

Effective approaches to assessing project quality

Quality assessment
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Quality assessment

- Performed by the JS Project Managers (PMs) in the Jems assessment module;
- The Head of JS match each project proposal with at least two assessors based on thematic (SO's) competences, assessing independently and separately
- Based on two different sets of criteria:

Strategic criteria	Operational criteria
1) Cooperation character	Viability and the feasibility of the proposed project, as well as its value for money in terms of resources to be used vs. foreseen achievements and communication items
2) Project relevance and strategy including environmental, sustainability and durability aspects	
3) Contribution of the project proposals to the Programme's objectives, expected results and outputs	
4) Relevance of the partnership	

Scoring

Each quality assessment criterion is assessed on the basis of sub-criteria

Not evaluable (0)	information not present or missing
Insufficient (20)	information not relevant
Poor (40)	information provided is relevant, but contains strong weaknesses
Fair (60)	not sufficiently detailed, there are areas that could be strengthened
Good (80)	clear and detailed, small improvements could be made
Excellent (100)	information provided addresses well the criterion in its details, clearness and coherence

Strategic assessment criteria	Weight	Min. quality thresholds
Cooperation character	20%	
Project relevance and strategy	18%	
Contribution to Programme's objectives, results/outputs	16%	
Partnership relevance	16%	
TOTAL STRATEGIC	70%	42
Management	7%	
Communication	7%	
Work Plan	8%	
Budget	8%	
TOTAL OPERATIONAL	30%	18
TOTAL OVERAL	100%	

Results of the selection

- FINAL SCORE for each application after the closure of the quality assessment and State aid assessment
- Ranking lists per SO
 - applications approved and financed
 - applications approved and not financed
 - applications not approved
- MC of the Programme responsible for the **final decision**
- The MC reserves the right not to commit all available resources depending on the quality of submitted applications or to allocate additional ERDF resources to finance more proposals from any of the ranking lists.



Next call

- Simplification of the Quality assessment procedure
- Limitation of WP's and activities (SSP)?
- Predefined communication objectives and deliverables (SSP)
- Limitation of available characters in AF sections (JEMS)
- Interview with Lead applicants as final Quality assessment step (SSP)



how impacts the scoring? who should be invited? ...



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