

Evaluation 2009: Criteria and Recommendations

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We will present:

- How proposals will be evaluated against the award criteria
- How you can maximize your chances of getting EC support



Re-organisation of the award criteria

The award criteria have NOT changed

BUT

they are re-grouped in 4 blocks to
ensure that all proposals are
equally evaluated against the same
criteria



What are these 4 blocks of criteria?

1. Relevance: contribution of the Action to the TEN-T policy and the objectives of the calls, and EU dimension
2. Maturity of the Action: is the Action ready to go?
3. Impact of the Action: anticipated socio-economic effects and impact on the environment
4. Quality of the Action: completeness and clarity of the proposal, description of the planned activities, coherence between objectives, activities and planned resources, soundness of the project management process



Award criteria will be rigorously applied

- Detailed information on the meaning of each block of criteria is provided in the Guide for Applicants
- Where necessary, specific interpretations of the criteria are provided in the call texts
- To ensure transparency in the evaluation process, the structure of Application Form Part B2 reflects the four blocks of award criteria
- For each proposal, external evaluators must answer a set of “prompting questions” specific to each criterion, assessing the extent to which the proposal satisfies this criterion
- These “prompting questions” are listed in the Guide for Applicants



Scoring

For each criterion, experts will award a score on a six-point scale from 0 to 5:

0 - Insufficient. The proposal fails to address the criterion under examination or cannot be judged due to missing or incomplete information

1 - Poor. The criterion is addressed in an inadequate manner, or there are serious inherent weaknesses.

2 - Fair. While the proposal broadly addresses the criterion, there are significant weaknesses.

3 - Good. The proposal addresses the criterion well, although improvements would be necessary.

4 - Very good. The proposal addresses the criterion very well, although certain improvements are still possible.

5 - Excellent. The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion in question. Any shortcomings are minor.



To ensure that only the very best proposals are recommended for EC funding...

...experts will not recommend for funding proposals scoring <3 points for one or more of the four blocks of award criteria



Under which call should you submit your proposal?

Principle: A proposal may not be submitted in response to more than one TEN-T 2009 Call for Proposals. If the same - or a very similar - proposal is submitted to more than one call, both proposals will be considered ineligible

- Read carefully the eligibility criteria, objectives, expected results and award criteria defined in the work programmes and calls for proposals, to determine to which call your proposal most closely corresponds
- Consider the total funding available and the fields in which the call is open (and therefore the possible competition)



Have you maximized your chances of getting EC support? ⁽¹⁾

Check that:

- your proposal is complete and satisfies all formal requirements
- you have the approval of all Member States concerned by your proposal
- all the requested documents (declarations of compliance with Community law, environmental documents, legal entity form, financial identification form...) are provided



Have you maximized your chances of getting EC support? (2)

- Make sure all questions in Application Forms Parts B1 and B2 are answered and as complete as possible
- Complete all answers – incomplete/no answer(s) will lead to lower scores, which could result in your proposal not being recommended for funding
- Have a close look at the questions associated with each block of criteria in the Guide for Applicants, as this is the basis on which your proposal will be evaluated



Any questions?

Thank you... and good luck!

