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Admissibility/Selection Criteria and the Process

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Who is eligible to be a partner in Atlantic Area projects?

- Universities, research centres and development agencies;
- National, regional and local authorities including sector departments and related public agencies, or equivalent agencies;
- Not for profit organisations.

Who is eligible to be a Lead Partner in Atlantic Area projects?

- Any organisation which is eligible to be a partner

AND

- Is sited within the eligible programme area
- Can give guarantees regarding the project management and administration
- Can provide solvency guarantees
- Has the experience and manpower capacity to undertake the role

Minimum Requirements for project applications

Admissibility criteria

- The application is submitted before the closing date
- The project has not been completed before the date of submission of the application
- The electronic application form is valid, all compulsory sections are completed and all declarations are presented, signed and dated
- The Lead Partner is an organisation within the programme area
- The project is transnational:
 - Involves partners from at least 2 of the 5 programme Member States
 - Cooperate in at least 2 of the following ways: joint development, joint implementation, joint staffing, joint financing
- The project has quantifiable outputs as defined in the OP objectives

How does the process work?

The Joint Technical Secretariat will undertake the admissibility checks - aided by National Correspondents

If a project application does not fulfil all the requirements of the admissibility criteria it will not be considered for selection

Admissible applications will be assessed by JTS against a list of criteria

Selection criteria

		Weight
Section 1	Intensity and added value of the Transnational Cooperation	24
1	Degree by which the project demonstrates, through relevant information how the issues and challenges of the project correspond with a common concern or objective across the Member States/ regions of the Atlantic Area giving the project a transnational relevancy	9
2	Degree of innovation of the project in relation to the issues and the development of new processes and/or products. Extent to which the project implements any key lessons learnt from previous engagement and its eventual complementarities with other projects and/or programmes of the period 2007-2013	6
3	Positioning of the project in the four-step scale of ascending cooperation intensity: exchange of experience, transfer of know-how, pooling of a critical mass of means, tackling transnational issue.	9

Selection criteria

Section 2	Contribution to the Atlantic Area Strategy and coherence with European, national, regional and local policies	18
4	Clarity of the proposal and rationale of the project in relation to its contribution to the Atlantic Area strategy and to the priority and objective under which it is applying	7
5	Clarity and rationale of the project in relation to the contribution to a balanced territorial development and the lessening of regional development disparities	5
6	Fit with Lisbon & Gothenburg Agendas and the relevant European, national, regional or local policies related to the issues tackled by the project	6

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Section 3	Quality of the working and communication plans and degree of tangibility, transferability and sustainability of project results	24
7	Quality and clarity of the work plan, including the methodology, the balance of the partners' involvement and practicality for delivery against set objectives.	8
8	Relevance, realism, tangibility and value of output and result indicators and their relationship with project objectives. Relevance of the follow-up indicators presented	8
9	Fit with Lisbon and Gothenburg Agendas and the relevant European, national, regional or local policies related to the issues tackled by the project	8

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Section 4	Quality of the partnership organisation and of the management and control system	16
10	Quality of the partnership, in terms of the diversity and nature of the organisations involved and the relevance and capacity to deliver the objectives and the expected results	6
11	Quality and transparency of the internal organisation management and control system, in terms of its clarity and effectiveness Degree to which the project promotes and allows for knowledge and know-how transfers and exchange of experiences within the partnership	5
12	Capacity and experience of the Lead Partner to effectively manage and co-ordinate a transnational project and of the other project partners to deliver their element of the work plan.	5

Selection criteria

Section 5	Consistency and Soundness of Budget	18
13	Extent to which the overall project budget provides explanations and justification on budget construction and budget lines in relation to the project work plan activities	8
14	Extent to which the overall project budget is consistent with the work plan and reflects value for money as well as costs in line with market prices. Extent to which the budget lines are respecting the eligibility of expenditure rules	6
15	Degree of how the budget reflects the involvement of partners in the working plan, the extent to which it is globally balanced between them and ensures the allocation of resources which is coherent with their financial capacity	4

How does the process work?

The JTS will:

- Score each criteria on a 0 – 5 scale and then the scoring will be weighted resulting in project final score between 0 to 500
- Rank projects on a transnational basis
- Then provide the Programme Monitoring Committee their evaluation reports and the Committee will make their decisions taking into consideration the information provided by the JTS.

To sum up

- The JTS and National Correspondents help in project preparation
- Lead Partners submit project applications
- The JTS undertake Admissibility check with the support of National Correspondents.
- The JTS scores and ranks project applications
- Based on this information the PMC then makes selection