



Centres of Vocational Excellence

Eligibility and award criteria

Preparing a good application

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TIMETABLE



AT A GLANCE

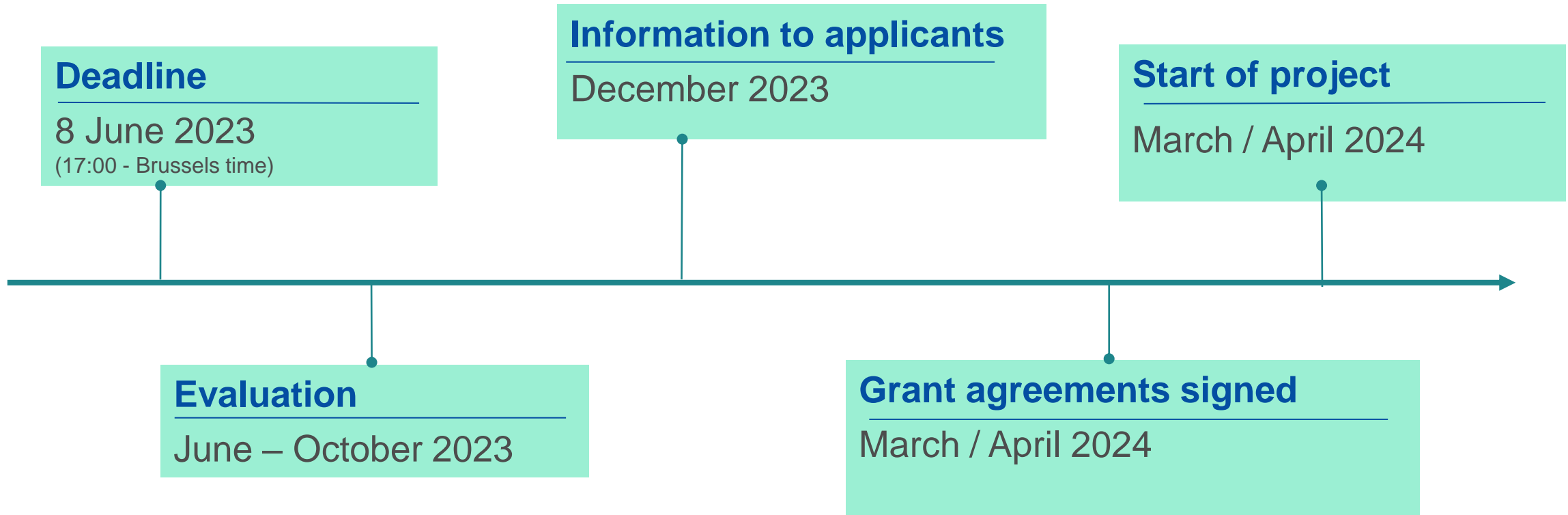


**EVALUATION
CRITERIA**



**TIPS FOR
APPLICANTS**

Timetable



The 2023 Call for Proposals at a glance

Scope: to support the gradual establishment and development of international collaborative networks of **Vocational Excellence – EQF levels:** Can be at any EQF level but must include levels 3, 4 or 5

- **Duration of projects:** 48 months
- **Total budget 2023:** EUR 52 million
- **Total budget 2021-2027:** EUR 400 million
- **Maximum grant per project:** EUR 4 million
- **Type of grants:** Lump Sum Type II (payment of fixed amounts linked to the delivery of work packages)
- **Seal of excellence** for proposals scored as high quality ($\geq 75/100$ points) but cannot be funded due to insufficient funds



Evaluation Criteria

- ✓ Eligibility criteria
- ✓ Award criteria

Eligibility Criteria (1)



Duration

4 Years



Where to apply

[Funding and
Tenders
opportunities portal](#)

Call ID: ERASMUS-
EDU-2023-PEX-
COVE



Deadline

8/06/2023 (17h
Brussels time, CET)



Eligibility Criteria (2)

Who can be the applicants?

- ✓ *The applicants (coordinator and partners) must be organisations (public or private) legally established in an EU Member State or a third country associated to the Programme.*
- ✓ *Organisations **from third countries not associated to the Programme** can also participate but not as coordinators*



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Eligibility Criteria (3)

Which types of organisation can participate?

*Any public or private organisation active in VET or in the **world of work** can be involved as **full partner, affiliated entity or associated partner***

Non-exhaustive list

- VET Providers
- Companies, industry or sector representative organisations
- National/regional qualification authorities
- Research institutes
- Innovation agencies
- Regional development authorities

Eligibility Criteria (4)

Which countries can participate as full partners?



**27 EU
Member
States**

*Iceland,
Liechtenstein,
Norway, Republic of
North Macedonia,
Serbia, Turkey*

**Third countries
associated to the
Programme**

*Most other countries
in the world (see
[2023 PG](#))*

**Third
countries not
associated to
the
Programme**

Eligibility Criteria (5)

Which countries can participate as “associated” partners ?

Same countries as for full partners

- Participation with **no funds**
- Demonstrated added value to the CoVE

Eligibility Criteria (6)

What should the partnership looks like?



Minimum **8 full partners** from minimum **4 EU Member States** or **third countries associated to the Programme**

*The **coordinator** must be from an EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme*

Each EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme must involve:

at least 1 enterprise, industry or sector representative organisation

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at least 1 VET provider at secondary and/or tertiary level)

The partnership can also involve any other organisation active in VET and the world of work

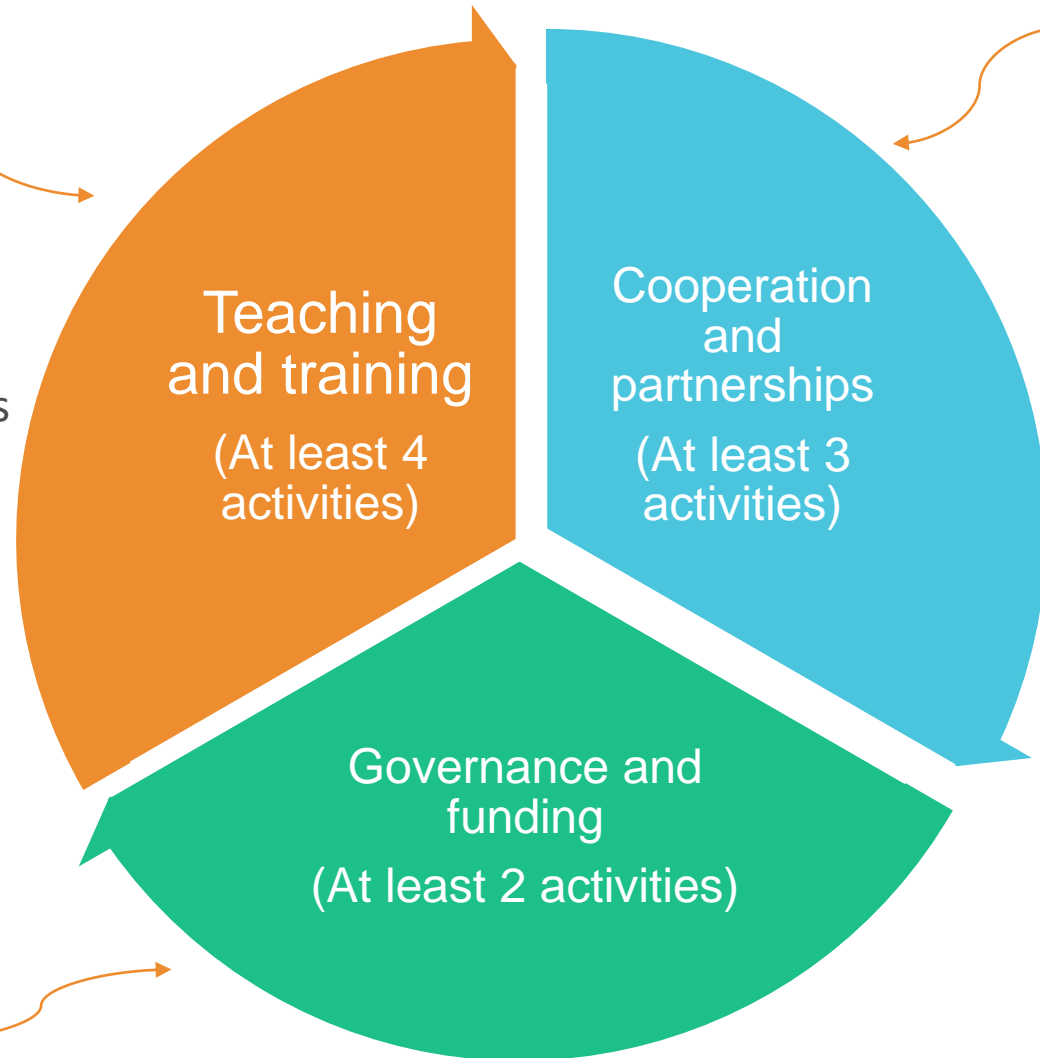
Eligible activities

For example:

- Labour market relevant skills
- Developing vet curricula and qualifications
- Innovative learner-centred approaches
- Professional development of teachers and trainers
- Quality assurance mechanisms
- Feedback loops and graduate tracking systems
- Guidance services...

For example:

- Vet governance
- Skills development and governance
- Skills ecosystems
- Sustainable financial models
- National and EU financial instruments...



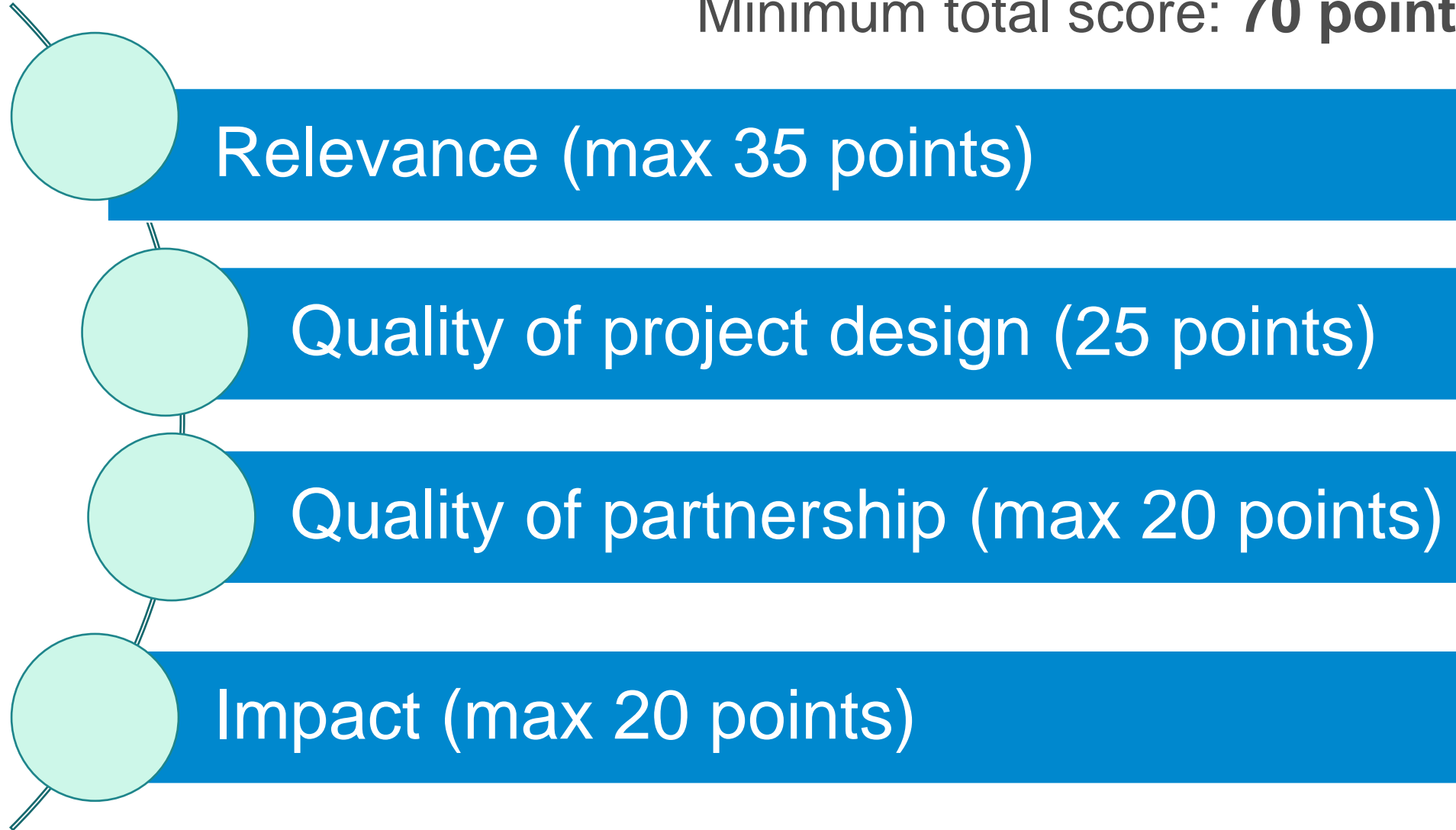
For example:

- Business-education partnerships
- Research and innovation
- Vet internationalisation and mobility
- Vet attractiveness
- Skills competitions...

Award criteria

More details on each criteria in Programme Guide Part B

Minimum total score: **70 points**





Relevance

- Link to policy
- Consistency
- **Innovation**
- **Activities**
- **Regional dimension**
- Cooperation and partnership
- European added value
- Internationalisation
- Digital skills
- Green skills
- Social dimension

• **Activities:** *The activities selected from the three clusters are clearly identified, described and linked to the overall objectives of the project;*

35
points

Quality of project design and implementation

25 points



Coherence

Activities

Methodology

Management

Budget

Work Plan

Financial and quality control

Quality of mobility activities (if any)

Award criteria - **Quality of the partnership and the cooperation arrangements**

**20
points**

- **Configuration**
- **Upward convergence**
- **Geographical dimension**
- **Involvement of third countries not associated to the Programme**
- **Commitment**
- **Collaboration**



Award criteria - **Impact**

- **Exploitation**
- **Dissemination**
- **Impact**
- **Sustainability**



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**20
points**



10 Top tips for applicants

1. Provide a clear description of the **partnership and the complementarity between organisations**.
2. Describe the **specific experience and competences** of staff, in particular those needed for the project.
3. If you include an **organisation from a third country not associated to the Programme** (as a full partner), explain clearly what is the **value added** to the project.
4. Provide concrete evidence of **innovation** and the **contribution to regional development**.
5. If **associated partners** are listed, explain what is their role in the project.



10 Top tips for applicants

6. Be **concrete** in the description of your objectives and activities. Make sure that they are closely linked.
7. Include an **independent external assessment** at mid-term and at the end.
8. Define **quality control measures** for all phases.
9. Describe **Impact** in terms of changes in knowledge, behaviour or skills, policies, with concrete indicators.
10. For **resubmitted proposals**, improve the proposal according to the comments on the assessment

Thank you



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