

Criteria for Selection of Applications for Grants of Eurasian Fund for Stabilization and Development¹

Selection of projects which qualify as eligible for EFSD grants is performed by the Manager on the basis of the following criteria. The criteria used for the purpose rely on professional judgment of the Manager to ensure unbiased evaluation and comparative analysis of the applications.

Mandatory:

1. **Relevance.** The project must be consistent with the social and economic priorities of the Recipient and should address important social issues of the country.
2. **Depth of elaboration.** The potential Recipient must submit to the Manager a detailed project concept that includes a clear plan of work/activities, a system of performance indicators and a plan to ensure sustainability of project results.
3. **Institutional capacity.** The Recipient must have all required and sufficient competences, experience, tools and staff to enable project implementation.

Indicative:

#	Criterion	Score
4.	<p>Inclusiveness.</p> <p>Project should aim to provide benefits to various segments of population, especially to disadvantaged groups.</p>	<p>0 points - project does not provide benefits to various segments of population;</p> <p>1 point - project aims to positively impact on broad groups of population, especially vulnerable categories.</p>
5.	<p>Own funds.</p> <p>Financing of project should be partly provided by Recipient, including by contributions in kind.</p>	<p>Share of project financing from own funds:</p> <p>0 points – 0%;</p> <p>0.3 points – 1-25%;</p> <p>0.6 points – 26-50%;</p> <p>1 point – over 50%.</p>
6.	<p>Co-financing.</p> <p>Project should be co-financed by other development institutions and/or bilateral donors.</p>	<p>Share of project funding by other development institutions and/or bilateral donors:</p> <p>0 points – 0%;</p> <p>0.5 points – 1-25%;</p> <p>1 point – 26% and more.</p>

¹The above criteria do not necessarily fully reflect all aspects of project selection priorities.

7.	<p>Complementarity.</p> <p>Project should provide support to other EFSD programs and projects.</p>	<p>0 points - project does not complement other EFSD projects and programs;</p> <p>0.5 points - project complements one EFSR project or program;</p> <p>1 point - project complements more than one EFSD project.</p>
8.	<p>Positive experience.</p> <p>Recipient should have applicable positive practical experience of implementation and collaboration in working on similar projects.</p>	<p>0 points - Recipient does not have experience of project implementation;</p> <p>0.5 points - Recipient has implemented 1-4 projects.</p> <p>1 point - Recipient has implemented 5 or more projects.</p>
9.	<p>Integration.</p> <p>Project should contain components facilitating stronger integration between EFSD member states.</p>	<p>0 points - project does not have integration components;</p> <p>0.5 points - project has integration component;</p>
	<p>Total:</p>	<p>5.5 points</p>

The Manager will recommend Fund Council to approve grants for funding projects that meet all the mandatory, at least 2 indicative criteria and score highest. The maximum score for the indicative criteria is 5.5 points. In the event several applications score equal, and the total number of applications exceeds the limit of funding specified by the Fund Council, the Manager may put forward an additional indicative criterion to enable final selection.