



Effective approaches to assessing project quality

Strategic assessment

- **Strategic** assessment is carried out **first** and independently from the operational assessment
- Both is carried out inhouse with our competent staff
- Only projects successfully passing the strategic assessment are assessed operationally
- Knock-out threshold: 60%
- Drop-out ratio:
 - DRP 1st Call: **10%** **2 steps procedure**
 - DRP 2nd Call: **74%** **1 step procedure**

Basics:

- Programme's Priorities & SOs
- Call announcement
- Application form

results in :

- Definition of assessment criteria

1st Call: **18** Criteria

2nd Call: **17** Criteria

Criteria must be understood by:

- LP and PPs
- Assessor

Therefore:

- Criteria with explanations published in „Applicant’s manual’
- Lead Applicant Seminar
- Internal staff training on criteria

Challenges for LP:

- Criterion misunderstood by LP

Challenges for Assessor:

- Criterion misinterpreted by Assessor
- Criteria show thematical overlap
- „Human factor“

 **4 eyes' principle**

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