**CRITERIA AND METHODOLOGY FOR EVALUATION**

**RENEWABLE ENERGY, ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND ENERGY SECURITY PROGRAMME**

**Rehabilitation and Modernization of Municipal Infrastructure — Systems for External Artificial Lighting of Municipalities**

1. **METHODOLOGY FOR ASSESSMENT**

The Programme Operator of the Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Energy Security Programme shall evaluate the project proposals submitted within the deadline for submission (point 16.3 of the Guidelines for Application), in compliance with these criteria and methodology for evaluation. The evaluation consists of Stage 1: Assessment of the Administrative Compliance and Eligibility (AACE) and Stage 2: Technical and Financial Evaluation (TFE);

The criteria and methodology for evaluation are not subject to change during the evaluation process.

Every Applicant under this procedure may submit only one project proposal. If the same Applicant has submitted more than one project proposal, the Evaluation Committee will only consider the last submitted project proposal and the previous ones will be considered withdrawn.

**STAGE 1: ASSESSMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE AND ELIGIBILITY**

The Programme Operator (PO) shall verify the fulfilment of the criteria for administrative compliance and eligibility based on the information included in the Application Form and its attachments. When performing AACE it is checked whether a project proposal meets all criteria and each criterion is marked with YES, NO or N/A (not applicable).

When the examination of a project proposal reveals a lack of documents and/or non-compliance, a letter shall be sent to the Applicant requesting additional documents/information.  
The deadline for removing inconsistencies specified in the letter is not less than five business days.

The request for provision of documents/information is sent via the Electronic Services Module of UMIS 2020 and the Applicant receives a notification of the request at the e-mail address indicated at the registration of the user that submitted the project proposal. Therefore no changes can be made in the profile of the Applicant in UMIS 2020.

**STAGE 2: TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL EVALUATION**

The technical and financial evaluation is based on specific criteria that are in line with the specificity of this call for proposals.   
The Programme Operator will check and assess the information included in the Application Form and the documents attached to it.

During the assessment process, the PO reserves the right to request clarifications and additional documentary evidence that may prove necessary.

1. **CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT OF PROJECT PROPOSALS**
2. **ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE AND ELIGIBILITY**

| **Criteria** | **YES** | **NO** | **N/A** | **Remarks:** |
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| 1. The Application form of the project proposal was submitted within the deadline through the UMIS 2020 system. |  |  |  |  |
| 1. All sections of the Application form of the project proposal have been completed. |  |  |  | Application form |
| 1. The Application form of the project proposal is completed in English language and in Bulgarian language[[1]](#footnote-1). |  |  |  | Application form |
| 1. The Application form of the project proposal is signed with a QES by the legal representative of the Applicant or a person authorized to submit the project proposal. |  |  |  | Application form |
| 1. The Applicant has provided an authorization document for submitting the project proposal with QES (if applicable) — signed and dated by the legal representative of the Applicant according to the foundation/incorporation document, scanned and attached in UMIS 2020.   The Qualified Electronic Signature (QES) for submission of the project proposal should be valid as of the application date. |  |  |  | Attachment to the Application Form — an authorization document for submitting the project proposal with QES (if applicable), signed, dated, scanned and attached in UMIS 2020 |
| 1. Invoices for purchased electricity and ancillary services used as supplement information during the performance of the Energy Audit of the externalartificial lighting system(s), copies scanned and attached in UMIS 2020. |  |  |  | Documents attached to the Application Form. |
| 1. Declaration on VAT status — completed template, signed, dated, scanned and attached in UMIS 2020. |  |  |  | Documents attached to the Application Form — Appendix J to the Application Guidelines |
| 1. Declaration of existence/absence of double financing — signed, dated, scanned and attached in UMIS 2020. |  |  |  | Documents attached to the Application Form — Appendix N to the Guidelines for Application. |
| 1. In case the project is implemented with a Partner(s), the Applicant has submitted a Draft Partnership Agreement/Letter of Intent for Partnership — a copy, scanned and attached in UMIS 2020. |  |  |  | Documents attached to the Application Form - Letter of Intent/Draft Partnership Agreement (Appendix O).  The Partnership Agreement shall be prepared in English in the case of a foreign partner. |
| 1. In case the project is to be implemented with a Partner, the Applicant has submitted a Certificate of registration (or a similar document) issued by the competent authority in the donor state /Beneficiary Country — a copy, scanned and attached in UMIS 2020. |  |  |  | Documents attached to the Application Form - Certificate of registration (or a similar document) are submitted by the Applicant if there is a foreign partner. The indicated document should be submitted in English in the case of a foreign Partner. |
| 1. A certificate of code of economic activity according to data fоr the last completed financial year, issued by the National Statistical Institute or an equivalent document for the foreign Partners for the last completed financial year — a copy, scanned and attached in UMIS 2020   The certificate is submitted by the Applicant in case the Partner is a Bulgarian entity and an equivalent document in case the Partner is a foreign partner. |  |  |  | Documents attached to the Application Form. |
| 1. Declaration of de minimis aid and state aid by the Partner — completed template (Appendix M) — signed, dated, scanned and attached in UMIS 2020. |  |  |  | Documents attached to the Application Form. |
| 1. Curriculum vitae of members of the project management team - signed, scanned and attached in UMIS 2020:  * Team leader; * Technical expert; * Financial expert. |  |  |  | Documents attached to the Application Form - Completed Appendix P for each member of the Project Management Team. |
| 1. The Applicant is a municipality on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria. |  |  |  | Accompanying documents to the Application Form — Decision of the Municipal Council, Registry of the administrative-territorial units. |
| 1. The Applicant has provided a Decision of the Municipal Council of consent of the municipality applying for this procedure and, if applicable, of consent of municipal cooperation with the Partner(s). |  |  |  | Accompanying documents to the Application Form — a copy of the Decision of the Municipal Council in accordance with Art. 59 and following articles of the Local Self-Governance and Local Administration Act - a copy scanned and attached in UMIS 2020 |
| 1. The Applicant is the owner of the externalartificiallighting system(s) — a copy, scanned and attached in UMIS 2020. |  |  |  | Accompanying documents to the Application Form. The Applicant must provide a deed of municipal ownership/document for each artificial externallighting system. |
| 1. The system for externalartificial lighting is located in a property that is public municipal property of the Applicant: 2. Municipal Property Deed — a signed and stamped copy, scanned and attached in UMIS 2020, or 3. A declaration that the external artificial lighting system is on a land that is (are) public municipal property (free text) - signed, dated, scanned and attached in UMIS 2020.   The Applicant must provide a deed of municipal property/document for each external artificial lighting system. |  |  |  | Documents attached to the Application Form — deed of municipal ownership or a declaration. |
| 1. The Applicant has provided a declaration, signed and dated by the legal representative of the Applicant, scanned and attached in UMIS 2020 (Appendix I) that the Applicant:  * is familiar of the terms of the application; * will be directly responsible for the management and implementation of the Project activities; * certifies that the information in the two languages is identical (Bulgarian and English) and * has verified the participation of consultants in the preparation of the project proposal. |  |  |  | Accompanying documents attached to the Application Form — Appendix I to the Guidelines for Application |
| 1. The Applicant does not fall in any of the conditions listed in the ineligibility criteria for Applicants under item 8.2. of the Guidelines for Application. |  |  |  | Accompanying Documents to the Application Form - a model form Appendix K of a Declaration of lack of grounds for ineligibility completed by the legal representative of the Applicant. |
| 1. The Partner(s) is eligible under this procedure, pursuant to item 9.1 of the Guidelines for Application. |  |  |  | Application Form, accompanying documents - a registration certificate of the Partner (or a similar document). |
| 1. The Partner has experience or expertise in the implementation of energy efficiency activities (if the project will be implemented with the help of a Partner(s)) |  |  |  | Accompanying documents to the Application Form - Partnership Agreement/Draft Partnership Agreement/Letter of Intent.  The latest approved Statute (or a similar document)/a Reference/Information from the official website of the Partner or any other document proving that the partner has experience or expertise in the implementation of energy efficiency activities |
| 1. The Partner(s) does(do) not pursue its (their) main economic activity and the activity for which it applies for funding in the following sectors:  * fishery and aquaculture sector as covered by Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013; * primary production of agricultural products; * processing and marketing of agricultural products in the following cases:   - where the amount of the aid is fixed on the basis of the price or quantity of such products purchased from primary producers or put on the market by the undertakings concerned; or  - where the aid is conditional on being partly or entirely passed on to primary producers.   * aid to export-related activities towards third countries or Member States, namely aid directly linked to the quantities exported, to the establishment and operation of a distribution network or to other current expenditure linked to the export activity; * aid contingent upon the use of domestic over imported goods. |  |  |  | Accompanying documents to the Application Form — a declaration by the Partner on de minimis aid and state aid, a certificate of code of economic activity according to data for the last completed financial year, issued by the National Statistical Institute or an equivalent document for the foreign partners for the last completed financial year. |
| 1. The project proposal does not contain any activities for the acquisition of road freight transport vehicles by undertakings performing road freight transport for hire or reward |  |  |  | Application form - a description of the eligible activities to be performed by the Applicant and the Partner. |
| 1. The Partner(s) does(do) not fall in any of the conditions listed in 9.2 of the Guidelines for Application |  |  |  | Accompanying Documents to the Application Form - a Declaration of lack of grounds for ineligibility of the Partner under item 9.2 of the Guidelines for Application – Appendix L |
| 1. The purpose(s) of the Project is(are) eligible and is(are) in compliance with the purposes of this procedure |  |  |  | Application form |
| 1. The project proposal contributes to the general objectives of the EEA FM |  |  |  | Application form |
| 1. The project proposal meets the requirements for activities to be carried out on the territory of Bulgaria and in a donor country (if applicable) |  |  |  | Application form |
| 1. The project includes activities related to the reconstruction and modernization of the external artificial lighting system(s) of the municipality. |  |  |  | Application forms, accompanying documents: Energy Audit |
| 1. The proposed energy efficiency measures are recommended to the Applicant with an Energy Audit.   Where a project proposal includes more than one external artificial lighting system, energy saving measures (ESM) may be recommended by one or more energy audits. In this case, the audit (s) shall contain data for the indicators 1, 2 and 3 under item 4 of these Guidelines for each of the systems. |  |  |  | Application forms, accompanying documents: Energy Audit. |
| 1. The Applicant has submitted a Compliance Statement containing the approval of the Energy Audit (s) |  |  |  | Application Form, accompanying documents — only projects that received a Compliance Statement containing the approval of the Energy Efficiency Audit Report(s) from the Sustainable Energy Development Agency are eligible under this procedure.  The Compliance Statement must be issued by the deadline for submission of project proposals under this procedure.Project proposals that do not contain a Compliance Statement with the registered approval of the Energy Audit shall be removed at the stage of assessment of administrative compliance and eligibility.  Project proposals that contain a Compliance Statement issued after the deadline as set in p. 16.3 of the Guidelines shall be removed at the stage of assessment of administrative compliance and eligibility. |
| 1. The Applicant has submitted a Detailed design in accordance with the requirements of the national legislation (for application under Option 1) |  |  |  | Application forms, accompanying documents: Detailed design, prepared in accordance with the Spatial Planning Act and its subordinate legislation. |
| 1. The Project is implemented under the applicable “no aid” regime for the applicant and “no aid” or de minimis aid for the Partner (if applicable) |  |  |  | Application form, Accompanying documents Declaration of de minimis aid and state aid (Appendix M). |
| 1. Project activities have not commenced before submission of the Application Form |  |  |  | Application forms, accompanying documents: Declaration of de minimis aid and state aid, Declaration of existence/absence of double financing |
| 1. The project proposal contains activities for information and communication |  |  |  | Application form |
| 1. The duration of the project does not exceed 18 (eighteen) months |  |  |  | Application form |
| 1. The amount of the requested grant is greater than or equal to 200,000 EUR |  |  |  | Application form |
| 1. The amount of the requested grant does not exceed 600,000 EUR |  |  |  | Application form |

**If, after their additional requirement, the documents are not provided by the Applicant or are presented but not in accordance with the Application Guidelines, the project proposal shall be rejected or at the next evaluation stage the project proposal shall be assessed taking into account the absence of the relevant document or the corresponding expenditure in the budget may not be approved for funding. The clarifications and documents submitted by the Applicants may not lead to a qualitative improvement of the project proposal. The clarifications and documents submitted by the Applicants may not lead to a qualitative improvement of the project proposal.**

**TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL EVALUATION – STAGE 2**

| **Technical and financial evaluation criteria** | **Maximum score** | | **Verification source** |
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| 1. **Consistency with the objectives of the EEA Grants 2014-2021:** | **2** | | *Application Form* |
| The project proposal contains detailed and clear information on the project's contribution to the achievement of the EEA Grants general objectives 2014-2021 to reduce the economic and social disparities in the EEA and to strengthen bilateral relations between donor countries and beneficiary countries | **2** | |  |
| The project proposal contains information on the contribution of the project to the achievement of the EEA Grants general objectives 2014-2021 to reduce the economic and social disparities in the EEA and to strengthen the lack of detail in bilateral relations between donor countries and beneficiary countries, which is not sufficiently detailed or clear | **1** | |  |
| 1. **Horizontal EEA Grants Principles 2014-2021:** | **3** | | *Application Form* |
| The project proposal contributes to the achievement of all 3 horizontal principles of the Program referred to in point 3 of the Application Guidelines | **3** | |  |
| The project proposal contributes to the achievement of 2 horizontal principles of the Program referred to in point 3 of the Application Guidelines | **2** | |  |
| The project proposal contributes to the achievement of 1 horizontal principle of the Program referred to in point 3 of the Application Guidelines | **1** | |  |
| The project proposal does not contribute to the achievement of any of the horizontal principles of the Program referred to in point 3 of the Application Guidelines | **0** | |  |
| 1. **Achieving the purpose of the procedure:** | **2** | | *Application Form* |
| The project proposal contains detailed and clear information on the project's contribution to achieving the objective of the procedure | **2** | |  |
| The project proposal contains information on the contribution of the project to achieving the objective of the procedure, which is not sufficiently detailed or clear | **1** | |  |
| 1. **The project proposal contains:**  * Clear description of project objectives; * Relevant information for the target groups; * Clear description of the logical sequence of activities, incl. feasible timing, start and end of each activity; * A feasible Plan for information and communication. |  | | *Application Form, Item 7 "Implementation Plan/ Project Activities" or Item 11 "Additional information required to evaluate the project proposal"* |
| 4 of the above requirements are fulfilled | **4** | |  |
| 3 of the above requirements are fulfilled | **3** | |  |
| 2 of the above requirements are fulfilled | **2** | |  |
| 1 of the above requirements is fulfilled | **1** | |  |
| None of the above requirements is fulfilled | **0** | |  |
| 1. **Ratio of annual energy savings to annual baseline electricity consumption as a result of energy saving measures (ESM) – Y, %** | **20** | | *Energy Audit*    *Calculated by the following formula:*    *Y = ((Eb-Eesm+Eres)/Eb)\*100, (%), where*   * *Eb is the annual amount of electricity consumed at baseline before ESM, kWh;* * *Eres is the annual amount of electricity consumed from renewable sources (RS), kWh, if the installation(s) of the generation and storage of electricity from RS is provided. When not provided Eres = 0 kWh;* * *Eesm is the annual amount of electricity consumed from the electricity distribution network after the implementation of the ESM without the introduction of the facility(s) for the production and storage of electricity from RES, kWh.*   *In the case of more than one external artificial lighting system, Eb, Eesm and Eres are calculated as the sums of electricity consumed by all systems.*  *The amount of energy savings shall be updated according to the technical parameters laid down in the Detailed design (in Option 1).* |
| Y >70 % | 20 | |  |
| 60% < Y ≤ 70% | 18 | |  |
| 50% < Y ≤ 60% | 15 | |  |
| 40% < Y ≤ 50% | 11 | |  |
| 30% < Y ≤ 40% | 6 | |  |
| 20% < Y ≤ 30% | 1 | |  |
| Y ≤ 20% | 0 | |  |
| 1. **Efficiency of the investment for energy efficiency as a ratio of the required investment in BGN to the amount of saved greenhouse gas emissions in tonnes of CO2 equivalent on an annual basis – I, BGN/tCO2** | **20** | | *Application Form Item 5 "Budget" and Item 6 "Financial Information - Sources of Financing", Energy Audit.*  *The energy efficiency investment efficiency is calculated using the following formula:*  *I= S/C, (BGN/tСО2), where*   * *S is the total grant value of the project, BGN;* * *С is the estimated annual amount of saved greenhouse gas emissions from the ESM in the project proposal, tCO2.*   *The determination of the amount of greenhouse gas emissions in the Energy Audit is based on the amount of energy saved multiplied by an emission factor of 1.18 tCO2/MWh and is calculated using the following formula:*  *С=((Eb-Eesm+Eres)/1000)\*1.18, tCO2*  *where:*   * *Eb is the annual amount of electricity consumed at baseline before ESM, kWh;* * *Eres is the annual amount of electricity consumed from renewable sources (RS), kWh, if the installation(s) of the generation and storage of electricity from RS is provided. When not provided Eres = 0 kWh;* * *Eesm is the annual amount of electricity consumed from the electricity distribution network after the implementation of the ESM without the introduction of the facility(s) for the production and storage of electricity from RS, kWh.*   *The amount of saved greenhouse gas emissions in tonnes of CO2 equivalent shall be updated according to the technical parameters laid down in the Detailed Design (in Option 1).* |
| Investment efficiency ≤ 300 BGN/tCO2 | 20 | |  |
| Investment efficiency > 300 BGN/tCO2 and ≤ 600 BGN/tCO2 | 18 | |  |
| Investment efficiency > 600 BGN/tCO2 and ≤ 1000 BGN/tCO2 | 15 | |  |
| Investment efficiency > 1000 BGN/tCO2 and ≤ 1400 BGN/tCO2 | 11 | |  |
| Investment efficiency > 1400 BGN/tCO2 and ≤ 1800 BGN/tCO2 | 6 | |  |
| Investment efficiency > 1800 BGN/tCO2 and ≤ 2200 BGN/tCO2 | 1 | |  |
| Investment efficiency > 2200 BGN/tCO2 | 0 | |  |
| 1. **Payback period - ROI, months** | **10** | | *Application Form, Item 5 Budget and Item 6 "Financial Information - Sources of Financing", Energy Audit*  *The redemption period is calculated by the formula:*  *ROI = (S/Sesm)\*12, months*  *where:*   * *S is the total grant value of the project, BGN;* * *Sesm is the expected value of annual energy savings, BGN;*   *The Sesm indicator is defined by the following formula:*  *Sesm = (Eb-Eesm+Eres)\*P, BGN, where:*   * *Eb is the annual amount of electricity consumed at baseline before ESM, kWh;* * *Eres is the annual amount of electricity consumed from renewable sources (RS), kWh, if the installation(s) of the generation and storage of electricity from RS is provided. When not provided Eres = 0 kWh;* * *Eesm is the annual amount of electricity consumed from the electricity distribution network after the implementation of the ESM without the introduction of the facility(s) for the production and storage of electricity from RES, kWh.* * *P is the weighted average final price of electricity according to item 4 of the Guidelines, BGN/kWh.* |
| **Payback** period≤ 60 months | 10 | |  |
| **Payback** period> 60 months and ≤ 72 months | 8 | |  |
| **Payback** period> 72 months and ≤ 84 months | 6 | |  |
| **Payback** period> 84 months and ≤ 96 months | 4 | |  |
| **Payback** period> 96 months and ≤ 120 months | 2 | |  |
| **Payback** period> 120 months | 0 | |  |
| 1. **Share of electricity produced by renewable sources in the total electricity consumption in the reconstructed system(s) after the ESM application - Z, %** | **8** | | *Application Form, Energy Audit*  *Calculated by the formula:*  *Z= ((Eres/(E + Eres))\*100, %, where:*   * *Eres is the annual amount of electricity consumed by RS, kWh if the installation(s) of the generation and storage of electricity from RS is provided;* * *E is the annual amount of electricity consumed from the electricity grid after the implementation of the ESM, incl. introduction of the facility(s) for generation and storage of electricity from RS, kWh.* |
| Z >10% | 8 | |  |
| 5% < Z ≤ 10% | 6 | |  |
| Z ≤ 5% | 4 | |  |
| The project proposal does not provide for the supply and installation of a facility(s) for generating and storing electricity from RS of electricity for own use of the external artificial lighting system, Z = 0% | 0 | |  |
| 1. **System for automation and control of the external artificial lighting system** | **6** | | *Application Form, Item 7 "Implementation Plan/ Project Activities", Energy Efficiency Survey Report and Detailed Design, if any* |
| The project proposal provides for the implementation or connection of an automation and control system for the control of the external artificial lighting system. | 6 | |  |
| The project proposal does not provide for the implementation or connection of an automation and control system for the control of the external artificial lighting system. | 0 | |  |
| 1. **Monitoring of electricity consumption** | **6** | | *Application Form, Item 7 "Implementation Plan/ Project Activities", Energy Audit and Detailed Design, if any* |
| The project proposal provides for the delivery and installation of new devices for measuring and controlling electricity consumption | 6 | |  |
| The project proposal does not provide for the delivery and installation of new devices for measuring and controlling electricity consumption | 0 | |  |
| 1. **Participation of donor country Partner (s) in the implementation of the project activities** | 5 | | *Application Form*  *Letter of Intent / Draft Agreement / Partnership Agreement with a REEEES donor partner (Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein)* |
| There is/ are a Partner (s) from a donor state involved in the project | 5 | |  |
| There is/are no Partner (s) from a donor state involved in the project | 0 | |  |
| 1. **Degree of project readiness** | **6** | | *Application Form, Item 7 "Implementation Plan/ Project Activities", Energy Audit and Detailed Design, if any* |
| When applying under **Option 1**, with an Energy Audit performed on the outdoor artificial lighting system(s) and a Detailed design prepared and approved in accordance with the regulatory requirements, **all the following conditions shall be fulfilled**:  (a) The Energy Audit and the Detailed design shall contain a selection of lighting classes, define technical requirements, include the calculation of lighting performance and energy efficiency indicators in accordance with the standardization document for road lighting SD CEN/TR 13201-1 and Bulgarian standards for road lighting: BDS EN 13201-2, BDS EN 13201 - 3 and BDS EN 13201 - 5.  (b) The Energy Auditand the detailed design shall contain data for the selected type of luminaire with data on luminous distribution, nominal power and luminous flux, with a value of light output of not less than 120 lm/W and a luminous distribution with 0.0% upward light output ratio according to the European Union Green Public Procurement Criteria For Road Lighting And Traffic Signals.  (c) The technical parameters and investment costs set out in the Detailed design shall be consistent with the technical parameters supporting the calculation of energy saving and greenhouse gas emissions indicators and the investment costs in the Energy Audit, or lead to better results. | 6 | |  |
| When applying under **Option 2**, with an Energy Audit performed on the external artificial lighting system(s) and a Detailed design prepared and approved in accordance with the regulatory requirements, **all the following conditions shall be fulfilled**:  When applying under **Option 2** with an Energy Audit performed on an external artificial lighting system, all of the following conditions shall be met simultaneously:  (a) The Energy Audit shall be prepared in accordance with the Ordinance under Art. 57, para. 6 of the Energy Efficiency Act and in compliance with the requirements of the standardization document for road lighting SD CEN/TR 13201-1 and Bulgarian standards for road lighting: BDS EN 13201-2, BDS EN 13201 - 3 and BDS EN 13201 – 5. For the purposes of this procedure, when performing an Energy Audit, the estimated greenhouse gas emission savings shall be calculated at an emission factor of 1.18 tCO2/MWh.  (b) The Energy Audit shall contain data for the type of luminaire selected with data on luminous distribution, nominal power and luminous flux, with a luminous value of not less than 120 lm/W and a luminous distribution of 0.0% upward light output ratio according to the European Union Green Public Procurement Criteria For Road Lighting And Traffic Signals. | 1 | |  |
| Not all of the above conditions for the respective application are fulfilled. | 0 | |  |
| 1. **Risk analysis** | **4** | | *Application Form, item 11 "Additional Information"* |
| The project proposal presents a risk analysis containing information on:  (a) The basic financial, human, material, technological and information resources necessary to carry out the activities of the project and to ensure the sustainability of its results;  (b) The possible risks, the likelihood of their occurrence and the impact they would have on the achievement of the project results;  (c) The measures that the Applicant envisages to take to ensure the availability of the necessary resources and to avoid, mitigate, transfer or accept and manage the identified risks. | 4 | |  |
| Risk analysis is available, but information on major institutional, operational and financial risks is not sufficiently clear to guarantee the achievement and long-term sustainability of project results or the risk analysis is not completed | 0 | |  |
| 1. **Capacity of the Applicant for project implementation and management** | **4** | | *Curriculum Vitae, Application Form, item 9 “Team”* |
| The project team includes a manager, technical and financial expert, each with at least three years of experience in infrastructure and/or energy efficiency projects. | 4 | |  |
| The project manager has at least three years of experience in infrastructure and/or energy efficiency projects. | 2 | |  |
| None of the above conditions were met. | 0 | |  |
| 1. **Project costs compliance** | **10** | | *Application Form - item 1 "Basic Data", item 5 "Budget", item 7 "Implementation Plan/Project Activities",.*  *Energy Audit and Detailed design, if any.* |
| **All costs** are eligible under point 13.2 of the Application Guidelines and  **All costs** are justified and consistent with the activities envisaged for implementation and  **All costs** are in line with the thresholds set out in the Application Guidelines (where applicable) and  **All budget lines** are properly segregated and filled in according to the requirements of item 13.4 of the Application Guidelines. | 10 | |  |
| **All costs** are eligible under point 13.2 of the Application Guidelines and  **All costs** are justified and consistent with the activities envisaged for implementation and  **All costs** are in line with the thresholds set out in the Application Guidelines (where applicable) and  **Not all budget lines** are properly segregated and filled in according to the requirements of item 13.4 of the Application Guidelines. | 8 | |  |
| **All costs** are eligible under point 13.2 of the Application Guidelines and  **All costs** are justified and consistent with the activities envisaged for implementation and  **Not all costs** are in line with the thresholds set out in the Application Guidelines (where applicable) | 6 | |  |
| **All costs** are eligible under point 13.2 of the Application Guidelines and  **Not all costs** are justified and consistent with the activities envisaged for implementation | 4 | |  |
| **Not all costs** included in the budget are eligible under point 13.2 of the Guidelines for Applicants, **but in the event of a budget change, the main objective of the project can be achieved**. | 2 | |  |
| Not all costs included in the budget are eligible under point 13.2 of the Guidelines for Applicants, and in the event of a budget change, the main objective of the project cannot be achieved. A zero score shall also be mandatory in cases where the Evaluation Committee eliminates all costs of energy efficiency measures and/or where the total grant of the project proposal is lower than EUR 200 000 as a result of the reduction of the project budget. | 0 | |  |
|  | | | |
| **In case the project proposal receives “0” points according to criterion 2, 4, 5, 6, 12, 14 or 15, the project proposal shall be rejected!**  **In case the project proposal receives a total of less than 60 points from all criteria, the project proposal shall be rejected!** | | | |
| ***Maximum score:*** | **110** |  | |

1. In case of a discrepancy between the texts, the text in Bulgarian shall prevail. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)