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Themes & Specific Objectives

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Innovation	• To enhance innovation performance of enterprises throughout NWE regions (including social innovation)
Low Carbon	• Strategies • Technologies/products/services • Solutions for transport issues
Resource & Materials Efficiency	• To optimise (re)use of material and natural resources in NWE

Intervention Logic

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Step 1

With
Contact Point
support

NEED	Definition of the change needed in the territory.
RATIONALE	Reasons why the proposed change matches NWE objectives and why it needs NWE money.
OBJECTIVES	Qualitative description of the change
INPUTS	Budget, time, capacity
ACTIVITIES	Work plan, work packages
OUTPUTS	A project's tangible and final product, service or solution that will be used further by the relevant target groups.
RESULTS	The immediate advantage of carrying out the project, telling us about the benefit of using the project main outputs.

EVALUATION

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Step 2

With
Joint Secretariat
support

NEED	Definition of the change needed in the territory.
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EVALUATION

Intervention logic analysis

	SUPERIOR Project	MEDIOCRE Project
Need	Clearly defined. Relevant and justified. Major issues well described.	Not well defined. To broad/narrow in scope. Lack of focus.
Rationale	Brings relevant key actors together. Good transnational justification.	Little transnationality or cooperation. Problem not clear. Partnership poorly defined.
Objectives	"SMART" Reflect identified need(s).	Objectives don't reflect need/results. Poorly constructed/ unrealistic.
Results	Linked to **objectives** and priority. Clear **baseline** and expected change. Benefits well articulated. Good Long Term Effects.	Not linked to priority. Not justified; lack of baseline. Outputs, not results. Impact not mentioned. Poor Long Term Effects.

Application process overview

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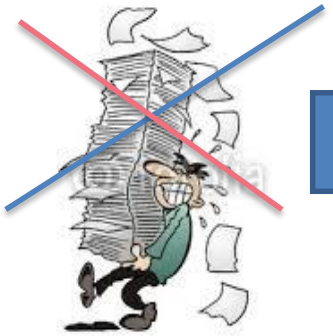
Two-step approach

- Step 1: idea and main objective
- Step 2: detailed workplan

Appraisal at both stages on:

- Eligibility
- Quality

Online system only



eMS

Step 1 application form

- **Project identification**: name, acronym, duration
- **Project summary**: issue, change, outputs, long term effects
- **Indicative budget**
- **Partnership**: strategic concept, types of partner & roles, develop to step 2
- **Project description**: relevance, context and territorial analysis, scope
- **Cooperation intensity**: development, implementation and evaluation,

  staffing, financing, communication, decision making
- **Objective, expected result and long-term effects**: SO, project objective, baseline, results (incl. LTE)

Application tips

- **It is on electronic portal ONLY (eMS)**
  - Check the eMS guidance
- **Register early & download the word form**
  - Word count (use notepad)
- **The objective and results are at the end of the form!**
  - (start from there?!)
- **Ensure all the 10 eligibility criteria are met!**
  - Programme manual page 42

Assessment process

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JS

- Eligibility: pass or fail
- Quality: recommendation

MS

- Quality: recommendation

MC

- Quality: approval or rejection

The six budget lines

1. Staff
2. Office and admin. expenditure
3. Travel & accommodation
4. External expertise & services
5. Equipment
6. Infrastructure and construction works

The partnership

- Relevant, balanced, transnational
- “Quadruple helix”
- Min. 3 partners from 3 countries (min. 2 partners in NWE area)
- Lead Partner principle (legal and financial)
  - Project partners
  - Sub-partners
  - Associated partners
- Out of area: from NWE MS or outside

Other important matters

- EU **co-finance** up to 60% - Match Funding 40%:
- **State Aid**: cover options, JS specific guidance
- **IPR**: shared & agreed by the partnership
- **Public procurement** – specific rules
- **First level control** (FLC): financial checks
- **Cash flow**: payment claims around every 6 months
- **Roll-out & Communication strategy**: JS support

Application & implementation resources

- **Cooperation programme** - long and short version
  - focus on the themes and challenges

- **Programme manual** (version 6):
  - eligibility, application form, partnership, budget, etc.

- **Contact points**: from an early stage
  - "programme fit", partner searches, specific rule

- **Website**: www.nweurope.eu
  - current & past projects, partner searches, project ideas, eMS, programme guides & manuals

Q&A

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Interreg NWE: the basics

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Thank you!