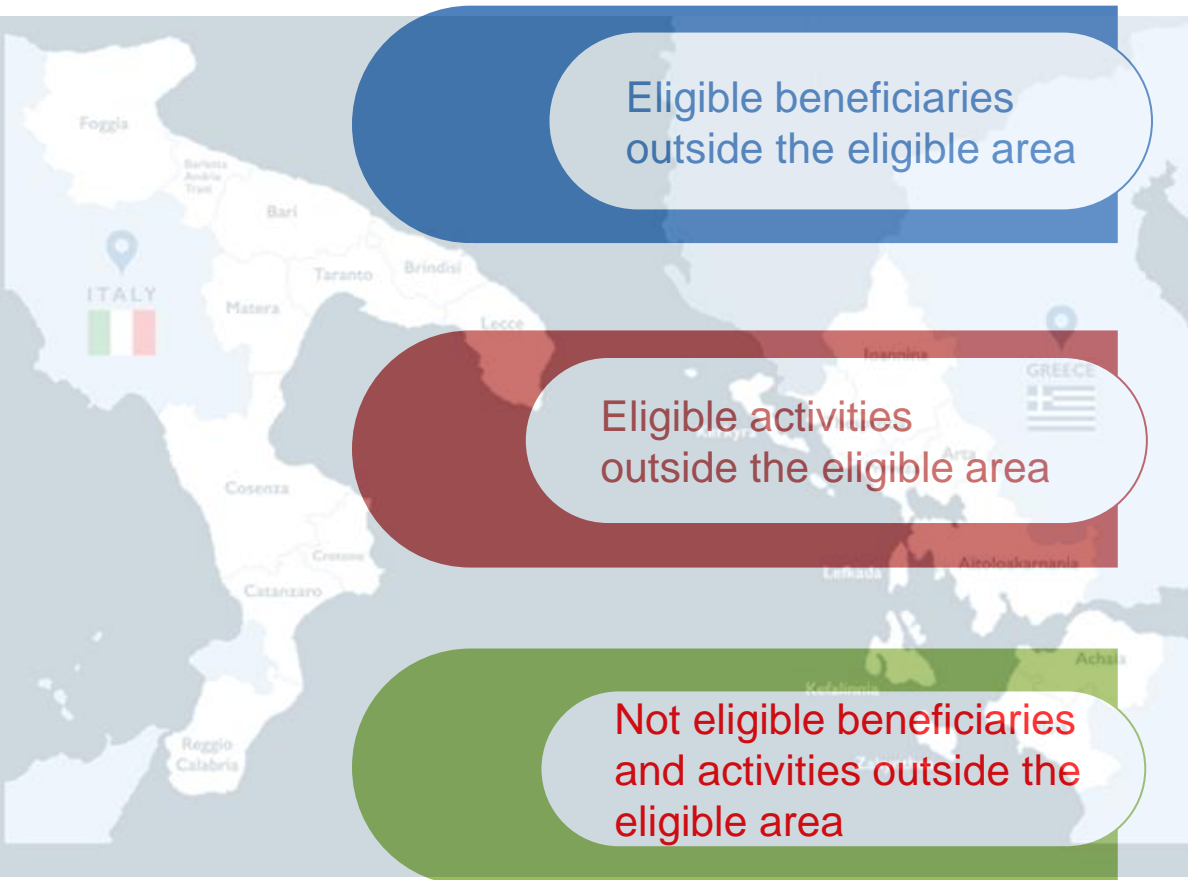
RSO4.6.
Enhancing the role of **culture and sustainable tourism**

6M. EUR

EU co-financing rate: 75%

≈ 45% of GR-IT budget (w/o TA)

>>> Eligibility of beneficiaries & activities outside GR-IT area



- ✓ Central Government Bodies (ie. Ministries etc.);
- ✓ Local/ regional subsidiary/ branch office established in the Programme area;
- ✓ Organisations located in Programme MSs of added value, expertise and benefit for the Programme area.

- ✓ for the *benefit* of the Programme area;
- ✓ *essential* for the project implementation;
- ✓ *approved* by the Programme beforehand.

- ✓ Organisations located outside Programme area, not registered in one of the Programme MSs.
- ✓ *Infrastructure* located outside the Programme area, even if it is directly related to the project, either for development or for implementation.

As a basic principle,

- ➔ the Interreg GR-IT Programme supports beneficiaries coming from the Programme area
- ➔ the Interreg GR-IT Programme supports project activities that are implemented in the programme area

>>> 1st Call for Project Proposals in brief

Eligible Beneficiaries

All eligible organisations can act as LB



- ▶ Public bodies - National, regional or local public authorities
- ▶ Bodies governed by public law
- ▶ Bodies governed by private law - Non-profit
- ▶ International organisations registered under the national law of GR & IT
- ▶ European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC) registered under the national law of GR & IT

Operational at least 12 months

All partners shall co-operate in:

- Joint development
 - Joint implementation
- and in *at least*:
- Joint staffing, and/or
 - Joint financing

Size of Partnership Scheme



- ▶ minimum two (2) beneficiaries at least one (1) from each Member State
- ▶ maximum six (6) beneficiaries
- ▶ up to five (5) Project Proposals per beneficiary at Call level under both roles (LB, PB)

Size of Project budget



- ▶ MIN 900.000,00 EUR < PROJECT BUDGET < MAX 2.500.000,00 EUR
- ▶ MIN 150.000 EUR per project beneficiary

Project budget ceilings



- ▶ Preparation costs: up to 30.000,00EUR (for BL 'Staff Costs', 'T&A Costs' & 'EE&S Costs')
- ▶ Management costs: LB: 15% / PB: 10% of each beneficiary total budget
- ▶ Communication costs: up to 15% of the total project budget, without limits at Beneficiary level

Project Duration



- ▶ MAX 24 months

>>> Project reimbursement requirements

Reimbursement options		Detailed eligibility rules on activities and related expenditure are described in PPIM	
Expenditure category	Real Costs	Flat rate	
Staff costs	Amounts based on real staff costs.	✓	up to 20% of the direct costs other than the direct staff costs of the operation (Art.39(3c) of Interreg Regulation)
Office & Administration costs	✓ Up to 4% of total beneficiary budget	✓	up to 15% of eligible direct staff costs (Art.54(b) of CPR Regulation), but not more than 4% of total beneficiary budget
Travel & Accommodation costs	Amounts based on real market prices.	✓	up to 15% of the direct staff costs of the operation (Art.41(5) of Interreg Regulation)
External Expertise & Services costs	Amounts based on real market prices.	✓	SCOs applied to the projects shall not be modified either during its implementation or upon completion.
Equipment costs	Amounts based on real market prices.	✓	By using SCOs, beneficiaries shall not provide any documentation maintained in their accounting system.
Infrastructure costs	Amounts based on real market prices.		



Submission of a Project Proposal

Consultation of Cooperation Programme documents

The original Application Package is provided only in electronic format on the Programme website

www.greece-italy.eu

Partners are suggested to consult 1st Call Application Package and all supporting Programme documents and guides



Two stages SUBMISSION & SELECTION procedure of project applications



SUBMISSION EXCLUSIVELY VIA MIS



PREREQUISITE ->

MIS BODY CODE

FOR ALL BENEFICIARIES PARTICIPATING IN THE PROJECT

>>> Submission of a Project Proposal: MIS BODY CODE

Administrative capacity/ Organizational structure & procedures

- ✓ Statute including all modifications (for the past 1 year)
- ✓ Official document indicating the composition of the administrative/managerial or supervisory board
- ✓ Official document indicating the supervision by national, regional or local authorities, or other bodies governed by public law (if applicable)
- ✓ Declaration for the non-distribution of profits
- ✓ Official organigramme
- ✓ Official document certified by a public administration authority, providing that the organisation operates for at least one year before the launch of the specific call for proposals
- ✓ Statute including all modifications (for the past 1 year)

Financial capacity

- ✓ Official document indicating the sources of the body's revenues and the body's financial state during the last three years preceding the presentation of the project proposal

Documents providing evidence for the Beneficiary's competence

Regulatory framework for the designation of the body responsible for the operation and maintenance of the project

Read carefully the 1st Call ToR and according your type of beneficiary submit your papers to get your MIS Body Code

Documents providing evidence for the existence/operation of branch

- ✓ (FOR BRANCH ONLY) Official document for the establishment/registration of a branch issued by the competent Public Authority (e.g. Tax Service of the respective country)
- ✓ (FOR BRANCH ONLY) Copy of the rental contract, submitted to and validated by the respective Public Authority (e.g. Tax Service of the respective country)
- ✓ (FOR BRANCH ONLY) Payroll sheet, validated by the competent Public Authority (e.g. Ministry of Labour)
- ✓ (FOR BRANCH ONLY) Operational costs bills (e.g. electricity, telephone etc.)
- ✓ (FOR BRANCH ONLY) Operating regulation, approved by the competent administrative body of the organisation

**ONLY THEN YOU CAN SUBMIT
YOUR PROPOSAL**

>>> Stage A – Submission of Concept Note

Open for 45 days
from date of publication

Declarations / Templates for submission

> Concept Note (CN) *

Main idea of the proposal / partnership / proposed activities & appropriate indicators / indicative budget of activities / information on eligibility of beneficiaries participating in the partnership / Cross-Border Cooperation Added Value / Relevance with SOs

> Letter of Intent (LoI) * **STRONGLY SUGGESTED**

* see standard form/template

Project Proposal
STAGE A – CONCEPT NOTE

Manuals/ Guides

- > Programme & Project Implementation Manual
- > Project Selection Methodology
- > Project Selection Criteria - Stage A: Concept Note
- > Programme Output & Result Indicators Guide
- > MIS Guides



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- ✓ **CN submitted by LB via MIS**
- ✓ **CN signed by LB and attached in pdf format in MIS**
- ✓ **No proposal submitted afterwards will be accepted**
- ✓ **After successful submission of proposal, LB is informed automatically by MIS system**

>>> Stage B – Submission of Application Form

Open for 60 days
from date of LB notification

Declarations/ Templates for submission

- > Partnership Declaration *
- > Project Detailed Description *
- > Justification of Budget Costs (JoB) *
- > State Aid Declaration *
- > Project Maturity Sheet *
- > Project Feasibility Study
- > Climate Endurance Validation Report *
- > Compatibility with SEA *
- > Detailed Communication Strategy

* see standard form/ template



Project Proposal
STAGE B – APPLICATION FORM

Manuals/ Guides/ Info notes

- > Programme & Project Implementation Manual
- > Justification of Budget Costs Guide
- > Info on Project Feasibility study
- > Project Selection Methodology & Criteria
- > Project Selection Criteria - Stage B: Application Form
- > Programme Output & Result Indicators Guide
- > MIS Guides
- > Subsidy Contract
- > Partnership Agreement

Other Supporting Documents

- > M.D. 3281/B/17.05.23 (for GR beneficiaries)
- > COFOG Classification
- > Fundamental Rights Charter

✓ **Application Form & all supporting documents are submitted exclusively electronically via MIS by LB**

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>>> Submission & Selection Process of a Project Proposal

Two stages SUBMISSION procedure of project applications

- ▶ **Stage A – Submission of Concept Note**
- ▶ **Stage B – Submission of Project Proposals Application Form**

Two stages SELECTION procedure of project applications

- ➔ **Stage A - Concept Note (CN) check – Project Proposal brief idea & CN Project Selection Criteria**
- ➔ **Stage B - Application Form (AF) check – Detailed Project Proposal & AF Project Selection Criteria**
 - ➔ Phase B1: Administrative & Project Eligibility Assessment
 - ➔ Phase B2: Quality Assessment
 - ➔ Phase B3: Beneficiaries Eligibility Assessment & State Aid Compliance

>>> Support to applicants

SUPPORT TO APPLICANTS



NATIONAL INFORMATION DAYS
in Greece (1) & in Italy (3)



PARTNER SEARCH
Online tool



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
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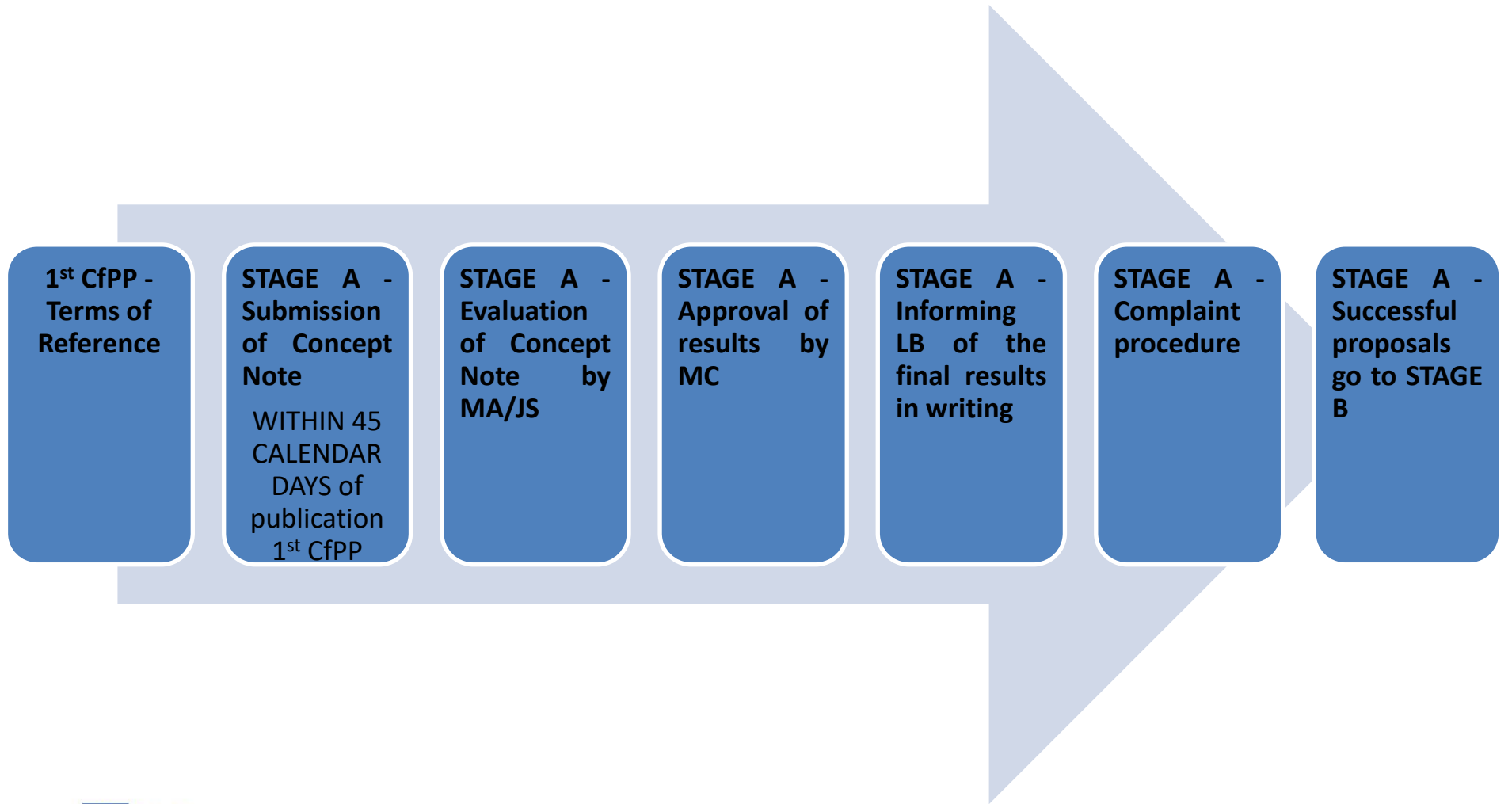


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STAGE B - Submission of an Application Form and its selection criteria

>>> Evaluation Procedure of STAGE A



>>> Evaluation Procedure – Selection Criteria: Stage A



SELECTION CRITERIA
Stage A: Concept Note Assessment

- ✓ Administrative compliance
- ✓ Partnership eligibility criteria
- ✓ Specific criteria for project eligibility

ASSESSMENT

- ❖ MA/JS evaluates Project Proposals' Concept Note in collaboration with the National Authorities, if required;
- ❖ Project proposals (PPs) that do not meet the criteria are sorted out;
- ❖ The **results** of the evaluation procedure will be **validated by MC**.
- ❖ The **results** will be **communicated** to the **Lead Beneficiaries** of each partnership by MA.
- ❖ **Complaint procedure** applies in Stage A.

NOTE:

- **YES: PASS (ACCEPTED PROPOSAL)**
- **PARTIALLY YES: WEAK PROPOSAL**
- **NO: FAIL (REJECTED PROPOSAL)**

NEXT STEPS


Upon successful completion of the Evaluation procedure of Stage A,

- The Application Form of the proposal must be submitted no later than **60 calendar days** after the date of the notification that the Project is eligible to proceed to submission Stage B;
- Proposals submitted after the above deadline will not be accepted;
- Potential Beneficiaries submit the Application Form of the proposal with all supporting documents exclusively electronically via MIS.

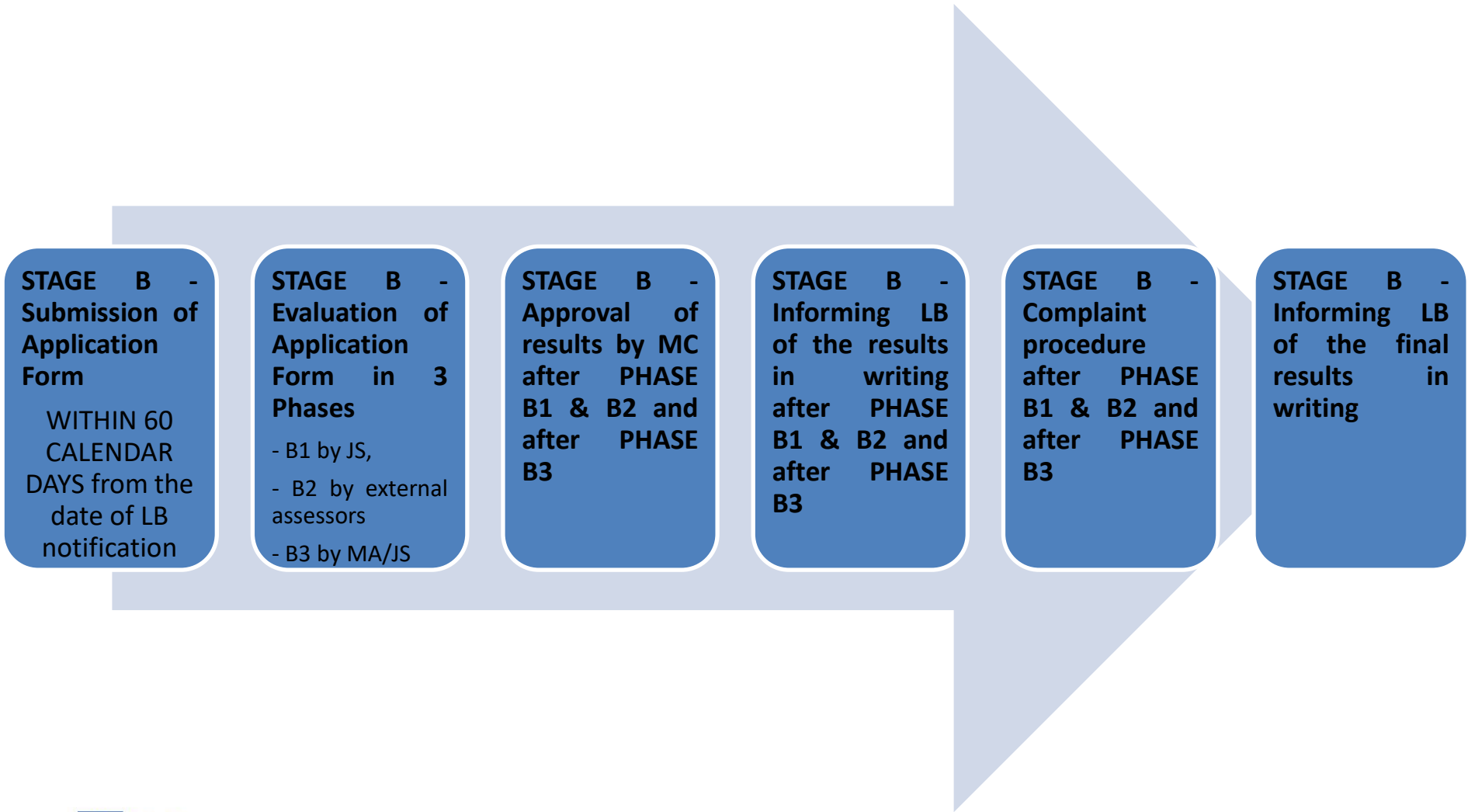
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 **STAGE B - Submission of an Application Form and its selection criteria**

>>> Evaluation Procedure of STAGE B



STAGE B - Submission of Application Form

WITHIN 60 CALENDAR DAYS from the date of LB notification

STAGE B - Evaluation of Application Form in 3 Phases

- B1 by JS,
- B2 by external assessors
- B3 by MA/JS

STAGE B - Approval of results by MC after PHASE B1 & B2 and after PHASE B3

STAGE B - Informing LB of the results in writing after PHASE B1 & B2 and after PHASE B3

STAGE B - Complaint procedure after PHASE B1 & B2 and after PHASE B3

STAGE B - Informing LB of the final results in writing

>>> Evaluation Procedure – Selection Criteria: Phase B1



SELECTION CRITERIA

Phase B1: Administrative & Project Eligibility Assessment

- ✓ A. Administrative compliance
- ✓ B. Project eligibility compliance
- ✓ C. Horizontal policies compliance

On electronic submission of proposals in Stage B:

Automatic MIS check → ALLOW OR NOT ALLOW the submission of the proposal !!!

ASSESSMENT

- ❖ Document-related check is an ON-OFF procedure;
- ❖ Phase B1 check is carried out by JS in collaboration with Unit A' of MA;

NEXT STEPS

Upon successful completion of the Evaluation procedure of Phase B1,

- Proposals are qualified for Phase B2 - Quality Assessment

❖ Content-related check is examined based on criteria of Phase B2;

Evaluation Procedure – Selection Criteria: Phase B2



SELECTION CRITERIA Phase B2: Quality Assessment

- ✓ **A. Quality of the Content**
 1. Relevance
 2. Quality of expected outcomes and results
 3. Cross Border cooperation
- ✓ **B. Quality of the Implementation potential**
 1. Quality of the partnership
 2. Quality of the methodological approach
 3. Maturity of the Project
 4. Budget and finance
- ✓ **C. Special Criteria (not applicable)**
- ✓ **D. Assessment of the Climate Endurance Validation Report** [for investments on infrastructure with expected lifecycle at least 5 years (Article 22(4j) of 2021/1059 of ETC Regulation)]

ASSESSMENT

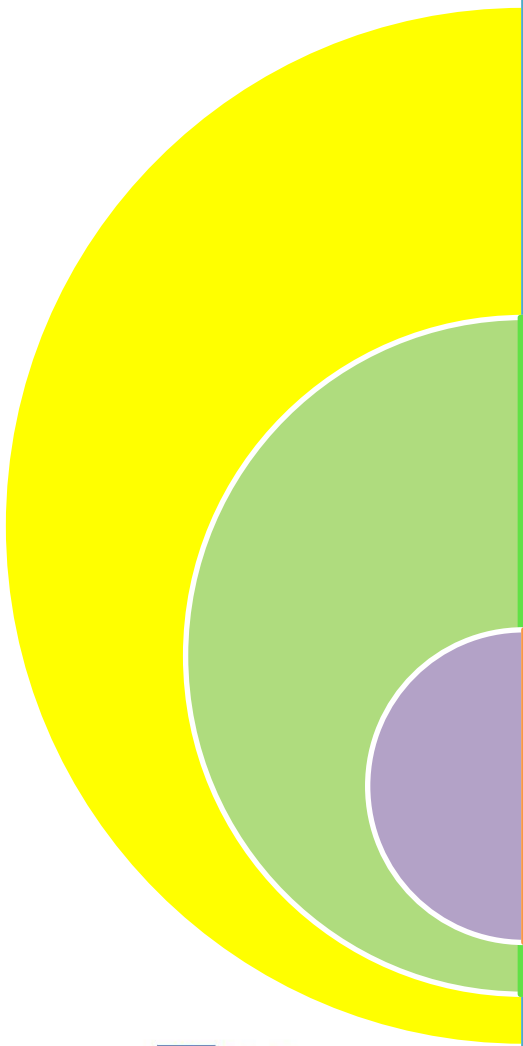
- ❖ The evaluation procedure is under the control and responsibility of Unit A of the MA based on a Scoring System of Selection Criteria
- ❖ **Evaluation** of proposals to be performed by **two (2) Evaluators from the Register of Evaluators**
- ❖ **Final Evaluation Results** - checked and finalized by **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 in Stage B: Phase B1 & Phase B2.

NEXT STEPS

Upon successful completion of the Evaluation procedure of Phase B2 & Complaint procedure,

➤ Proposals are qualified for Phase B3 assessment

>>> Evaluation Procedure – Selection Criteria: Phase B2



To be financed by the Programme a project must

- obtain an admissible score equal or greater than the minimum score entitling a project to be financed as follows:
 - ✓ **CONTENT-RELATED CRITERIA: MIN 30/50 POINTS**
 - ✓ **IMPLEMENTATION-RELATED CRITERIA: MIN 30/50 POINTS**
- obtain a rating equal or greater than the minimum score of **60 points** entitling a project to be financed, taking into account first the above thresholds
- be selected according to the ranking list and the limits of the budget available per Priority & Specific Objective of the Call for Project Proposals

>>> Evaluation Procedure – Selection Criteria: Phase B3



SELECTION CRITERIA

Phase B3: Beneficiaries Eligibility Assessment & State Aid Compliance

- ✓ 1a - Beneficiaries Eligibility Assessment
- ✓ 1b - State Aid Compliance



ASSESSMENT

- ❖ Phase B3 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 in Stage B: Phase B3.



NEXT STEPS

- Upon successful completion of the Evaluation procedure & Complaint Procedure,
- A **Technical Meeting** is held in order to finalise 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.

>>> Be focused when writing your project proposal

PROJECT INTERVENTION LOGIC

The flowchart illustrates the project intervention logic, showing the progression from project objectives to results. It includes stages such as 'Specific territorial challenges and needs', 'Project Objectives (overall and specific)', 'Activities', 'Outputs and deliverables', and 'Project results'. A vertical arrow on the left indicates 'Territorial change'.

PROJECT INDICATORS

A gauge with a needle pointing towards the right, divided into five colored segments (red, yellow, green, blue, purple). Each segment contains a smiley face: a sad face in red, a neutral face in yellow, a happy face in green, a neutral face in blue, and a happy face in purple.

EXPECTED CHANGE

A green road sign with white text that reads 'CHANGE AHEAD' and an upward-pointing arrow.

CROSS-BORDER APPROACH

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OWNERSHIP

An illustration of several stylized human figures holding together a large, colorful puzzle made of various shaped pieces.

INNOVATIVE FEATURES

A collection of colorful icons representing innovation and technology, including a lightbulb, gears, a brain, a rocket, a target, a scale, and a network diagram.

SYNERGIES & COMPLEMENTARITIES

SYNERGY
1+1=3

CAPITALIZATION

CAPITALISATION

EU HORIZONTAL POLICIES

<p>Equal opportunities and non-discrimination</p> <p>Directive 2004/113/EC (Equal Treatment Directive), Directive 2006/54/EC (Equal Treatment Directive), Directive 2010/41/EU (Work-life balance Directive), Directive 2012/10/EU (Work-life balance Directive), Directive 2019/1168/EU (Work-life balance Directive)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotion of equal opportunities and non-discrimination between persons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> of different religious belief, political opinion, racial, group, age, marital status or sexual orientation with a disability and persons without with dependants and persons without 	<p>Sustainable development</p> <p>Directive 2011/676/EU (Sustainable Development Directive), Directive 2013/17/EU (Sustainable Development Directive), Directive 2014/17/EU (Sustainable Development Directive), Directive 2015/1535/EU (Sustainable Development Directive), Directive 2016/1028/EU (Sustainable Development Directive), Directive 2017/1369/EU (Sustainable Development Directive), Directive 2018/853/EU (Sustainable Development Directive), Directive 2019/1024/EU (Sustainable Development Directive), Directive 2020/1056/EU (Sustainable Development Directive)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotion of sustainable development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> environmental sustainability economic sustainability; social sustainability <p>Projects should follow an "environmental sustainability by design" approach</p>	<p>Equality between men and women</p> <p>Directive 2006/54/EC (Equal Treatment Directive), Directive 2010/41/EU (Work-life balance Directive), Directive 2012/10/EU (Work-life balance Directive), Directive 2019/1168/EU (Work-life balance Directive)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotion of equality between men and women
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...during all phases of the project lifecycle, i.e. from its design and preparation to its implementation and reporting

DURATION

An illustration of a clock, a calendar, and an alarm clock, symbolizing time management and duration.

BUDGET & COSTS

Diagram showing the relationship between sound financial management, economy, efficiency, and effectiveness, leading to outputs and results.

COMPLIANCE

COMPLIANCE
RULES
STANDARDS
POLICIES
REQUIREMENTS
REGULATIONS
TRANSPARENCY
LAW



Get prepared to submit your project proposal!

Are you planning to prepare a project application?

Here are seven things you can do right away to help you get started!

- #1 Start with the basics - get to know us
- #2 Dive deeper into the topics we cover
- #3 Explore and share project ideas
- #4 Stand out from the crowd – update your profile on MIS
- #5 Give our tools a try
- #6 Stay tuned for more
- #7 Get ready to cooperate!

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