

Phase II – Full Application

QUALITY ASSESSMENT GRID

Project identification

Project title	
Project acronym	
Project number	
Name of the Lead Applicant organization	

Assessment Criteria	Guiding principles for the assessment → To what extent does the project meet the following criteria:	Numerical assessment	Comments	Sections in FA
<p>Management (20 p.)</p> <p>To what extent are management structures and procedures in line with the project size, duration and needs?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management structures are proportionate to the project size and needs and allow partners' involvement in decision-making = 4 p. • Management procedures (such as reporting and evaluation procedures in the area of finance, project content, communication) are clear, transparent, efficient and effective = 4 p. • Project management includes regular contact between project partners and ensures transfer of expertise across the partnership (internal communication within the partnership) = 4p. • Necessary provisions for risk and quality management are in place; the project demonstrates a proper risks assessment and a concerted risk management plan; = 4 p. • The Lead Applicant demonstrates capacity to manage EU co-financed projects or other international projects or can ensure adequate measures for management support; The partnership and/or the project management team cover the needed professional competences; = 4 p. 			<p>Project summary, Partner, Project Description, Workplan, Project Budget, Attachments</p>

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<p>Communication (10 p.)</p> <p>To what extent are communication activities appropriate and forceful to reach the relevant target groups and stakeholders?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The communication objectives clearly link to the project specific objectives = 3 p. • The approach/tactics chosen are appropriate to reach communication objectives = 3 p. • Communication activities and deliverables are appropriate to reach the relevant target groups and stakeholders = 4 p. 			<p>Project summary, Partner, Project Description, Workplan, Project Budget, Attachments</p>
<p>Work plan (25 p.)</p> <p>To what extent is the work plan realistic, consistent and coherent?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed activities (including the activities outside the programme area) and deliverables are relevant, clearly benefit for the programme area and lead to the planned main outputs and result/s = 6 p. • Distribution of tasks among partners is appropriate (e.g. sharing of tasks is clear, logical, in line with partners' role in the project, etc.) = 3 p. • Time plan is realistic (contingency included) = 3 p. • Activities, deliverables and outputs are in a logical time-sequence = 3 p. • The importance of investments and their cross-border relevance is demonstrated to reach the project objectives - = 5 p. • The proposed activities serve the needs of the identified target group = 5 p. 			<p>Project summary, Partner, Project Description, Workplan, Project Budget, Attachments</p>
<p>Impact and sustainability (25 p.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project has a mid and long-term impact on the eligible area and target groups = 3 p. • The financial and operational sustainability of the project is assured for at least 5 years after final payment effected by the MA = 3 p. • The results of the project has a catalysing and multiplying effect in the eligible programme area = 3 p. • Innovative methods are to be implemented in the project = 3 p. • The project might become a best practice model = 3 p. • Contribution to the horizontal principles is clearly demonstrated = 4 p. 			<p>Project summary, Partner, Project Description, Workplan, Project Budget, Attachments</p>

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	lp	6/c, 7/b, 7/c	8/b	9/a			
	Sustainable development	3 p.	0,5 p.	0,5 p.			
	Equal opportunities and non-discrimination	0,5 p.	1,5 p.	2,5 p.			
	Social inclusion of disadvantaged groups	-	0,5 p.	0,5 p.			
	Equality between men and women	0,5 p.	1,5 p.	0,5 p.			
		4p	4p	4p			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Clearly demonstrated contribution to any of the programme level environmental indicators (Environmental Indicators Checklist) = 1 p•The applicant indicates the project's contribution to EU Strategy for the Danube Region (encourages synergistic effects, innovative solutions, replication capacity at macro regional level, convergence with other EUSDR relevant projects) =1p•Partnership demonstrates strong commitment and contributions (observing joint development, joint implementation, joint staffing and joint financing) = 4 p.						
Budget (20 p.) To what extent does the project budget demonstrate value for	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•The budget is clear and realistic; the project budget only contains eligible costs = 5 p.•Sufficient and reasonable resources are planned to ensure project implementation; the project will be implemented in line with the principle of cost-effectiveness = 5 p.•Total partner budgets reflect real partners' involvement (are balanced in terms of						Project summary, Partner, Project Description, Workplan,

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money? To what extent is the budget coherent and proportionate?	<p>tasks and responsibilities within the partnership and realistic) = 5 p.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project budget appears proportionate to the proposed work plan¹ and the main outputs and results aimed for = 5 p. <p>Also, the following aspects will be considered and if the case budget cut shall be proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proposals comply with the rule setting the maximum ceiling for the small-scale infrastructure investments (Ip 6/c and 8/b). This limitation concerns exclusively investments in cultural and tourism infrastructure. - Total cost of investments in roads under Investment priorities other than Priority Axis 2 does not exceed 30% of the total eligible budget of the project. - The total budget is similar with the estimation made in the Concept Note. The variation does not exceed +/-10% and the total budget (CN+FA) is within the limits indicated in the Applicant's Guide. - Total budget of activities to be carried out outside the programme area is up to maximum 10% from the total support requested from ERDF at project level. The information must be available in the Full Application, FA budget and approved CN budget. - If any, the costs of purchase/expropriations are included in the budget up to 5% of the ERDF estimated costs for the investment objective. - The value of site supervision is limited to 5 % of the total estimated works related cost. 			Project Budget, Attachments

Total score² : _____	Comments:
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¹ Financial allocation per budget line is in line with the work plan; distribution of the budget per period is in line with the work plan.

² The minimum threshold for score obtained in the Quality Assessment is of 65 points.

<p>The project proposal is recommended for support:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES, UNDER CONDITION(s)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	
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