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| **Quality assessment ( Award criteria)** | **Score (maximum 100)** | **Comments** |
| **Strategic assessment criteria (%) – maximum 55** | | |
| 1. **Relevance (How well is the need for the project justified?)** | **11** |  |
| 1.1 The project is relevant to the programme specific objective(s) and expected results and addresses the specific needs/constraints /challenges of the programme area | **5** |  |
| 1.2 The proposed activities (including new or innovative solutions, if it is the case) are appropriate for addressing the common needs/constraints /challenges identified | **5** |  |
| 1.3 The Application falls under one of the eligible project types (integrated project; symmetrical project; project implemented mainly or entirely in a single participating-country but having a cross-border impact) | **1** |  |
| ***If the score is less than 1 for Section 1.3 points and /or less than 9 points for Section 1, the Application will be rejected*** | | |
| 1. **Added value and cross-border cooperation impact (What added value does the cooperation bring?)** | **13** |  |
| 2.1 The importance of the cross-border cooperation to the topic addressed is clearly demonstrated:   * The results cannot (or only to some extent) be achieved without cross-border cooperation * There is a clear benefit from cooperating for: * target groups and final beneficiaries * project / programme area * the project partners | **6** |  |
| * 1. The project contributes to the programme horizontal principles (environmental sustainability, democracy and human rights, and gender equality) | **3** |  |
| * 1. The project contributes to the objectives of one (or several) EU strategy and policy, as applicable to the countries of the project applicant/partners. | **2** |  |
| * 1. The project builds on available knowledge and ensures synergies and complementarities avoiding duplications with other projects or initiatives supported by the EU or at regional/national level and other national/regional strategies in the field | **2** |  |
| ***If the score is less than 4 points for Section 2.1, the Application will be rejected*** | | |
| 1. **Contribution to programme priorities, expected results and outputs (To what extent will the project contribute to the achievement of programme’s objectives?** | **21** |  |
| * 1. The project’s results and main outputs are clearly linked to programme priority and its indicators. * The project overall objective clearly links to a programme priority * The project results clearly contribute to a programme result indicator * The project specific objectives clearly link to the project overall objective * The project main outputs contribute to the project specific objectives * The project main outputs contribute to at least 1 programme common/specific output indicators (specific for the priority for which the project is applying) | **5x2 = 10** |  |
| * 1. Results and main outputs: * are clearly defined and consistent * are linked with the selected target groups needs * are realistic (is it possible to achieve them with the given resources – i.e. time, partners, budget - and in the quantity foreseen) | **3x2 = 6** |  |
| * 1. The main project outputs and results are sustainable (financial, institutional and if it is the case, at policy level), and follow up activities/actions are foreseen and described | **3** |  |
| * 1. The main outputs are applicable and replicable by other organisations/regions/countries outside of the current partnership (transferability) and applicability and replicability is presented and explained | **2** |  |
| ***If the score is less than 17 points for Section 3, the Application will be rejected*** | | |
| 1. **Partnership relevance (To what extent is the partnership composition relevant for the proposed project?)** | **10** |  |
| * 1. The project involves the relevant partners needed to address the challenge/needs of the target group and to achieve the specific objectives | **5** |  |
| * 1. All partners are actively involved to jointly implement the foreseen activities and have a clear defined role. | **5** |  |
| **Operational assessment criteria (%) ( Selection criteria) maximum 45** | |  |
| 1. **Partnership capacity (to what extent has the partnership the experience and capacity to implement the project?)** | **12** |  |
| 5.1 The **lead partner** has proven experience and capacity to manage the project and **all project partners** have proven experience, as well as the necessary capacity to implement the project (financial, human resources, etc.)   * The lead partner and all project partners implemented projects (EU co-financed projects or other international projects) before * The lead partner and all project partners have the financial capacity to secure a sound financial management of the project * the staff allocated by the lead partner and by all project partners for the management and coordination of project activities is adequate to ensure a smooth project implementation | 4x3 = 12 |  |
| ***If the score is less than 8 points for Section 5, the Application will be rejected*** | | |
| 1. **Communication (To what extent are information and communication activities appropriate and able to reach the relevant target groups and stakeholders?)** | **6** |  |
| 6.1 Information and communication activities are clearly defined and linked to the project specific objective | 2 |  |
| 6.2 Information and communication activities are appropriate to reach the relevant target groups and stakeholders | 2 |  |
| 6.3 All the proposed information and communication activities are necessary and proportional with project activities as a whole | 2 |  |
| 1. **Work plan (To what extent is the work plan realistic, consistent and coherent?)** | **15** |  |
| 7.1 Proposed activities are eligible, realistic, consistent and lead to the planned main outputs and results | 3 |  |
| 7.2 Activities and outputs are in a logical time-sequence | 3 |  |
| 7.3 Time plan is realistic for the proposed activities | 3 |  |
| 7.4 Distribution of tasks among partners is clear, logical, in line with partners’ role in the project and their competencies | 3 |  |
| 7.5 Monitoring and evaluation arrangements are foreseen and appropriate for the project size | 3 |  |
| 1. **Budget (To what extent does the project budget demonstrate value for money and is coherent with the work-plan and proportionate?)** | **12** |  |
| * 1. Project budget is correlated with the proposed activities and realistic to the proposed work plan and the main outputs and results envisaged | 3 |  |
| 8.2 The costs included in the project budget are reasonable, justified and comply with the requirements of sound financial management, in particular regarding economy and efficiency | 3 |  |
| 8.3 Calculation of flat rate for office and administrative costs is correct, is within the maximum limit and costs are reasonable | 3 |  |
| 8.4 Allocation of financial resources among partners is balanced and reflects their involvement/responsibilities. | 3 |  |