



INTRA-AFRICA Academic Mobility Scheme (MOBAF) 2022-2027

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OUTLINE

INTRA-AFRICA ACADEMIC MOBILITY SCHEME 2022-2027

- objectives & funding

Call NDICI-2023-MOBAF

- Main features and requirements
- Funding mechanism
- Evaluation and award procedure



Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme 2022-2027



Overall objective:

To increase skills and qualifications across the African continent



To promote **inclusive learning mobility** opportunities



To increase the **employability** of higher education students and trainees and their entrepreneurial skills



To improve the **quality, relevance, internationalisation of higher education** in Africa



To reinforce focus on **climate change mitigation and adaptation** in higher education

Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme 2022-2027



Intra-Africa budget **2022-2024**: 60 million €

Mobility projects

1st call for proposals
NDICI-2023-MOBAF
(4 April 2023)
27 mln €
(≈ 15 projects)

2nd call for proposals
end 2024/beg 2025
28 mln €
(≈ 15-16 projects)

Supporting measures

5 mln €
2023-2024
(implemented by
EACEA)

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Which type of mobility projects will be funded?

Beneficiaries

- Consortia of **Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)** from Sub-Saharan Africa and the EU

Purpose

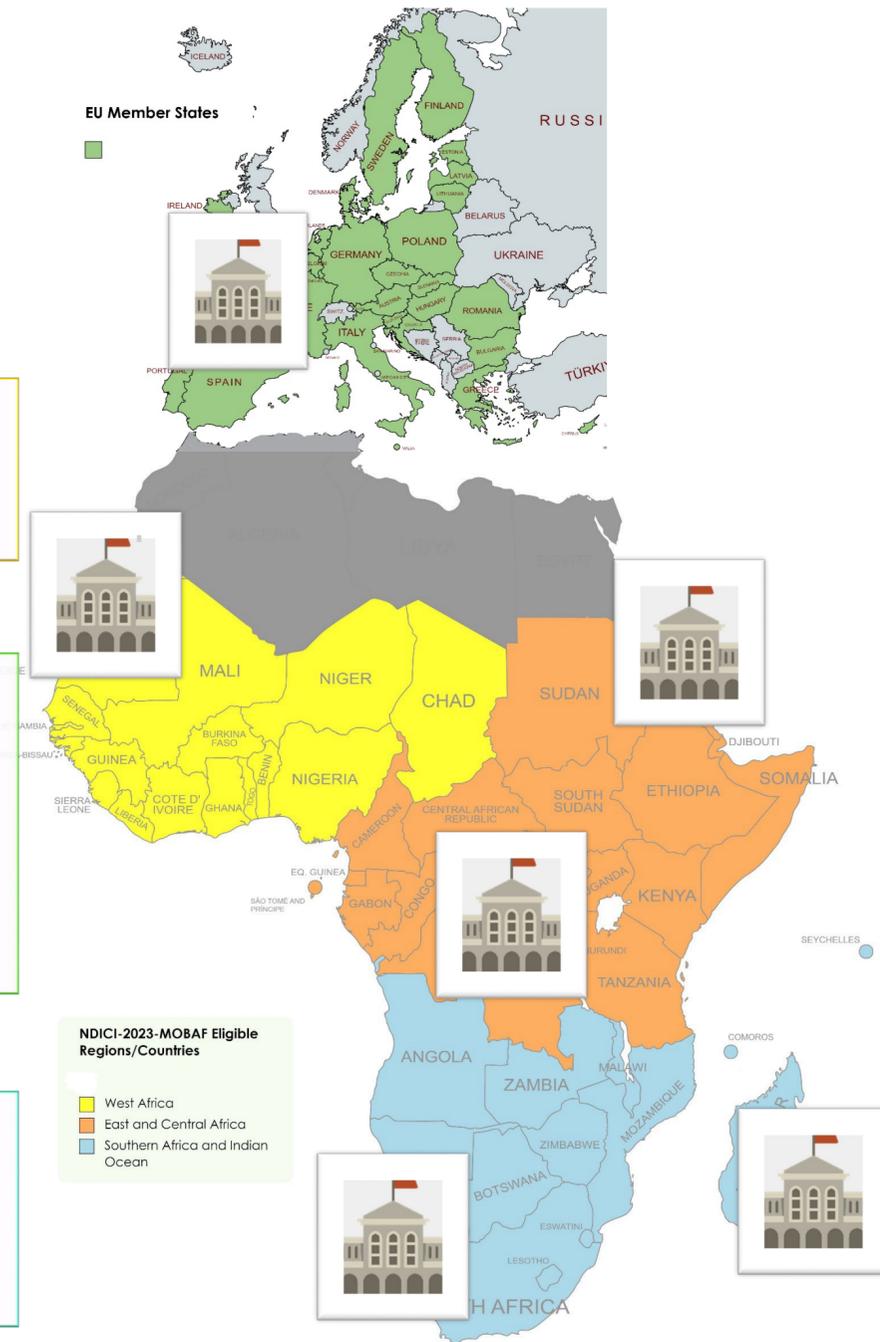
- Organisation and implementation of **international mobility to African HEIs** for
 - *Master & Doctorate students*
 - *Trainees*
 - *Staff members*

Thematic areas

- All thematic area but indicatively 40% of selected projects related to environment and climate change

Grant per project and duration

- Maximum 1,8 mln € to fund institutional costs and scholarships
- 48 months (fixed duration)





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Eligible consortium composition

Minimum 4 and maximum 6 Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) from Sub-Saharan Africa

One HEI from one of the EU Member States
(EU technical partner)

Only HEIs from **Africa** as **lead applicant/coordinator**

Other organisations from Africa can participate as **Associated Partners**

*Applicants
(beneficiaries)*



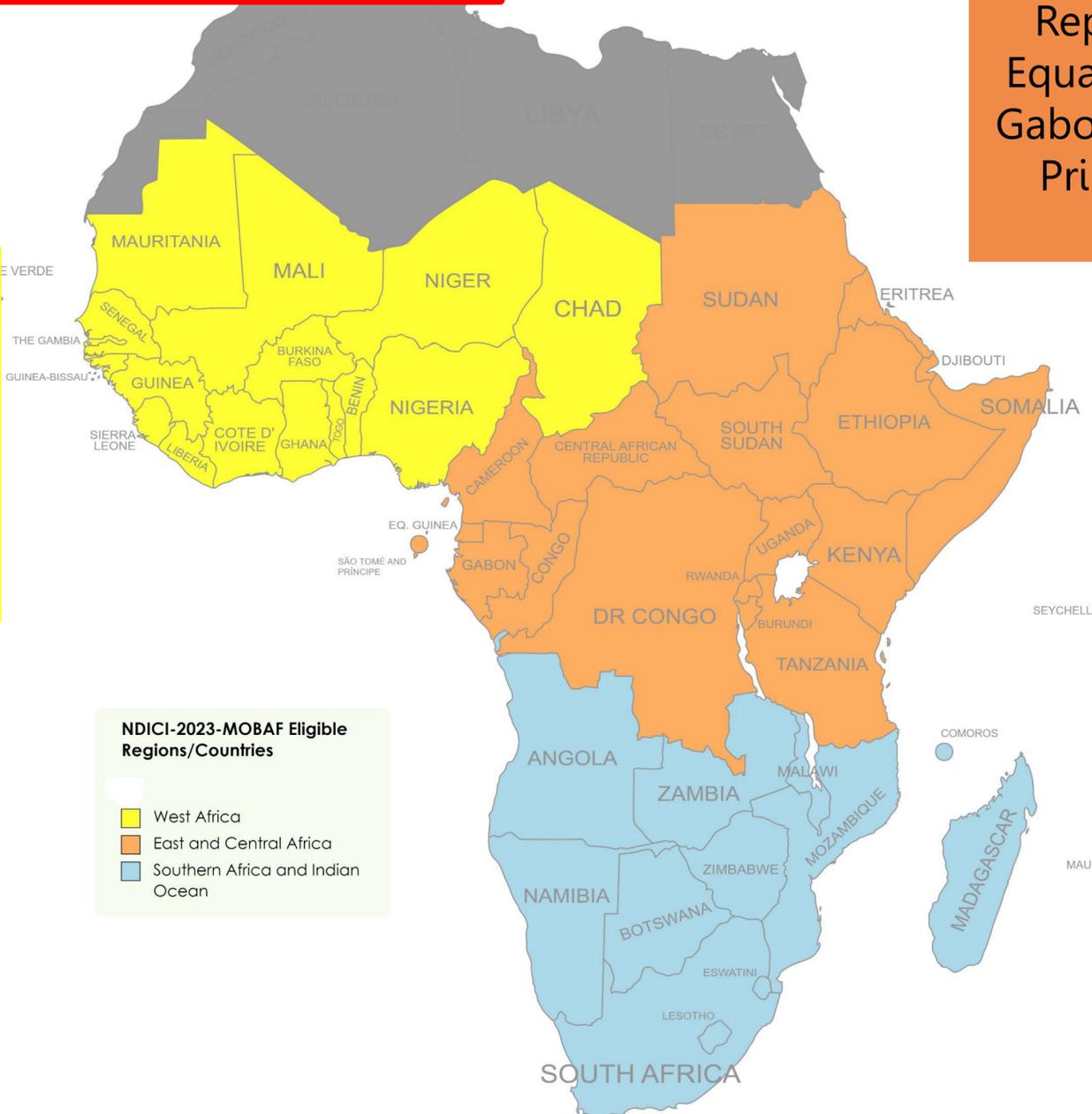
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Eligible African regions and countries

HEIs from Northern Africa region not eligible as beneficiaries under this call

EAST and CENTRAL AFRICA
Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Kenya, Rwanda, Sao Tome & Principe, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda

WEST AFRICA
Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo



NDICI-2023-MOBAF Eligible Regions/Countries

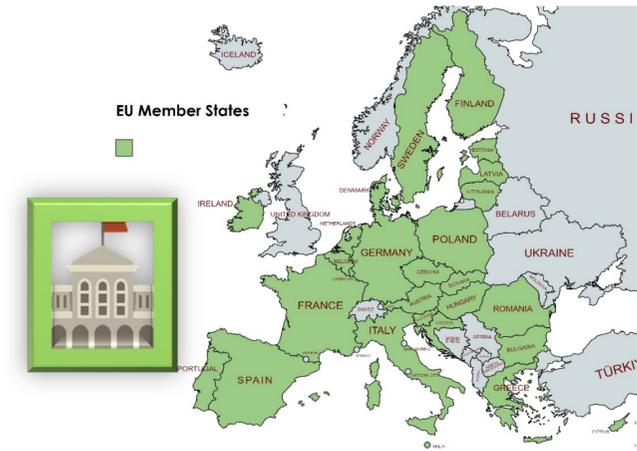
- West Africa
- East and Central Africa
- Southern Africa and Indian Ocean

SOUTHERN AFRICA and INDIAN OCEAN
Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe



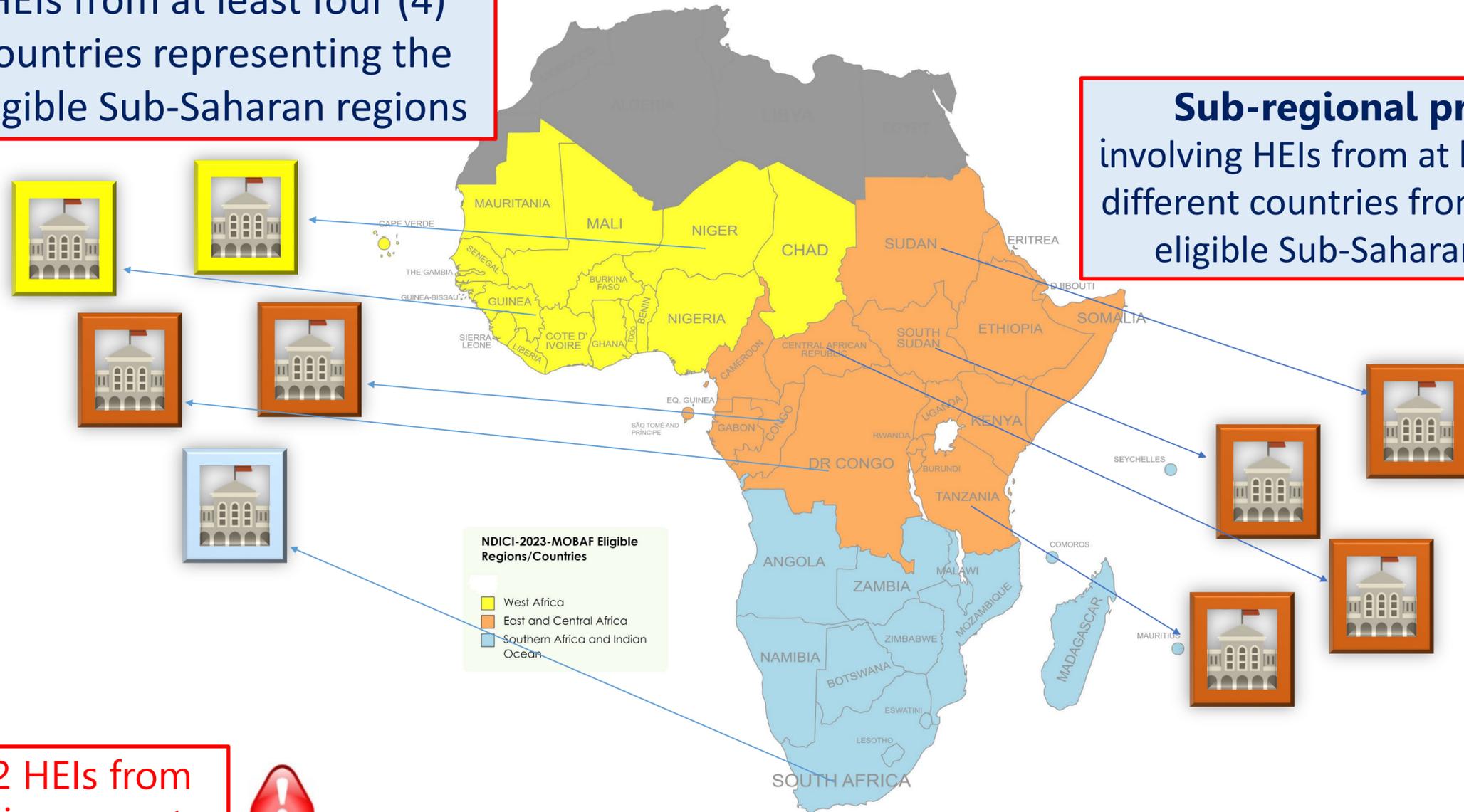
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Eligible consortium composition: geographical coverage – 2 project types



Cross-regional projects:
involving HEIs from at least four (4)
different countries representing the
three (3) eligible Sub-Saharan regions

Sub-regional projects: NEW
involving HEIs from at least four (4)
different countries from one of the
eligible Sub-Saharan regions



Maximum 2 HEIs from
the same African country





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Eligible project activities

INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Project management, cooperation,
- Capacity building
- Mobility promotion and selection
- Mobility implementation, services to students, recognition, monitoring
- Quality Assurance, dissemination, sustainability

SCHOLARSHIPS for INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY of:

- **Students (Master/PhD)**
- **Trainees** (*i.e. students enrolled in Bachelor, Master or PhD*)
- **Staff members**



Eligible scholarship holders

❖ **STUDENTS** (at Master and Doctorate):

- **national of and resident in** an African country *(including from Northern Africa region)*
- graduated/registered/admitted at one of the African HEIs member of the consortium (TG1) or any other African HEIs (TG2) *(including from Northern Africa region)*



❖ **TRAINEES**

- **national of and resident in** an African country *(including from Northern Africa region)*
- enrolled in a Bachelor/Master/PhD programme at African HEIs members of the consortium

❖ **STAFF MEMBERS** employed in one of the HEIs members of the consortium, *including the HEI from EU*





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Mobility activities



Eligible mobility

- ❖ Only HEIs from Africa involved in the project as applicants (beneficiaries) can host mobility of students and staff
- ❖ Mobility can only be toward an eligible African country different from the country of nationality and of residence of the scholarship holder
- ❖ Only organisations (public or private) established in the countries of the applicants (beneficiaries) HEIs from Africa can host trainees
- ❖ **Student mobility:**
 - **credit-seeking mobility** (leading to the academic recognition by the home HEI of the study/research period spent at the host HEI)
 - **degree-seeking mobility** (for a complete academic programme/leading to a degree)



Indicative mobility requirements/targets

| | ➤ Min/max duration | ➤ Minimum Percentage |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Master students | 4 to 24 months | 50% |
| Doctoral candidates | 6 to 36 months | 15% |
| Trainees | 3 to 6 months | 10% |
| Staff members | 2 weeks to 3 months | 10% |

- Participation of women (25%)
- Scholarship holders with vulnerable status or special needs (10%)
- Balanced distribution of mobility per host institutions and per nationality (of scholarship holders)
- *Credit seeking* mobility for students (25%)

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Summary table of eligibility (countries of origin/destination)



| | Country of consortium members | | Country of home HEI | | | | Country of hosting HEIs/organization | | | |
|--|---|------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|---------------|
| | Lead applicant (Coordinator) <i>(Beneficiaries)</i> | Applicants | Associated Partners | Students TG1 | Students TG2 | Trainees | Staff members | Students TG1 & TG2 | Trainees | Staff members |
| Sub-Saharan Africa: West Africa East and Central Africa Southern Africa and Indian Ocean | X | X | X | X (1) | X | X (1) | X (1) | X (1) | X (2) | X (1) |
| EU Member States | | X | | | | | X (1) | | | |
| Northern Africa | | | X | | X | | | | | |

(1) From consortium HEIs only

(2) Only at organisations in the consortium countries

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Funding mechanism - form of grant



| | Master student | Doctoral candidates/trainees | Staff |
|--|---|------------------------------|---------|
| SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTION (per month of mobility) | 890 € | 1.230 € | 2.370 € |
| INSTITUTIONAL CONTRIBUTION* (per month of mobility) | 900 € | | |
| CONTRIBUTION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS  | Unit costs varying from 3.000 € to 60.000 € (max 2 x 60.000 €) | | |

* To be managed at consortium level

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Evaluation/award procedure and calendar



- The assessment of the project proposals against the award criteria is carried out by an internal Evaluation Committee assisted by independent outside experts

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Any question?

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