

Annex II to the Call BIN BF02 - Selection Criteria and Selection Procedure

SELECTION CRITERIA AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR BILATERAL INITIATIVES UNDER THE EDUCATION COMPONENT

CALL CODE: BIN BF02

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, INNOVATION AND SMEs PROGRAMME 2014-2021

FUND FOR BILATERAL RELATIONS

EEA and Norway Grants 2014 – 2021

SLOVAKIA

Formal compliance criteria and eligibility criteria shall be assessed by the Programme Operator (PO). If the PO identifies a shortcoming in the Grant Application, the applicant will be asked to rectify identified shortcomings and/or to supplement the missing information. The applicant shall respond to the findings (findings include shortcomings and/or missing information) of the PO within 5 working days. Within this period the applicant shall also rectify the identified shortcomings and/or supplement the missing information. Upon the request of the applicant, the PO may extend this period.

Should the applicant fail to rectify the identified shortcomings and/or supplement the missing information within the set deadline, the Grant Application shall be rejected. Applicants may appeal to the PO in case the Grant Application is rejected due to non-compliance with Formal and/or Eligibility criteria. Further information can be found in chapter 18 of the Bilateral Fund Guide.

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1. FORMAL COMPLIANCE CRITERIA

| No. | Criterion | Source of verification | YES | NO | N/A | Comment |
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| 1. | The grant application was submitted within the period set in the Call for proposals via electronic system <i>egrant</i> . | Electronic application in <i>egrant</i> | | | | |
| 2. | All mandatory attachments listed in the Article 8 of the Call are attached: | | | | | |
| | a) Signed Partnership Statement, letter of intent or other similar document (such as invitation, e-mail correspondence, event agenda) proving the partner's interest in participating in the initiative. | | | | | |
| | b) Signed Declaration of the Applicant | | | | | |
| | c) Signed Declaration of the Partner ¹ | | | | | |
| | d) Copy of the cooperation agreement with Liechtenstein if the applicant/partner is a VET institution from Switzerland; if relevant | | | | | |
| | e) Filled and signed Annex 1 of De minimis aid scheme for supporting the development of bilateral relations in the area of business and education, as amended by Addendum No. 1 (DM-2/2020) by the applicant and partner(s) (applicable for the applicant and partner requesting granting of minimum aid) | | | | | |

¹ Relevant only for Measure B

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| 3. | The applicant has chosen at least 2 indicators from Article 2 of the Call. | | | | | |
| 4. | The applicant has submitted all missing information/rectified identified shortcomings within the set deadline. ² | | | | | |

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

| No. | Criterion | Source of verification | YES | NO | N/A | Comments |
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| 1. | The applicant is eligible. | Electronic application in <i>agrant</i> | | | | |
| 2. | The partner(s) is eligible. | | | | | |
| 3. | The applicant has at least one eligible partner in compliance with the Call ³ . | | | | | |
| 4. | The applicant has maximum 3 eligible partners in compliance with the Call. | | | | | |
| 5. | Maximal amount of the Grant that can be applied for was observed. | | | | | |
| 6. | Timeframe of the initiative implementation is in compliance with the length and period specified in the Call. | | | | | |

Only applications meeting all Formal Compliance Criteria and all Eligibility Criteria (no answer NO is used) will be assessed on the Content related criteria.

² Relevant in case the PO requested the submission of missing information/rectify shortcomings.

³ Criterion is not relevant to a subject participating at match-making or networking event under Measure A.

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3. CONTENT RELATED CRITERIA

| No. | Criterion | Criterion description | 0 (NO) 1 (YES) | Comments |
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| 1. | Relevance of the initiative | The initiative contributes to strengthening bilateral relations, enhancing cooperation and improving mutual knowledge and understanding between Slovakia and the Donor states and contributes to the focus of the Call. | | |
| 2. | Relevance of the partnership | <u>Measure A:</u> There is a high assumption of the involvement of potential partner from the Donor states ⁴ /Slovakia and proposed partner have compatible professional focus. | | |
| | | <u>Measure B:</u> The partnership is balanced, the partner plays an active role in the implementation of the proposed initiative and has compatible professional focus. | | |
| 3. | Quality of the application | The application is clear and concise, including the proposed objective and results and the relevance of measurable indicators. | | |
| 4. | Feasibility | The implementation of the initiative is well designed, the planned activities are realistic, have logical structure and will lead to planned results. The planned resources (financial and personal) are adequate and time schedule is realistic. No significant risk is expected during the implementation of the initiative. | | |
| 5. | Budget efficiency | The initiative's budget is designed in sufficient details, it is realistic (not overestimated or underestimated) and cost-effective. The | | |

⁴ Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Vocational, educational and training institutions (VET) in Switzerland with specific cooperation agreement with Liechtenstein.

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| | | budget items are compliant with the Call, the Bilateral Fund Guide, the Regulations. | | |
| 6. | Sustainability | Relevant for Measure B: The sustainability of bilateral cooperation is expected. The initiative may continue, be repeated or provide other benefits after the funding is over. | | |
| Total score achieved: | | | | |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend for funding | <input type="checkbox"/> Not recommend for funding |
| <u>COMMENT OF THE ASSESSOR:</u> | |

The assessor can award the criterion with 0 (NO) or 1 (YES). In case the score for a criterion is “0”, the assessor is obliged to justify this decision in the field “Comments”. The Grant Application with 4 or less points, will be rejected.