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# Ocenjevanje LIFE projektnih predlogov

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# Evaluation of LIFE proposals: Common pitfalls

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# LIFE's objective



To contribute to:

- the implementation,
- update and
- development of the EU environmental and climate policy and legislation



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# HOW ARE THE PROJECTS SELECTED?





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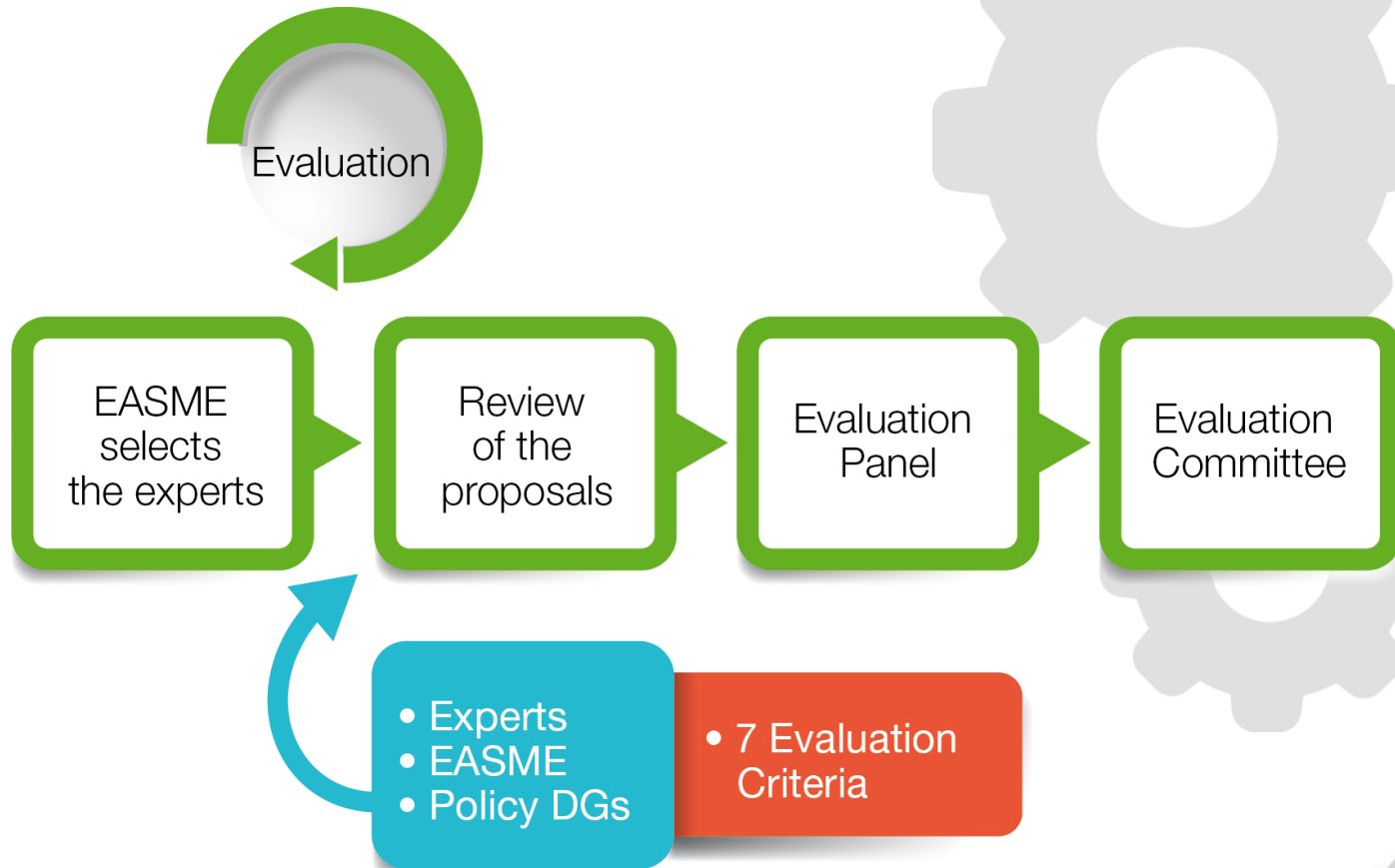
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# EVALUATION CRITERIA

7 criteria detailed in the evaluation guidelines (*applicant's package*)

## Environnement

Award Criteria	Minimum pass score*	Maximum score
1. Technical coherence and quality	10	20
2. Financial coherence and quality	10	20
3. EU added value: extent and quality of the contribution to the specific objectives of the priority areas of the LIFE sub-programme for Environment	10	20
4. Contribution to the project topics	-	10
5. EU added value: multipurpose, synergies, and integration	7	15
6. EU added value: replicability and transferability	5	10
7. EU added value: transnational, green procurement, uptake	-	5
<b>Overall (pass) scores</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>100</b>





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# COMMON PITFALLS AND SOME TIPS





## THE BASELINE IS INCOMPLETE

- ❖ What is **the problem** you want to address
- ❖ What are the challenges **in your specific context**
- ❖ What has been done so far – **value added of the project**
- ❖ **Baseline data** (surveys, results of tests, etc.) → provide the data source and, when relevant, maps

## TARGET GROUP, STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERSHIP NOT APPROPRIATE



- ❖ Who is **affected by the problem**? Who will use the solutions/tools developed?
- ❖ **Local authorities** involved? How? Ensure active participation of key stakeholders
- ❖ **Partnership based on expertise** needed in the project

# UNCLEAR LINK BETWEEN ACTIONS AND OBJECTIVES



- ❖ **Are the actions appropriate** to address the problem identified? Use **logical framework**
- ❖ Clearly present **who does what and when**
- ❖ Tools/strategies/methodologies → needed for **concrete implementation**
- ❖ **Transnational?**

# SUSTAINABILITY NOT ENSURED



- ❖ **Technical sustainability** should **be built in the project** ex. scale up pilot, uptake of policy recommendations/tools
- ❖ Responsibilities – who will do the job afterwards? Who will use the tool/ products developed?
- ❖ **Financial sustainability**





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## SOME TIPS...

Preoperational  
context  
properly  
described

Results well  
quantified and  
with relevant  
indicators

Describe  
actions and  
deliverables in  
detail

Link the results  
against  
set targets

Clearly describe  
the project's  
sustainability

Include relevant  
stakeholders  
in actions

# LOW IMPACT/LITTLE EU ADDED VALUE



- ❖ What are the **changes achieved**?
- ❖ **Value for the EU**: policy update, **new legislation**, changes in **behaviour**, **new product on the market**
- ❖ **Indicators** of impact – n. of people trained is not an impact indicator
- ❖ Negative impact on environment

## SOME TIPS...

Focus more on  
updating EU  
environmental  
policy

Discuss in detail  
any contribution  
to complementary  
priority areas

Discuss the impact  
throughout  
the life-cycle  
of the project

Address in detail  
the project's  
socio-economic  
impact

Quantify (baseline  
and expected  
results) the habitats  
and species that will  
be targeted (NAT)

Carefully complete  
the performance  
indicators table

# REPLICATION AND TRANSFER OF RESULTS NOT DEVELOPED



- ❖ Replication in **another area/sector**
- ❖ Only a replication strategy or final workshop is not sufficient
- ❖ Transfer but **adapted to the new context**
- ❖ **Should be built in the project**



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## SOME TIPS...

Mention how the proposed methodology may be applied in regions with similar characteristics or in other sectors

Involve various stakeholders in the project design and actions

Present the strategy for the long term use of the project's results

Most important: include actions during project to ensure results' uptake and replication





## CLOSE TO MARKET STRATEGY NOT WELL DEVELOPED

- ❖ What is the **state of art of the solution** /process?  
Technical readiness – **no research** (accepted if strictly needed)
- ❖ Quantification of **environmental benefits** - LCA
- ❖ **Market positioning/** commercialisation can start within the project
- ❖ **Business plan/** licences

# PROJECT BUDGET

## Only costs incurred for actions implemented during project lifetime can be eligible!

- ❖ Personnel – 2% rule for public bodies
- ❖ Daily rate – based on gross salary + contributions according to the national legislation (social security, pension, etc.)
- ❖ Travel costs – according to internal rules of project beneficiaries
- ❖ External assistance – not more than 35% of the total budget
- ❖ Durable goods – 100% for NAT projects, for the rest, only depreciation costs can be financed (up to 25% for infrastructure, up to 50% for equipment),
- ❖ Prototypes – 100% if developed specifically for the LIFE project – no commercialisation during the project's life.
- ❖ Public tender – mandatory for contracts above 130,000 €
- ❖ Public entities must comply with national legislation
- ❖ Good value for money has to be demonstrated even if public tender is not necessary

## SOME TIPS...

Reasonable  
and well  
presented  
budget

Sufficiently  
detailed costs  
(e.g. external  
assistance,  
travel etc)

Project  
management costs  
proportional to  
the project's size

Follow the  
LIFE guidelines  
regarding  
cost allocation

Value  
for money  
principle

# INFORMATION SOURCES

- \* LIFE Web site – It contains everything you need:  
<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/index.htm>
- \* LIFE Regulation – priority areas
- \* MAWP (Multi-annual work programme) – project topics
- \* Application Packages
- \* Guides for evaluation of LIFE project proposals
- \* Eventually, specific information, guidelines designed by the National Contact Point





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