



Plenary Session: Moving On

”Application Procedure, Assessment and First Steering Committee Meeting”

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How to apply?

- 2 calls for application each year
- Open for one month
- Call/email the secretariat for technical information
- No pre-assessment during the Open Calls



Pre-assessments what are they?

- 2-3 pages of information about your project idea
- Obtain a form from the homepage – next week
- Only one for each project idea
- Takes the secretariat 3 weeks to reply to you
- 140 ideas in the pipeline.....expect some delays!

First call for applications

- Monitoring Committee expected to announce the first call for applications at MC1
- 17 September – 15 October 2007
- Read the application guide
- Fill in the application form
- Draft application form on line next week!
- Final application form coming on line soon



How to get help and advice today

- Priority seminars
- Drop-in seminars
- Partner search – look out for the latest ideas not in the book but posted up on the wall
- Help desk – national representatives, contact points and secretariat staff

How to get help and advice

- Watch the homepage!
- National contact points
- Contact the secretariat by phone or email
- Arrange a meeting with the secretariat
- Thematic events:
 - 20 and 21 August 07 Marine and maritime initiatives seminar, Sola Strand, Norway
 - 19 and 20 November 07 Innovation, Cambridge



Project Assessment

Carsten Westerholt
North Sea Region Programme
Brunstad, June 2007

1.



Is it all there?



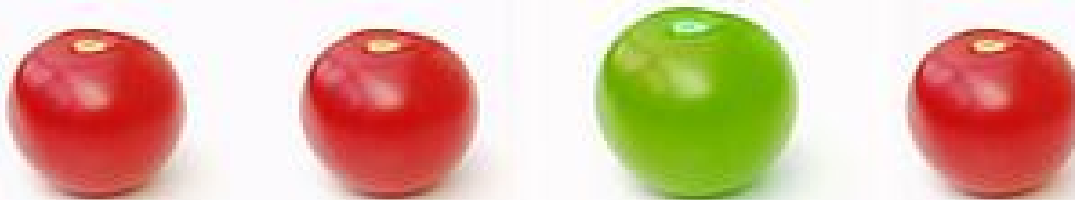
Eligibility Check



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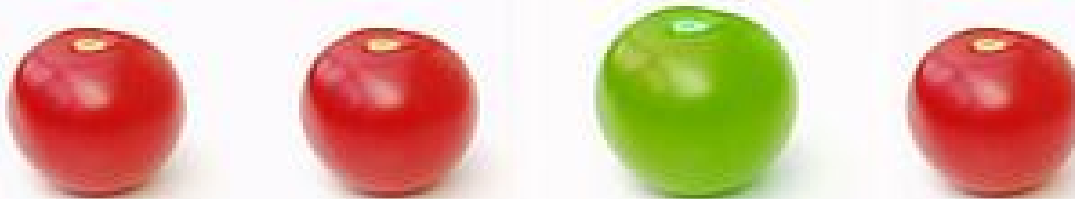
Does it fit into the Programme?



Core Selection Criteria



Programme, Partnership, Policies, Output, Indicators, Legislative Requirements



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contribution to:

- transnational regional development
- joint transnational strategy
matching the
- specific area of intervention



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- co-ordination and co-operation
- relevant and viable



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delivery towards:

- Gothenburg Agenda
- Lisbon Agenda



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demonstrate:

- added value
- value for money



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- indicator information complete
- new: SEA
- important: national and European tender rules

3.



Meeting the Quality Criteria



Priority Considerations



Approach, Transnationality, Knowledge Transfer



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- problem and its solution
- tangible and measurable results
- European policies
- extra investments
- promoting innovation



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- approach
- partnership



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- former and other ERDF activities
- other projects and programmes
- publication and communication



Activity based outcomes and results!



Create a long lasting impact!



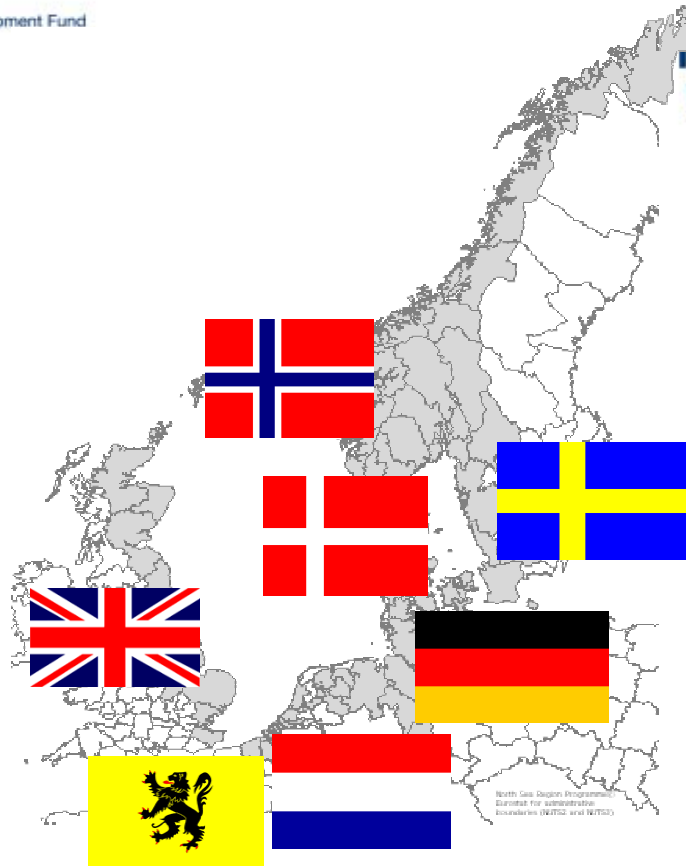
Studies o.k. - but not as end-result!



SMEs and PPPs welcome!



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Think transnational!



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Vocabulary

Some of the key concepts have got a new name:

IIIB

Lead Partner

Auditor

Controller

IVB

Lead Beneficiary

Controller

Auditor

Grant Offer Letter = Contract



The Eligibility Check

The eligibility check serves two purposes:

1. The check ensures that approved projects do not violate the rules and regulations employed under the programme.
2. A project must be financially viable i.e. all matchfunding must be in place.

The Eligibility Check

Key elements in the check are:

- The viability of the funding plan
 - Is the funding there and is it on time?
 - Are there conditions on the availability of the funding?
- Are ineligible costs included?
- Is a partnership agreement in place?
 - Must be in place before the 1st payment
 - Does it address the required issues e.g. protection of the audit trail, procedures for recovery of funding etc.



The Eligibility Check

Projects failing the eligibility check will **not** be presented to the Steering Committee!

Partnership Agreements

A partnership agreement is compulsory and must include the following key elements:

- Provisions for sound financial management
- Clear description of who does what – including what happens if they don't
- If relevant - Partners outside the eligible area

Detailed Costed Workplan

- All project applications must include a detailed costed workplan
- The purpose is to form a link between the qualitative plan in the project description and the quantitative plan in the budget
- The formal requirements are minimum requirements
- Important to take project budgeting seriously

1st Level Control

1st Level Control has not been effective in all programmes

⇒ More emphasis on control



The controller must know what they are doing!

Only designated controllers are accepted!

Questions

Questions are important and welcome!

- Before a call for application
 - Advice from case-officers
 - Pre-assessment

- Once a call is open
 - Only technical questions



What happens after project application submission?

- Secretariat staff carry out a technical assessment
- Criteria approved by the Monitoring Committee
- Application, 10 page appendix and technical assessment sent to Steering Committee members
- National sub-committee meetings
- No national envelopes
- Decisions by consensus



Steering Committee decisions

- Approve
- Reject
- Ask for re-submission

Post approval

- Grant offer letter issued (aim within 4 weeks)
- Invitation to Lead partner seminar to be held within 6 months of approval



Good luck!

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by working together for a
sustainable and competitive region*