

# Enhancing project quality and strengthening **assessment** and **selection** practices

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# Assessment steps:

## Step 1

- Admin check
- Legal status check of LAs
- External experts' briefing
- External experts' assessment

## Step 2

- JS internal assessment
- Consolidation JS & EE
- Harmonisation, finalisation of grids
- Hearings preparation

## Step 3

- Creation of final ranking list
- Overlap checks
- Conditions and recommendations
- State Aid conditions

## Step 4

- Assessment report
- MA feedback
- Sending assessment results to MC members
- MC Meeting: Approval of list of recommended projects

# Fulfilling the programme's aim and objective

How can programmes assess if the projects are well targeting programme area needs and call requirements?

Are proposal's objectives relevant to exactly this programme?

Is the CBC dimension and its added value well demonstrated? Does it go beyond addressing the possibility of exchange and mutual learning across borders? Would you finance this project with your own funds?

# Structure of the project

## Intervention logic

Is the project intervention logic (i.e. project specific objectives, outputs and expected results) clearly defined and consistent? **Is the project feasible?**

## Project management

Does the management approach allows sound project coordination and **risk mitigation?**

## Activities

What is the relation between pilot actions, investments, solutions?  
How do you treat **mirror activities?**

# Partnership

## The core of every project!

- What was the **main motivation for applicants to work together** and are they capable and eager to cooperate?
- **Relevance** of the partnership.
- Is there enough **experience and capacity** to manage the project? Is external experts sub-contracting foreseen?
- Do partners have a clear role and **matching competences**?
- How do programmes treat **unbalanced partnership**?
- Partners' competences for the **specific included areas**!

# Cooperation between different programmes

## Overlapping projects vs. Synergies

- Overlapping proposals: What are your **criteria to detect overlapping projects** (partners, similar activities, same area?)
- How far do the programmes check? Within the same **call, programme, current financing period**, or **other programmes**?
- How can programmes **increase synergies** with other programmes (recommendations in contracting phase/organization of targeted events?)

# Programmes' measures to increase project quality:

- Consultations with the JS/JTS (not obligatory, but recommended)
- AI written AF – **Hearings** with LA (pitch template + questions)
- Electronic monitoring system automatized prechecks (Jems)
- Clear instructions for internal and external assessors - online briefings
- Assigning of proposals to external assessors in tranches – to check the assessors' performance
- Harmonization of wording as part of the assessment methodology: to be **precise** and justify the assessment (use e.g. “because, specifically, for example”) – to **avoid generic comments** (e.g. “perhaps, think, seems, assume, probably”)
- **Your suggestions?**

# Cooperation works

**All materials will be available on:**

**[Interact.eu/Library/EU](https://Interact.eu/Library/EU) Neighbours in action: Knowledge across borders**

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