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Award Criteria

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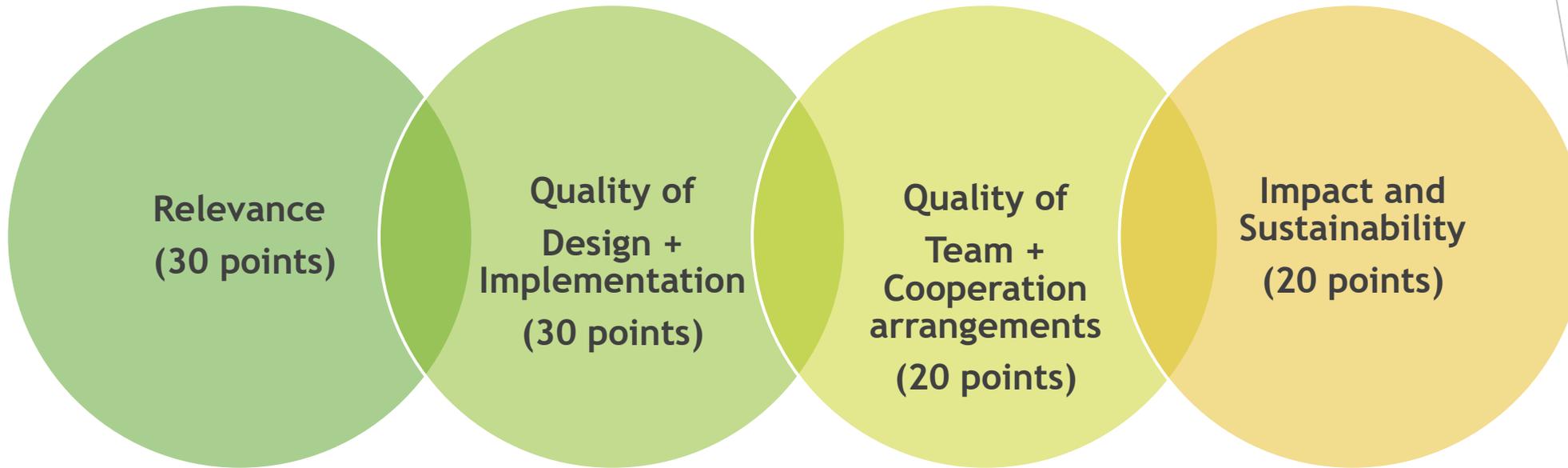
Relevance of the project

Quality of the project design and implementation

Quality of the partnership and the cooperation arrangements

Sustainability, impact and dissemination of the expected results

Award criteria



- Proposals must score at least **60/100 points** in total to be selected
- **At least half of the maximum points** for each award criterion.
- In case of equal score, priority to projects scoring highest under "Relevance of the project" and then "Sustainability, impact and dissemination of the expected results".

Award criteria

Relevance of the project

Purpose

- Addressing clearly the pre-defined regional priorities for the target Region(s).
- Relevant to objectives and activities of CBHE and specificities of the Strand
- Adequate response to current needs of the target country(ies) or Region(s) and of the target groups,
- Addressing the EU overarching priorities.

Objectives

- Based on a sound needs analysis;
- Addressing issues relevant to the participating organisations and development strategies for higher education in the eligible third countries not associated to the programme.

Link to EU policy and initiatives

- Taking into account and enhances complementarity/synergies with other interventions funded by the EU and other entities.

EU added value

- Demonstrating that similar results could not be achieved without the cooperation of HEIs from the EU.

Weaknesses

Lack of an appropriate needs analysis adapted to the features of the project

Target groups or beneficiaries have not been precisely identified

Award criteria

Quality of the project design and implementation

Coherence

- Consistency between project objectives, methodology, activities and the budget proposed,
- Coherent and comprehensive set of appropriate activities to meet the identified needs and the expected results.

Methodology

- The logic of the intervention is of good quality, planned outputs and outcomes are coherent and feasible, and key assumptions and risks have been clearly identified. LFM is sound and adequate.

Work plan

- Quality and effectiveness of the work plan are in line with their objectives and the deliverables,
- the relation between the resources and the expected results is adequate and the work plan is realistic, with well-defined activities, time-lines, clear deliverables and milestones.

Budget

- Cost efficiency and appropriate financial resources for a successful implementation of the project,
- The estimated budget is neither overestimated nor underestimated.

Quality control

- Control measures (continuous quality evaluation, peer reviews, benchmarking activities, mitigating actions etc.) and quality indicators ensure a project implementation of high quality.

Environmental sustainability

- The project is designed in an eco-friendly way.

Weaknesses

Preparation phase is too long

Lack of consistency between the different parts of the proposal

Costs effectiveness of the proposal is not ensured

Unbalanced distribution of budget

Award criteria

Quality of the partnership and the cooperation arrangements

Management

- Solid arrangements are foreseen,
- Timelines, governance structures, collaboration arrangements and responsibilities well defined and realistic.

Composition

- Appropriate mix of organisations with the necessary competences relevant to the objectives of the proposal and to the specificities of the Strand,
- most appropriate and diverse range of non-academic partners.

Tasks

- Roles and tasks are assigned on the basis of the specific know-how, profiles and experience of each partner.

Collaboration

- Effective mechanisms to ensure efficient collaboration, communication and conflict resolution between the partner organisations and any other relevant stakeholders.

Commitment

- The contribution from the project partners is significant, pertinent and complementary,
- the proposal demonstrates the partners' involvement, commitment and ownership of the project's specific objectives and results, in particular from the third countries not associated to the programme.

Weaknesses

The proposal includes staff that will not participate in the project

Unbalanced distribution of responsibilities among the partners

Award criteria

Sustainability, impact and dissemination of the expected results

Exploitation

- How the outcomes of the project will be used by the partners and other stakeholders; how multiplier effects will be ensured and it provides means to measure exploitation within the project funding time and after.

Dissemination

- Clear and efficient plan for the dissemination of results, appropriate activities and their timing, tools and channels to be spread effectively to all relevant stakeholders and non-participating audience, reaching out and attracting relevant stakeholders to the outcomes within and after the project's funding time.

Impact

- **Ensuring a continuous and sustainable response to the existing barriers and the increase of accessibility of students/staff with fewer opportunities to the learning opportunities and resources offered by the HEIs.**
- **Increasing the international cooperation capacities of institutions in third countries not associated to the programme.**
- Tangible impact on its target groups and relevant stakeholders at local, national or regional level,
- Measures, goals and indicators to monitor progress and assess the expected impact at individual, institutional and systemic level.

Open access

- Materials, documents and media produced freely available and promoted through open licenses and without disproportionate limitations.

Sustainability

- How the project results will be sustained financially and institutionally and how the local ownership will be ensured.

Weaknesses

Involve the relevant stakeholders

Address sustainability since the beginning

Award Procedure

What is assessed? Award procedure

EACEA takes a grant award decision based on:



Evaluation Committee's recommendation, taking into account:

Ranking list on quality established by independent experts

Consultation process with EU Delegations,

Budget available for each Region and strand

Need to achieve a thematic and sufficient geographical representation within a Region

Compliance with the requirements applicable to the specific Regions (see Programme Guide)

Consultation of EU Delegations

Recognition of HEIs by the national competent authorities



Feasibility of the project in the local context



The project is contributing to the local needs in the priority area



Overlapping with existing initiatives in the chosen thematic area funded by the EU Delegation, national or international donors



Thank you



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