



EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL EVALUATION OF FULL APPLICATIONS		
No.	Criteria	
	I. Strategic assessment criteria	
I. Project relevance		
A.	How well is the need for the project justified?	
1	The project addresses common territorial challenges of the programme or a joint asset of the programme area (well justified, reasonable, well explained). – AF C.2.1 and C.2.2	
2	The project clearly contributes to wider strategies at one or more policy levels (EU/ national/ regional) – AF C.2.5	
B.	To what extent will the project contribute to the achievement of programme’s objectives and indicators?	
1	The project is contributing to the programme indicators and there is a clear description of this contribution. – AF C.4 Output tables in work packages	
2	There is coherence between result and output indicator – AF C.5	
C.	How does the project build on existing practices?	
1	The project makes use of available knowledge and builds on existing results and practices. – AF C.2.7, C2.6	
2	The project demonstrates new solutions that go beyond the existing practice in the sector/programme area/participating countries – AF C.2.2	
II. Cooperation character		
D.	What added-value does the cooperation bring?	

1	The importance of cross-border cooperation for achieving the project objectives and results is clearly demonstrated. – AF C.2.3	
2.	Are the project partners accomplishing the cooperation criteria (mandatory joint development, joint implementation and joint financing + (optional) joint staffing)?- AF C.7.5	
III. Project intervention logic		
E.	To what extent is the project intervention logic / plausible?	
1.	Project specific objective is realistic and achievable. – AF C.4 Specific objectives in work packages	
2.	Project outputs and results that contribute to programme indicators are realistic, achievable and are in line with the Programme documents. – AF C.4, C.5, C.6, D	
F.	To what extent will project outputs /deliverables have an impact beyond project lifetime?	
1.	Project outputs /deliverables are durable (the proposal is expected to provide a significant and durable contribution to solving the challenges targeted) – AF C.8.2 and C.8.1.	
2.	Project main outputs / deliverables are applicable and replicable by other organisations/regions/countries outside of the current partnership (transferability) – AF C.8.3	
IV. Partnership relevance		
G.	To what extent is the partnership composition relevant for the proposed project?	
1.	The project involves the relevant actors needed to address the territorial challenge/joint asset and the objectives specified. – AF C.3	

2.	The project partnership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ is balanced with respect to the levels, sectors, territory ▪ consists of partners that complement each other and they play a defined role. ▪ brings benefits to the territory – AF C.3: 	
3.	Partner organisations have the necessary capacity to implement the project (financial, human resources, etc.) – AF B.1.6	
4.	The partnership has the capacity to reach the target groups – AF C 2.4	
II. Operational assessment criteria		
V. Work plan		
H.	To what extent is the work plan realistic, consistent and coherent?	
1	Proposed activities and deliverables are relevant and lead to planned outputs and results. – AF C.4, C.5	
2	Distribution of tasks among partners is appropriate (e.g., sharing of tasks is clear, logical, in line with partners’ role in the project, etc.). – AF C.4 Activities	
4	Activities, deliverables and outputs are in a logical and realistically time-sequence. – AF C.6, AF C4-Activities	
5	The need for the investments and their cross-border relevance is demonstrated to reach project objective – AF C.4 Investments	
VI. Communication		
I.	To what extent are communication activities appropriate to reach the relevant target groups and stakeholders?	
1	The communication objective is relevant and is expected to contribute to project specific objective. – AF C.4 Objectives in work packages	

2	Communication activities (and deliverables) are appropriate to reach the relevant target groups and stakeholders. – AF C.4 Activities and deliverables	
VII. Budget		
J.	To what extent is the project budget used in accordance with the principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness?	
1.	Is the proposed project budget directly connected and reflected in the project activities? – AF D.2 & E.3, B-budget section	
2.	Realistic and cost-effective resources are planned to ensure project implementation. – AF D.2, C.3, C.4	
3.	Financial allocation per cost category is in line with the work plan. – AF D.2, part B-budget section	
4.	The distribution of the budget per period is in line with the work plan. – AF D.3, part B-budget section, C.4	
5.	The project budget is proportionate to the proposed work plan, project outputs (and deliverables). – AF D.2, C.4, C.5, part B-budget section	
6.	The resources allocated to the investments are clearly justified and described. – AF D.2, B-budget section, C.4-investments	
VII. Other elements		
K.	Horizontal principles	
1.	The project makes a positive contribution (including raising public awareness) to programme horizontal principle <i>equal opportunities and non-discrimination based on gender, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation</i> . – AF C.7.6	
2.	The project makes a positive contribution (including raising public awareness) to programme horizontal principle <i>equality between men and women, gender mainstreaming and the integration of a gender perspective</i> . – AF C.7.6	
3.	The project makes a positive contribution (including raising public awareness) to programme horizontal principle <i>sustainable development</i> and the " <i>Do No Significant Harm</i> " principle. – AF C.7.6	

4.	The "infrastructure and works" takes into consideration the potential impacts of climate change (climate proofing in the sense of climate adaptation & resilience ¹) (only for infrastructure investments with an expected lifespan of at least 5 years)	
	The expenditure must be in line with the list of eligible expenditure annexed to the Applicant's Guide. ! If the project is not in line with the list of eligible expenditure annexed to the Applicant's Guide, it will be rejected.	

¹ *Technical guidance on the climate proofing of infrastructure in the period 2021-2027 C(2021) 5430 final*