



# **TEN-T Info Day Cyprus**

## **AP and MAP Calls 2012**

### ***EVALUATION PROCESS AND AWARD CRITERIA***

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# Contents of this session:

- *Evaluation and selection process step-by-step*
- *Award criteria and how they are applied*
- *Application forms and guidelines*
- *Practical recommendations on the submission process*
- *How you can maximise your chance of getting EU support*

# Evaluation & selection of proposals: Principles (1)

- ***Strict guiding principles are followed:***
  - **Equal treatment:** All proposals evaluated against the same criteria. No preferential treatment to any candidate
  - **Transparency:** Adequate feedback to applicants on the outcomes of the evaluation

# Evaluation & selection of proposals: Principles (2)

**Objectivity:** *each proposal is assessed strictly on the basis of the information submitted*

**Accuracy:** *each proposal is assessed against the four official award criteria:*

- relevance
- maturity
- impact
- quality

**Consistency:** *the same standard of judgment is applied to all proposals*

# External evaluation & selection of proposals

- *Shared responsibility and collaboration between the TEN-T EA and DG MOVE*



European  
Commission

## The Call Process

European Commission  
(DG MOVE)

Executive Agency  
(TEN-T EA)

Call Publication

Info Day event

Proposal opening & Eligibility check

External evaluation

Internal evaluation/Selection

Consultation of other Directorate  
Generals

Consultation of the Financial  
Assistance Committee (FAC)

European Parliament right of scrutiny

Signature of individual Decisions

# Delivering TEN-T grants

# External evaluation organised by TEN-T EA

*The TEN-T EA is responsible for:*

- *checking the eligibility of the proposals  
(**March 2013**)*
- *conducting the external evaluation  
(**April 2013**)*

# ... selection by DG MOVE

*DG MOVE is responsible for the (May 2013):*

- *final selection of proposals (with the assistance of the TEN-T EA), based on:*
  - **recommendations of the external evaluation**
  - **available budget, strategic objectives of the calls and the policy relevance of the proposals**
- *consultation of other EU services (DG Environment, DG REGIO...)*
- *consultation of:*
  - **Financial Assistance Committee (Member States) (July 2013)**
  - **European Parliament (right of scrutiny) (July 2013)**
- *adoption of Framework Decision followed by Individual Financing Decisions (from September 2013)*

# External evaluation organised by TEN-T EA – Eligibility checking

- *Applicants are not in an exclusion situation*
- *Applicants have the financial and technical capacity to carry out the project...*
- *Proposals arrived on time, are complete, signed by the applicant, approved by the Member State...*
- *Proposals in compliance with EU legislation (environment...)*

# External evaluation: The role of external experts

- *Conduct an in-depth technical and impartial evaluation of proposals submitted*
- *Check that proposals address the objectives and priorities defined in the work programmes and calls for proposals*
- *Award, for each criterion, a score on a six-point scale from 0 to 5*
- *The three experts meet in a consensus meeting moderated by an Agency staff to agree on:*
  - **comments and a score for each of the block of 4 criteria**
  - **a general recommendation**

# External evaluation – the award criteria

## **4 blocks of award criteria:**

- 1. Relevance: contribution of the Action to the TEN-T policy and the objectives of the calls, and EU dimension*
- 2. Maturity of the Action: is the Action ready to go?*
- 3. Impact of the Action: anticipated socio-economic effects and impact on the environment*
- 4. Quality of the Action: completeness and clarity of the proposal, description of the planned activities, coherence between objectives, activities and planned resources, soundness of the project management process*

# Evaluation of proposals against the award criteria

*Only the best proposals are recommended  
for EU funding...*

*Experts will not recommend for funding  
proposals that score  $<3$  points for one or  
more  
of the four blocks of award criteria!*

# Internal evaluation

*An Internal Evaluation Panel composed of representatives of DG MOVE, TEN-T EA and DG ENV review each proposal individually to:*

- **consider each proposal in view of the TEN-T objectives, priorities and restrictions, as defined in the TEN-Guidelines, the work programmes and the call texts**
- **cut any costs and/or activities that would be not eligible or not recommended for funding**
- **recommend a selection of proposals for funding**

# Communication on the results

- *After the eligibility check:  
Applicants whose proposals have **not** met the eligibility and selection criteria will be officially informed*
- *After the external evaluation and the internal selection:  
Results will be submitted to and agreed with the Financial Assistance Committee (Member States) and scrutinised by the European Parliament*
- *Following the institutional agreement:*
  - **Successful applicants will be invited to enter into discussions with the TEN-T EA to finalise their individual financing Decision**
  - **The lists of successful proposals will be published on the TEN-T EA and DG MOVE websites**

# Still have more questions?

- *Read carefully the Guide for Applicants*
- *Consult the FAQ lists on the TEN-T EA website, which are regularly updated*
- *Send your questions before **18 February 2013** to the Helpdesks:*
  - **MAP:** [tenea-helpdesk-call-MAP-2012@ec.europa.eu](mailto:tenea-helpdesk-call-MAP-2012@ec.europa.eu)
  - **AP:** [tenea-helpdesk-call-annual-2012@ec.europa.eu](mailto:tenea-helpdesk-call-annual-2012@ec.europa.eu)

*Please note that:*

- *To ensure equal treatment between applicants, only general questions will be answered and published in the FAQ list*
- *The FAQ list will be frozen on **21 February 2013***