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# Interact workshop **SELECTION CRITERIA**

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Lessons learnt from IT-AL-ME in 2014-2020

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# Content related to TARGETED CALL process

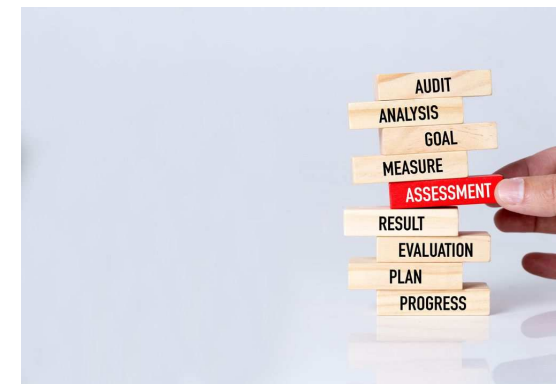


**1- Assessment process** : what, who, how

**2- Preparation for decision-making** : role of the SC

**3- Decisions-making** : voting at MC

**4- Impartiality**



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## 1- Assessment process /0 GAP ANALYSIS



- Targeted call started with **JS gap analysis in 2018**
- Analysis adopted at MC
- **Additional targeted criteria** in the call (ie. addressing to one of the missing topics for each S.O.; capitalization actions; specific links to the EUSAIR action plan)

### WORKED WELL

Gaps from 1° call in some themes were identified & filled in through second call

Gaps in the partner types filled in

### TO BE IMPROVED

Gaps identified by external evaluators

## 1- Assessment process /1 Eligibility check



- JS checks **eligibility of Italian partners** (check-list)
- AL-ME Contact points (NIPs) **check eligibility of respective national partners**
- **MC approves list** of eligible / ineligible projects

### WORKED WELL

Checking according to national origin

List of errors, which CAN NOT be corrected and lead to rejection

### TO BE IMPROVED

More automatic checks / blocks in JEMS

Eligibility check once x each organization (customized by JEMS)

## 1- Assessment process / 2 Quality check



- JS officers responsible for **quality assessment**
- **4-eye principle:** each project through 2 officers
- NIPs **assess** in parallel (simplified approach)
- **Internal technical-scientific experts**, if needed

### WORKED WELL

Cooperative work between JS/NIPs

Simplified internal procedure x experts

### TO BE IMPROVED

NIPs liability

## 1- Assessment process /3 Quality check-list



- **Strategic** criteria = 57 points (incl. specific targeted criteria),
- **Operational** criteria = 43 points
- **Sustainability** criteria = 13 points
  
- **NIPs** focus on partners capacity / national strategies-impacts
- **Only points for each criteria / no justification** in ranking list for SC/MC

### WORKED WELL

Technical assesment ensured

### TO BE IMPROVED

Common understanding of cross border character



## 2- Preparing decisions /1 Steering Committee



- **Steering** Committee appointed by MC, acting on its mandate (small group) – on desk assessment & Physical panel between JS/SC (1 day) to explain and exchange views
- **One criteria (20 pts)**: Globally, the project complies with national and regional policies, its actions and outputs precisely address concrete needs of the territories, and it involves a suitable partnership, capable to reach the expected impacts

### WORKED WELL

**Accountability / transparency of SC**: 20 points possible in addition to JS/NIPs points in the ranking list

**Cooperative approach** at SC depending on personalities

Questions answered at SC meeting by assessors

### TO BE IMPROVED

Training actions

interested only on few pjs.

## 3- Decision making /1 Monitoring Committee



- **Monitoring** Committee has the final word
- **In reality:** Accepting previous assessments by JS-NIPs-SC, approving ranking list
- One strategically important project (Tirana capital of youth 2022) received **1 additional** point

### WORKED WELL

Cooperation feeling during the MC

Technical Conditions x few proposals

### TO BE IMPROVED



## 4- Impartiality



- Assessors + MC were reminded they have to act in the **JOINT interest** of the **programme area**
- All persons concerned signed “impartiality declaration”
- Cases of potential “biased” positions were declared:



- MC: The member refrained from voting
- Assessor: The projects were swapped with other unbiased assessors

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