

Interreg North-West Europe

Eligibility criteria for small-scale projects

The small-scale project will be declared eligible if it complies with the list of criteria defined below:

	Eligibility criteria	Description
1	The application was submitted on time through the electronic monitoring system (Jems). The deadline was respected.	The application was submitted by the deadline set in the Terms of Reference for the call for proposals.
2	All sections of the application have been completed.	All fields in the application form are mandatory.
3	The project confirms that it obeys national and EU legislation.	The lead partner confirms this by submitting the application form.
4	The application is completed in English.	All sections of the application must be written in English.
5	The project involves at least three partners from three different countries. At least two of these partners must be from a region within the Programme area.	As an example, this means a project application with three partners from Düsseldorf, Waterford, (both places are located inside the Programme area) and Marseille (outside the Programme area) would be eligible; whereas a project with three partners from Lyon, Munich (both places are located outside the Programme area), and Rotterdam (within the Programme area) would be ineligible.
6	The Lead Partner is an organisation from an EU Member State and from the NWE Programme area ¹ .	The lead partner must always be an organisation from the NWE Programme area and from an EU Member State. This means that organisations from Switzerland or from regions of Member States outside of the Programme area (e.g., Lyon, Munich) cannot be lead partners.

¹ For Member States participating in the NWE Programme but with areas outside the Programme area (i.e., Germany and France), legal entities located outside the NWE Programme area can be LP if they fulfil all three of the following:

- they are competent in their scope of action for certain parts of the eligible area, e.g., federal, or regional ministries, federal agencies, national research bodies which are registered outside the programme area etc.
- they fulfil the basic requirements as set out in the remaining eligibility criteria.
- they carry out activities that are for the benefit of the regions in the NWE Programme area.

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7	The lead partner is an organisation which is public, non-profit, or a body governed by public law. ²	'Profit-making' organisations can never be a lead partner. Application forms with such a lead partner are ineligible.
8	The project summary is provided in the four Programme languages.	The project summary must be provided in Dutch, English, French, and German.
9	All partners (i.e., project partners and associated organisations) included in the application form are legal entities.	
10	The project has chosen a single Programme priority from the dropdown menu and one of the nine Programme Specific Objectives.	
11	The project will be completed no later than 30 June 2029.	This is the date by which all projects under this Programme must be completed. Project duration during the application phase must be set in accordance with this date.
12	All partners contribute to project match funding. All partners have a budget in line with the eligible ERDF rate.	
13	The project confirms (in the application form) that it makes a positive or neutral contribution to the Programme's horizontal principles: equal opportunities and non-discrimination, equality between men and women, sustainable development.	This is done by submitting the application form. The relevant parts of the application form must then be filled in accordingly.
14	Mandatory cooperation criteria (joint development, joint implementation, joint staffing, joint financing) are fulfilled.	This is done by submitting the application form. The relevant parts of the application form must then be filled in accordingly.

² According to Directive (EU) 2014/24 Article 2, a body 'governed by public law' is defined as one:

- (a) established for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest, not having an industrial or commercial character; and
- (b) having legal personality; and
- (c) financed, for the most part by the state, or regional or local authorities, or other bodies governed by public law; or subject to management supervision by those bodies; or having an administrative, managerial, or supervisory board, more than half of whose members are appointed by the State, regional or local authorities or by other bodies governed by public law.