



The evaluation process, award criteria and how to prepare a successful application

2019 CEF Transport call

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Overview of the evaluation and selection process

Principles

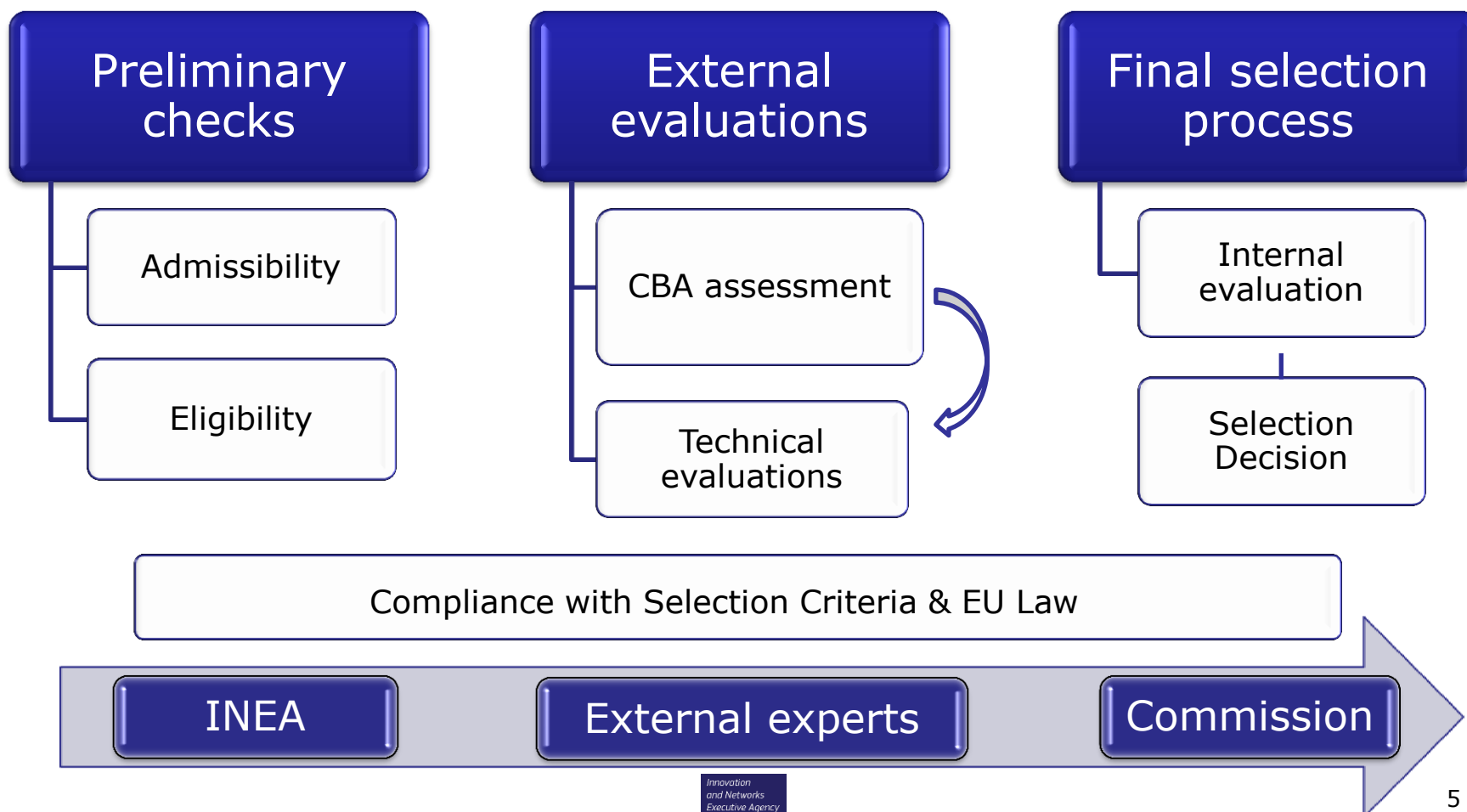
Equal treatment

- All proposals evaluated against the same criteria
- No preferential treatment to any applicant

Transparency

- Adequate feedback to applicants on the outcomes of the evaluation

Evaluation and selection steps



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Preliminary checks

Admissibility check

- Has the proposal been submitted electronically in TENtec?
- Has the proposal been submitted on time?
- Is the proposal complete?
- Has the proposal been signed by the applicant(s)?

Eligibility check

Eligibility of applicants

Member State(s)

Other applicant(s) with the agreement of concerned MS

Third countries and third country entities under specific conditions

Eligibility of actions

Projects of Common Interest (Article 7 TEN-T Guidelines)

Call Specific Criteria

Objective Specific Criteria

Selection Criteria check & Compliance with EU Law

Selection Criteria

Financial and operational capacity of applicants to carry out the Action

Compliance with EU Law

- Environment
- State aids
- Public procurement
- Interoperability
- Road charging
- Road safety
- Tunnel safety

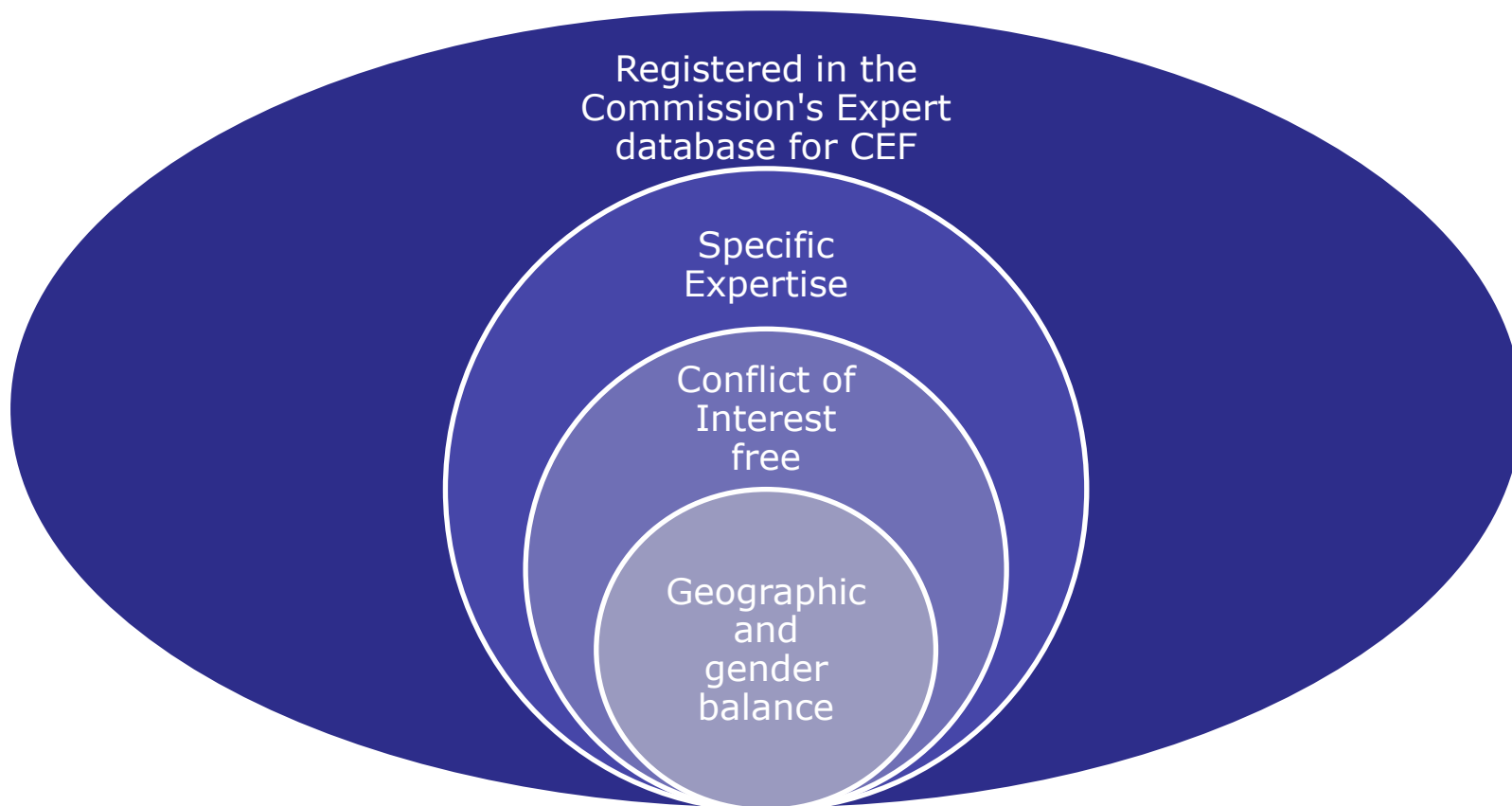
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External evaluation

External evaluation

- Performed by independent experts
- On the basis of the information submitted with the proposal
- Composed of two steps:
 - **CBA assessment (when applicable)**
 - **Technical evaluation**
- CBA assessment – experts with specific CBA expertise
- Technical evaluation – experts with technical expertise

Expert selection



<https://ec.europa.eu/inea/news-events/newsroom/independent-experts-needed-evaluation-proposals-cef>

External experts

- Selected from a **database of experts** - over 100,000 evaluators
- Main requirements:
 - **High-level of expertise** in the relevant fields
 - **Independence** (evaluating in a personal capacity), **Impartiality** (no conflict of interest), **objectivity**
- **Balanced composition of groups:**
 - ✓ Professional experience (e.g. academia, business), gender and geographical balance
 - ✓ Regular rotation and involvement of new experts
- One or more **observers** (external experts) monitor the evaluations to verify compliance with procedures

What do we ask them to do?

Understand Call Text

- Read briefing material
- Follow remote briefings

Evaluate individually

- A number of proposals
- Provide assessment against evaluation criteria

Come to a Consensus

- Discuss with other experts
- Reach consensus on comments and scores

Award criteria

Relevance

Maturity

Impact*

Quality

** Additional input from CBA Assessment (where applicable)*

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Final selection process

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Internal evaluation (EC)

Balanced
development of
the network

Complementarity
with other EU
funded projects

Comparative
EU added value

Risks of double
funding

Potential
synergies with
other EU
Programmes

Budgetary
constraints

Draft list of proposals recommended for funding

Final selection process

Preparation of Commission Selection Decision

EC Inter-Service Consultation

Consultation of CEF Coordination Committee
Information of the European Parliament

Adoption of Commission Selection Decision

Information to Applicants
Launch of Grant Preparation

Preparing a successful application

The (Our) Objective

- **Make sure you/your counterparts have all the necessary information & guidance to prepare the proposal**
- » SO THAT**
- **We will receive high quality proposals which will all pass the evaluation (& hopefully all also receive EU funding)**

READ

Read through **ALL** of the call documents on the call webpage

2019 CEF Transport call for proposals

The 2019 CEF Transport Call for Proposals was published on 5 December 2018 and will be open for applications on 8 January 2019.

The call makes **€100 million of funding** available for projects of common interest in the transport sector.

Publication date: 5 December 2018

Call open for applications: 8 January 2019

Deadline: 24 April 2019 at 17:00:00 Brussels time.

INEA, along with the European Commission, will organise an [Info Day on 17 January 2019](#) to present the political priorities and content of the 2019 call. The Info Day will also provide participants with practical information about how to prepare a successful proposal, as well as other background information relevant to the application and evaluation process.

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Call for Proposals

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PRIORITY	FUNDING OBJECTIVES	BUDGET
Projects on the Comprehensive Network	1. Removing bottlenecks and bridging missing links, enhancing rail interoperability, and, in particular, improving cross-border sections	€65 million
Rail Freight Noise	2. Ensuring sustainable and efficient transport systems in the long run, with a view to preparing for expected future transport flows, as well as enabling all modes of transport to be decarbonised through transition to innovative low-carbon technologies	€35 million



THINK

- Will my proposal fit the objectives of the call?
- Who will be the coordinating applicant?
- Is my Action mature enough?
- Am I missing necessary information/authorisations?
- Financial?
- Milestones?
- ...



START EARLY

- Take your time
- Regularly check and read again the proposal
- Proofread
- Save it often in TENtec
- Get the Member State(s) support
- Do not wait until the last minute



APPLICATION

- 4 parts: A, B, C, D
- Part A (online)
 - **Administrative info**
 - **Description of Action**
 - **Signatures**
- Part B (upload)
 - **Administrative info**
 - **Financial/operational capacity**
 - **Signatures**
- Part C (upload)
 - **Compliance with EU law**



APPLICATION

- Part D (upload)
 - **Technical/financial info**
 - **Order = award criteria**
- Supporting documents
 - **CBA (when applicable)**

**Follow the relevant
Guide for Applicants**

Use the checklists



ASK & CHECK

- **We are here to help you!**
- INEA website
- Guide for Applicants
- FAQs
- Helpdesk INEA-CEF-Transport-calls@ec.europa.eu
- Subscribe to our notification service
- Keep monitoring for news & updates



SUBMIT

- **24 April 2019 at 17:00:00 (Brussels time)**
- Forms uploaded
- Supporting docs
- Proposal complete & signed
- Use checklist
- **SUBMIT** (with time to spare)



& good luck





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Look for INEA!

Thank you!