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## ESF+ Programme ESIF 2021-2027

*Fostering the socioeconomic wellbeing of society  
through the creation of opportunities for all and  
investment in human resources and skills*

**Call for Project Proposals**  
**Information Session: Eligibility & Selection Criteria**

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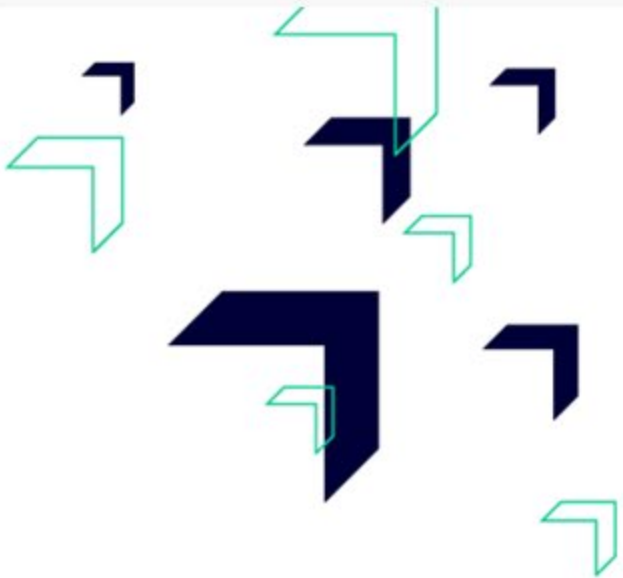


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## *Eligibility Criteria*



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## Part I: Eligibility Criteria (1)

### 1. Is the Application Form **complete**?

- The Applicant must present a complete application form, filled in with all relevant details and documentation using the system made available by the MA.
- Submission of project proposals must be made within the time-limit set for receipt of applications.

### 2. Is the Applicant Organisation an **eligible applicant**?

- Supporting documentation related to the legal status of the Applicant, as required in the call would need to be provided by the Applicant.
- VOs/NGOs/Social partners need to be duly registered with the appropriate bodies and fully complaint.

## Part I: Eligibility Criteria (2)

3. Can the Applicant confirm that it is not in an **exclusion** situation in accordance with Art 136 (1) and Art 141 (1) of 2018/1046 Financial Regulation and CPR Art 73(2)(i)?

- The Applicant should declare that they or any person involved in the project are not in an exclusion situation in accordance with the Financial Regulation and Common Provisions Regulation.

4. Is the project being proposed within your **remit** as the Applicant Organisation?

- Applicants must be publicly mandated or authorised to implement the project by virtue of the applicable law establishing the organisation or by the respective Statute, in the case of NGOs.

## Part I: Eligibility Criteria (3)

5. Is the Project being implemented within the **eligible territory**?

- Project must either be implemented in Malta and/or Gozo or for the direct benefit of the eligible territory.

6. Is there proof of **co-financing**? (where applicable)

- This could be in the form of a Statement from the bank or the person responsible for finances within the organisation.

## Part I: Eligibility Criteria (4)

7. Does the project contribute to the **Specific Objective** as published in the call?
  - Only proposals that selected the relevant Specific Objective/s as published in the call will be considered.
8. Does the project contribute towards at least **one** output indicator and **one** result indicator?
9. Is the status of operation **ongoing** or **not yet started**?

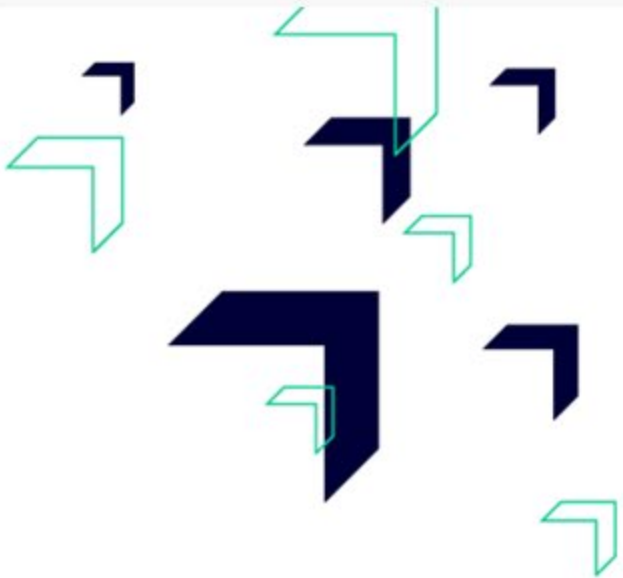


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## *Selection Criteria*



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## Selection Criteria (Scoring)

Selection Criteria	Marks
Capacity of the organisation	10
Contribution of the project to the Relevant Development Needs	10
Potential of the project to contribute to the achievement of the Expected Results	10
Contribution towards indicators	10
Readiness	15
Project Sustainability	10
Partnership	5
Horizontal principles – Equal opportunities and non-discrimination	10
Horizontal principles – Sustainable Development	10
Quality of application form	10

## Selection Criteria in detail (1)

### **Capacity of Organisation (10 marks):**

- Capacity is assessed both in terms of adequate human resources, as well as previous experience in the implementation of EU projects. Marks may also be awarded for similar nationally funded initiatives.

### **Contribution of the project to the Relevant Development Needs (10 marks):**

- Is the project adequately addressing the relevant interventions in the OP?
- Evidence of real demand for the project (qualitative and quantitative evidence)

### **Potential of the project to contribute to the achievement of the Expected Results (10 marks):**

- How will the project achieve the desired results and specific objectives?
- How will the partners contribute to the achievement of the Expected Results?

## Selection Criteria in detail (2)

### Contribution towards indicators (10 marks):

- Marks will be awarded if the project contributes towards the indicators beyond the minimum required (i.e. for eligibility purposes).
- Marks will be allocated to the clarity and quality in the methodology and verification.
- An assessment of any unrealistic indicator targets which are not achievable will also be carried out.

### Readiness (15 marks):

- Have the related procurement/recruitment procedures been prepared/launched/awarded?
- Has the CBA/FFS/FS (if required) been finalised?
- Has the Applicant identified any mitigation measures for the identified risks?
- Marks will be awarded for projects that are in an **advanced state of readiness**.

## Selection Criteria in detail (3)

### **Project Sustainability (10 marks):**

- How will the benefits of the project continue to be delivered after the grant has ended?
- How will long-term economic sustainability of the project be ensured? Do you require a Financial Feasibility Study; Cost Benefit Analysis?

### **Partnership (5 marks):**

- Is the project involving any partners?
- Is there clear evidence of the mutual benefit of the proposed partnership?
- What is the added value in the involvement of such partners in achieving the expected results?

## Selection Criteria in detail (4)

### Horizontal Priorities (20 marks):

- Equal opportunities (Equality; Non-discrimination; Accessibility)
- Sustainable Development with special reference to Environmental Sustainability

### Quality of the Application Form (10 marks):

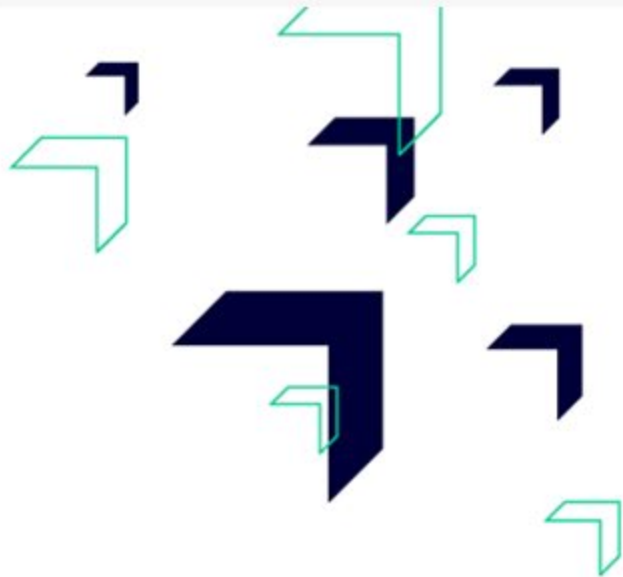
- Marks will be awarded for exceptional quality
- Coherence between different sections of the proposals
- General presentation of the proposals
- Budget in line with the activities
- Adequate results

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