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Quality assessment. Strategic criteria: tips and recommendations.

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Strategic criteria

Does the project answer the territorial challenge and needs determined by the Programme?



Should the Programme finance your project?

Strategic criteria

Each project is assessed against 5 strategic criteria:

- ▲ Project relevance
- ▲ Cooperation of partners
- ▲ Intervention logic
- ▲ Partnership
- ▲ Horizontal criteria

Project relevance

Project relevance

1. Describe the territorial cross-border problem (or an opportunity!)

- Precisely choose the Programme Measure.
- Demonstrate a cross-border nature.
- Support with relevant data (numbers, percentage, statistics).

Tip: in the very beginning introduce 2-3 clear sentences on what the project is addressing and why.

2. Describe how target groups are affected

- Specify the groups (e.g., students, scientists, local communities etc.)
- Calculate, if possible (e.g., 14 000 rural villagers)
- Provide statistic data (e.g., % of affected population in the cross-border area).

3. Describe how project is using existing practices

- Project bases on available knowledge? **Specify!**
E.g., the solution was successfully implemented in Norway (<...>).
- If a new solution - **“sell”** your innovativeness!

4. Describe how project is using existing practices

- Describe complementarity (e.g., what good practices will be used by you).
- Underline that duplication is avoided: **how different** is your project from what has been done?

Cooperation of partners

Cooperation of partners

1. Describe why you need to cooperate.

- Underline that the cross-border consortium is crucial (e.g., partners' knowledge and expertise is critical for the project success)

Tip: the biggest benefit is achieved only if you cooperate!

2. Describe why you need to cooperate.

- Described the impact on:
 - ✓ Target groups (how their situation will be improved)
 - ✓ Project area (what benefits will the project bring)
 - ✓ Project partners (advantages for them).

2. Cooperation criteria

- **Joint development** (confirm that the proposal was jointly designed)
- **Joint implementation** (confirm that every partner is involved in implementation)
- **Joint staffing** (confirm that every partner allocates staff members to work on the project)
- **Joint financing** (confirm that every partner provides their 20% co-financing)

Intervention logic

Intervention logic

1. Logical, consistent, clear

- Make sure the project actions are relevant to the identified problem!

Tip: See the Programme's ["Intervention logic" leaflet!](#)

2. Specific, realistic, achievable

- Make sure the objective can be achieved within:
 - ✓ Allocated budget
 - ✓ Limited timing (up to 36 months)
 - ✓ Available resources

3. Contribution to the Programme indicators

- See the Programme's [ANNEX 7 Indicator factsheet!](#)
- **Contact JS!**

4. Durability and sustainability

- Specify how the results will be used further (how, by who, how often etc.)
- Explain how the results will be updated and further developed (e.g., added with new information, reviewed, consulted further etc.)

Partnership relevance

1. Composition is relevant for the project

- Partners have sufficient experience, competences and capacities (describe how the PPs will address the problem and why they are the best to do it!)
- Territorial balance (cross-border project!)
- Roles are clearly defined (who does what!)
- **SHOW that every partner is needed!**

Horizontal principles

Horizontal principles

3 horizontal principles

- Equal opportunities and non-discrimination, including accessibility for persons with disabilities.
- Equality between women and men and integrating the gender perspective.
- Sustainable development.

POSITIVE impact on each of Horizontal Principles!

Horizontal principles

1. Equal opportunities and non-discrimination, including accessibility for persons with disabilities.

Tips:

- The **current situation was analysed by** you.
- **Concrete actions to be done in the project**, e.g.:
 - ✓ Venues are accessible for persons with lower-mobility;
 - ✓ Accessible versions of project documents are available;
 - ✓ Lectures for students on the topic of non-discrimination etc.

Horizontal principles

For Polish partners:

Statement on the absence of discriminatory resolutions – for **Polish Partners** (self-government units and their subordinate units and entities controlled by or dependent on them) should be attached to the AF (in the system).

Horizontal principles

2. Equality between women and men and integrating the gender perspective.

Tips:

- The **current situation was analysed by** you.
- **Concrete actions to be done in the project**, e.g.:
 - ✓ All documents are prepared with gender neutral language and stereotype-free communication.
 - ✓ Anti-harassment procedures are elaborated in the project.

Horizontal principles

3. Sustainable development.

Tips:

- The **current situation was analysed by** you.
- **Concrete actions to be done in the project**, e.g.:
 - ✓ Use of fully recyclable materials and environmentally friendly technologies.
 - ✓ Venues of project events that can be reached by means of public transport.

Horizontal principles

Declaration of compliance with the DNSH principle

For partners planning infrastructure!

To explain that infrastructure does not cause significant harm to any of the environmental objectives.



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