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This guide is an overview of the selection criteria that will be used to determine whether or not your project is approved under the Atlantic Area Programme. You should use this guide as a basis for developing your project application and you should use it in conjunction with the Atlantic Area Operational Programme and the latest version of the project handbook. For more information, please see www.coop-atlantico.com

Transnational cooperation is about looking beyond local issues and national borders. It is about meeting people, exchanging experiences, sharing knowledge, developing a new culture, and achieving better results together rather than alone.

In order to be approved, a good application must meet the admissibility conditions. Firstly, the application must be submitted before the closing date. The electronic application form must be valid, well completed and all declarations should be presented, dated and signed. It is important to make sure that the project is transnational and partner countries must cooperate in at least two of the following ways: joint development, joint implementation, joint staffing and joint financing. Quantifiable outputs must be defined in accordance with the objectives set out in the Operational Programme.

1. Intensity and added value of the transnational cooperation.

- Overall projects should address a common concern or objective shared by the participating Member States or regions.
- The degree of innovation is a fundamental element for the eligibility of the project. It shall implement all key lessons learned from previous engagements and show how it complements other projects/programmes of the period 2007-2013.

2. Contribution to the Atlantic Area Strategy and coherency with European and national, regional and local policies.

- The proposal has to be clear and the rationale of the project has to be in relation to the Atlantic Area Strategy and in relation to a balanced territorial development.
- The project fits with relevant European/national/regional policies as well as the Lisbon Agenda (economic growth and job creation) and Gothenburg Agenda (sustainable development)

3. Quality of the working and communication plans or degree of tangibility, transferability and sustainability or project results.

- The project must have a clear work plan describing the methodology, showing the balance of each partner's involvement, as well as the sustainability strategy detailing how the project plans to continue activities beyond the funding period.
- The outputs have to be relevant, realistic and tangible.
- The communication plan must be realistic and relevant and contribute to the transferability of project results i.e. transfer of knowledge and good practices.

4. Quality of the partnership organisation and of the management and control system.

- The partnership involves different types of organisations and has the capacity to deliver the objectives and the expected results.
- A focus is placed on the transparency of the internal organisation management and control systems.
- The Lead Partner has an experience of efficient management of a transnational project and the other partners know how to deliver their element of the work plan.
- Knowledge, know-how transfers and exchange of experience delivered by the project have to be promoted within the partnership.

5. Consistency and soundness of budget.

- The overall project budget provides explanations and justifications on budget construction and budget lines.

- The overall project budget is consistent with the work plan, reflects value for money and respects the eligibility rules of the programme, EU and the Member States.
- The involvement of the partners is well represented in the working plan, and the allocation of resources is coherent with their financial capacities.