

Monitoring Committee for Operational Programme 1

Operational Programme 1 Cohesion Policy
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Common Eligibility and Selection Criteria

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**The following Common Eligibility and Selection Criteria apply
to the Aid Schemes falling within Article 87.**

**Different criteria are being contemplated for Schemes falling
outside this Article.**



The Eligibility Criteria

1. Complete Submission
2. Fits in with one or more of the intervention areas
3. Pending issues related to IB or its agencies
4. Within State Aid Regime
5. Eligible Applicant
6. Project Implemented within Eligible period



Preliminary Evaluation 35%

The second phase is divided onto 3 criteria:

1. Risk Appraisal
2. Extent of need for support
3. Number of Eligible Intervention Areas implemented in the project



1. Risk Appraisal – 20%

Risk will be assessed on:

- type/age of organisation
- time critical
- ratio of total project value to net assets of the undertaking
- level of commitment
- capacity of applicant to implement the project



2. Need for Support – 10%

Evaluation of this criterion will be based on its size and the degree of networking.

- micro and small and self employed (less than 50 employees)
- medium (more than 50 but below 250 employees)
- large (more than 250 employees)
- forms part of a network or start-up



3. Number of Eligible Intervention areas Implemented in the Project – 5%

Schemes encourage projects which are holistic in nature, and therefore projects involving activities that relate to more than one of the intervention areas as outlined in the guidelines for applicants will be awarded more marks.



Strategic Evaluation 65%

The third phase carries the most weighting and will be assessed upon:

- Horizontal Priorities
- Thematic Priorities



Horizontal Priorities – 10%

Projects must contribute towards the cross-cutting themes of:

- Environmental Sustainability
- Equality

Environmental Sustainability and Equal Opportunities are identified in Regulation (EC)1083/2006, their assessment will be based on the extent to which applicants integrate horizontal priorities related To equality and environmental sustainability. Applications which demonstrate a genuine effort to effectively impact the horizontal priorities will be awarded marks accordingly.



Thematic Priorities – 55%

The Thematic Priorities, which are specific to each Scheme, highlight the issues which are of most importance for each sector and emphasise the objectives of each Scheme.

Employment, given its national importance, and the Lisbon Agenda, has been included in each Scheme's Thematic Priorities.

