

# Operational Programme II Cohesion Policy 2014-2020

*Investing in human capital to create more opportunities  
and promote the well being of society*

## **Selection of Projects** ***Clarification on Criteria (Eligibility and Selection)***

Monitoring Committee  
31<sup>st</sup> October 2014

# Project Selection Process

- The Process will be outlined in the OP.
- **Call for Projects:**
- Call will be published in Government Gazette (as applicable)
- An application form and guidance note will accompany each call

# Project Selection Process

- The Managing Authority presides over the selection process
- The Project Selection Committee will be set up:
  - Secretariat to be provided by the MA;
  - Members may include public service officers and/or non-public service officers;
  - Ad hoc experts may be invited to support the Committee in its deliberations;

# Project Selection Criteria

- The Project Selection Criteria will be divided into two:
  - ❖ **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**
    - Ensure that projects have reached a minimum standard;
    - If one of these criteria is not met, the project will not proceed to the second round, i.e. the selection process;
    - Eligibility Requirements applicable to specific Priority Axis;
  - ❖ **SELECTION CRITERIA:**
    - Marks will be allocated in line with the established qualitative and quantitative criteria;
    - Projects will be ranked accordingly;

# Eligibility Criteria

## – ***Complete application form***

- All relevant details and support documentation must be provided;
- Outline/incomplete applications are not acceptable;

## – ***Contribution towards Investment Priorities***

- Investment Priorities are described in the OP;
- Further guidance on eligible actions and expenditure to be annexed to the notes accompanying the call;

# Eligibility Criteria

- ***Is in line with the Specific Objective as indicated in the OP***
  - The project must contribute towards at least one of the objectives of the Priority Axis and Investment Priority under which it is submitted;
  
- ***Contribution towards indicators***
  - The project must contribute towards at least one of the indicators set in the Programme (output and/or result);

# Eligibility Criteria

- ***Project Remit within Mandate of Beneficiary***
  - Applicants must be publicly mandated (or have it in the statute in the case of e.g. NGOs) to carry out the proposed project activities;
- ***Project Leader from Beneficiary Organisation***
  - The association with the beneficiary is fundamental since Project Leader carries the overall financial and legal responsibility for the implementation of the project;

# Eligibility Criteria

- ***Proof of co-financing (where applicable)***
  - E.g. in form of Statement from bank or person responsible for finances within the organisation (to be defined in call);
- ***Project implemented within/for the direct benefit of the eligible territory***
  - Project must either be implemented in Malta and/or Gozo or for the direct benefit of the eligible territory;



# Selection Criteria

- **Further contribution towards indicators:**
  - Additional marks will be awarded if the project contributes towards the indicators beyond the minimum required (i.e. for eligibility purposes);
- **Project Sustainability:**
  - How the benefits of the project will continue to be delivered after the grant has ended;

# Selection Criteria

- **Readiness:**
  - The State of Readiness to implement the project activities (e.g. have the tender documents been drafted/launched/awarded etc...)
- **Capacity of Organisation:**
  - Capacity is assessed both in terms of adequate human resources, as well as previous experience in the implementation of EU projects, preferably Structural Funds/Cohesion Fund or similar;

# Selection Criteria

- **Justified need to implement project**
  - Why the project is needed/necessary and the Community value-added;
  - Market research/preliminary work strengthens the argument in favour of the project
- **National Priorities:**
  - Projects will be scored in terms of their contribution to national priorities and relevant sectoral policies
  - In the case of the NRP, projects must contribute to the EU 2020 objectives in particular the CSR

# Selection Criteria

- **Quality of the Application Form**
  - Coherence between different sections of the proposals including the general presentation of the proposals;
  - How well the budget in line with the activities and the selected indicators;
  - Quality of the results and their link with the proposed budget;
- **Horizontal Priorities:**
  - Environmental sustainability;
  - Equal opportunities;

# Selection Criteria

- **ESF Principles:**
  - Social Innovation of the proposed project;
  - Partnership between different organisation in particular organisation of a different nature;
  - Transnational dimension of the proposed project;

- Questions and Answers



# Evaluation 2014-2020

The main aims of ***evaluation*** is to:

- Improve the design and implementation of the programmes;
- Assess the effectiveness, efficiency and impact of the programmes through a result-oriented approach.

# Evaluation 2014-2020

## Types of Evaluations:

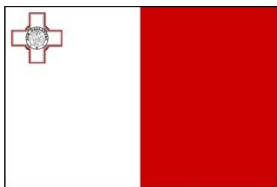
- *Ex Ante* Evaluation (CPR, Art. 55)
- Ongoing Evaluations
  - Evaluation Plan: This is to be approved by the MC no later than one year after the approval of the OPs (CPR, Art. 114);
  - Impact Evaluation: This will assess how support from the ESI Funds has contributed to the objectives for each Priority Axes (CPR, Art. 56(2));
  - Summary Report: By December 2022, the Managing Authorities shall submit a summary report for each OP in relation to the findings of the evaluations (CPR, Art. 114).
- *Ex Post* Evaluation (CPR, Art. 114)



# Information and Communication 2014-2020

- Continuation of existing practices;
- Seven-year communication strategy, together with yearly action plans (CPR, Art. 116);
- More transparency and accessibility of information such as clearer requirement for the publication of information on projects and beneficiaries (CPR, Art.115);
- A single cohesion policy website or portal (CPR, Art. 115(b)).

## *Thank you*



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