

**Selection criteria of applications within the Cross-border Cooperation Programme
Call code/Code of call – CBC01**

PART I - The criteria of administrative accordance

No.	Check list	Yes	No
1.	Was the Project Application delivered to the Programme Operator at fixed term in the sealed envelope/package?		
2.	Does the application contain the form of application in an electronic and written version?		
3.	Was the Project Application delivered as 1 original and 2 copies in Slovak language and 1 original in English language?		
4.	Was it used the standard format of the form of Project Application and no modifications have been made in protected fields of form?		
5.	Is the form of the Project Application adequately signed by responsible/statutory representative/representatives of organization which are listed in appropriate register and marked with the date?		
6.	Are there compulsory attachments attached to the Project Application and have been submitted in accordance with prescribed model?		

The Project Application, which within evaluation of this section obtained in any of paragraphs 1-5 „No“, will be excluded from further evaluation. If the Applicant does not submit any of required attachments or does not submit this attachments in prescribed model, it will be provided a date for completing the documentation in the sense of call.

PART II – The criteria of eligibility of the applications/applicant

No.	Check list	Yes	No
1.	Is the Applicant the eligible Applicant?		
2.	Did the Applicant define at least one, but not more than three outputs to every outcome of the project?		
3.	Did the Applicant define at least one measurable indicator to every output of the project?		
4.	Does the project fulfil the specific standard of the call, which is established by objective, outcome and parameters of the project?		
5.	Was the maximal and minimal limit of the required Project Grant observed?		
6.	Is it the required rate of co-financing in accordance with the call and with the scheme of state aid?		

The Project Application, which within evaluation of this section obtained in any of the paragraphs 1-5 „No“, will be excluded from further evaluation. Considering of the point 6 shall be done in accordance with Manual for the Applicant.

Selection Criteria - Output 1 - New cross-border partnerships/networks established and existing partnerships/networks supported¹

No.	Title	Description	0	2	4	6	10
1.	Number of partners (institutions) involved in the CBC partnerships/networks	Sum up all partners (institutions) that are supposed to be actively involved in the CBC partnership/network at the end of the project implementation. All partners to be involved in the partnership/network shall be actively contributing to the fulfillment of the partnership/network's aims and tasks.	2	3 - 4	5 - 8	9 - 12	13 and more
2.	Number of initiatives aimed at better cooperation of employment services, education institutions, employers and other relevant stakeholders	Sum up all initiatives aimed at better cooperation of employment services, education institutions, employers and other relevant stakeholders to be implemented within the project.	1				2 and more
3.	Number of people attending the events or activities organized by project promoters	Sum up all people that are supposed to attend the events organized by the project promoters.	< 50	>= 50; < 150	>=150; < 250	>=250; < 300	>= 300
4.	Project sustainability	It is necessary to consider the sustainability of the project for at least three or five (in case of investments in real estate and excepted equipment) year period after project completion.	not sustainable	risky			sustainable
5.	Assessment of budget efficiency	The evaluation shall assess the budget items, with a strong focus on core items (with a value of more than EUR 5 000) and with a view to the necessity of expenses.	core items are unnecessary or substantially inflated	core items are slightly inflated or unnecessary	budget includes less substantial items that are inflated	budget includes less substantial items that are not necessary	budget is efficient

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6.	Financial stability of the applicant and the partners	Complete in accordance with the Liquidity sheet in the project application.	entities in distress zone	applicant in grey zone	stable applicant; partners in grey zone	stable applicant, partners in grey zone	stable entities
7.	Share of investment costs on the total project costs	It is calculated as the share of investment costs on the total eligible project costs.	> 30%			<=30%	
8.	Number of partnership agreements concluded with Norwegian partners	The number of partners from Norway, who will enter into the partnership agreement.	0			1 and more	
9.	Number of partnership agreements concluded with Ukrainian partners	The number of partners from Ukraine, who will enter into the partnership agreement.	1			2 and more	
10.	Does the project use different kinds of potential of the border regions?	Regional potential: labour force, using of natural, cultural and historical heritage, social, economic and industrial potential, climate and soil conditions, rural economy and others	no	1 kind of potential	2 kinds of potential	3 kinds of potential	
11.	Does the project include at least one of the core elements of the Programme?	The core elements are defined as cultural cooperation between Slovak Republic and Ukraine / environment element / tourism development element / support of business cooperation element / integrated development of the border region element / education and science development element.	no			Yes	
12.	Will the joint project activities be implemented on both side of common border?		no			Yes	
13.	Does the project include people-to-people activities?	People-to-people activities are ad hoc defined as initiatives focused on facilitation of direct contacts between Slovak and Ukrainian citizens.	no			Yes	
14.	Are the most vulnerable groups (e.g. unemployed people, minorities) and/or people of under age 25 engaged in the project		no		one of them	both	

	implementation or project activities?						
15.	Does the project positively contribute to at least one of the cross-cutting issues?	The cross-cutting issues are good governance, environmental considerations, economic sustainability, social sustainability, gender equality and volunteerism.	no			Yes	
16.	Does the project include an innovative element/ approach?		no			Yes	
17.	Number of institutions without previous Slovak - Ukraine cross-border experience involved in the partnership/network	Sum up all institutions involved in the Project that have never been involved in co-operation with Slovak or Ukrainian party respectively.	0	1	2 - 4	5 and more	
18.	Will the high level organisations (ministries and other central organisations) be involved in the partnership/network to help the regional development?	Letter of intent / protocol / reference or memorandum on cooperation from the particular organization is needed from the particular organization.	no	only on the Ukrainian side	only on the Slovak side	on both sides of the border	
19.	Involvement of the project partners from public sector; in case of the applicant from public sector - involvement of the partners from NGOs	If there is a partner from public sector (or NGOs for the applicant from public sector), who will enter into the partnership agreement.	no			Yes	
20	Will local and/or regional authorities be involved in the project?		no			yes	
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF POINTS		144					

Selection Criteria - Output 2 - Exchange of know-how, best practices and experience with Norway enhanced²

No	Title	Description	0	2	4	6	10
1.	Number of Norwegian partners (institutions) involved in the project	Sum up all Norwegian partners (institutions) who will enter into the partnership agreement. The roles and responsibilities of the partners have to be stated in the project application. From the project application the partners active involvement in the project has to be clear. In case of partners financially engaged they have their own budget and defined project outputs he is obliged to meet.	1			2	3 and more
2.	Number of people taking part in exchanges, CBC events within the project	Sum up all people to be taking part in exchanges within the project / actively participating in the project CBC events	1 - 3		4 - 6	7 - 9	10 and more
3.	Number of tested and successfully functioning measures taken on board and adapted from Norwegian-Russian CBC	Sum up all tested and successfully functioning measures supposed to be taken on board and adapted from Norwegian-Russian CBC after the end of the project	1			2	3 and more
4.	Project sustainability	It is necessary to consider the sustainability of the project for at least three or five (in case of investments in real estate and excepted equipment) year period after project completion.	not sustainable	risky			sustainable
5.	Financial stability of the applicants and of the partners	Complete in accordance with the Liquidity sheet in the project application.	entities in distress zone	applicant in grey zone	stable applicant; partners in	stable applicant, partners in	stable entities

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					grey zone	grey zone	
6.	Assessment of budget efficiency	The evaluation shall assess the budget items, with a strong focus on core items (with a value of more than EUR 5 000) and with a view to the necessity of expenses.	core items are unnecessary or substantially inflated	core items are slightly inflated or unnecessary	budget includes less substantial items that are inflated	budget includes less substantial items that are not necessary	budget is efficient
7.	Share of investment costs on the total project costs	It is calculated as the share of investment costs on the total eligible project costs.	> 30%			<=30%	
8.	Number of partnership agreements concluded with Norwegian partners	The number of partners from Norway, who will enter into the partnership agreement.	1			2 and more	
9.	Number of partnership agreements concluded with Ukrainian partners	The number of partners from Ukraine, who will enter into the partnership agreement.	1		2	3 and more	
10.	Will the joint project activities be implemented on both side of common border?		no			yes	
11.	Are the young people engaged in the project implementation or project activities?		no			yes	
12.	Does the project include an innovative element/approach within the project?		no			yes	

13.	Does the project positively contribute to at least one of the cross-cutting issues?	The cross-cutting issues are good governance, environmental considerations, economic sustainability, social sustainability, gender equality and volunteerism.	no			yes	
14.	Number of joint different types of initiatives aimed at dealing with the border issues and solutions finding	Sum up all different types of such initiatives, not the initiatives themselves.	1		2	3 and more	
15.	Number of professionals in the field of EU Schengen border actively participating in the events or activities organized by the project promoter and/or the project partners	Sum up all customs officers, representatives of the relevant state authorities on both sides of the boarder and other professional directly involved in the fiel of EU Schengen border.	< 5	>= 5; < 15	>=15; < 20	>=20	
16.	Will the project contribute to improvement of border regime on SK-UA Schengen border?		no		to a certain extent	to a large extent	
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF POINTS			120				

Selection Criteria - Output 3 - Better conditions at the border crossings created³

No.	Title	Description	0	2	4	6	10
1.	Number of initiatives aimed at improving of border crossings conditions		1			2	3 and more
2.	Number of public institutions responsible for the issue of border regime and border crossing involved in activities financed by the Programme	Sum up of all public institutions responsible for the issue of border regime and border crossings involved in the activities within the project. Letter of intent / protocol / reference or memorandum on cooperation from the particular organization is needed.	1				2 and more
3.	Number of initiatives taken leading to policy change in favor of improved conditions at border crossings		1			2	3 and more
4.	Number of m2 of land at the border crossings subjected to modernization and renovation within the programme		> 3 200 m2	> = 3 200 m2; < 5 000 m2	> = 5 000 m2; < 8 500 m2	> = 8 500 m2; < 11 000 m2	> = 11 000 m2
5.	Project sustainability	It is necessary to consider the sustainability of the project for at least three or five (in case of investments in real estate and excepted equipment) year period after project completion.	not sustainable	risky			Sustainable
6.	Financial stability of the applicants and of the partners	Complete in accordance with the Liquidity sheet in the project application.	entities in distress zone	applicant in grey zone	stable applicant; partners in grey zone	stable applicant, partners in grey zone	Stable entities

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7.	Assessment of budget efficiency	The evaluation shall assess the budget items, with a strong focus on core items (with a value of more than EUR 5 000) and with a view to the necessity of expenses.	core items are unnecessary or substantially inflated	core items are slightly inflated or unnecessary	budget includes less substantial items that are inflated	budget includes less substantial items that are not necessary	budget is efficient
8.	Number of partnership agreements concluded with Norwegian partners	The number of partners from Norway, who will enter into the partnership agreement.	0			1 and more	
9.	Number of partnership agreements concluded with Ukrainian partners	The number of partners from Ukraine, who will enter into the partnership agreement.	1		2	3 and more	
10.	Will the joint project activities be implemented on both side of common border?		no			Yes	
11.	Are local inhabitants engaged in the project implementation or project activities?		no			yes	
12.	Does the project include an innovative element/approach within the project?		no			yes	
13.	Does the project positively contribute to at least on of the cross-cutting issues?	The cross-cutting issues are good governance, environmental considerations, economic sustainability, social sustainability, gender equality and volunteerism.	no			yes	

14.	Years of experience of the applicant in the field of border crossings conditions	Relevant supporting documentation is needed.	<3	>=3;<5	>=5; <10	>=10	
15.	Number of tested and successfully functioning measures taken on board and adapted from Norwegian-Russian CBC	Sum up of all tested and successfully functioning measures supposed to be taken on board and adapted in order to improve the conditions at the border crossings	0	1	2	3 and more	
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF POINTS		118					

Selection Criteria - Output 4 - Cross-border information flow improved⁴

No.	Title	Description	0	2	4	6	10
1.	Number of joint information products focused on awareness raising on the neighbouring countries or devoted to the better visibility of the target regions in the neighbouring countries made available to public	Sum up all kinds of different joint information products to be a result of the project / e.g. brochures, websites, information centres, books, billboards, dictionaries, billboards, broadcasts, newspapers etc.	1	2	3 - 4	5	6 and more
2.	Number of clients/customers served by the institutions benefiting from the programme	Sum up all clients/customers supposed to be served by the institutions benefiting from the programme via e. g. e-mail, mail, in the office, personal visit etc. Number of people reached by the project information services.	< 350	> = 350; < 600	> = 600; < 1100	> =1 100; < 1500	> = 1500
3.	Number of local and regional organizations offering new types of services or new ways of providing existing services as regards awareness raising within the programme		1			2	3 and more
4.	Number of visitors attending the awareness raising activities /events organized by the project promoters		< 50		> = 50; < 100	> = 100; < 150	> = 150

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5.	Project sustainability	It is necessary to consider the sustainability of the project for at least three or five (in case of investments in real estate and excepted equipment) year period after project completion.	not sustainable	risky			sustainable
6.	Financial stability of the applicants and of the partners	Complete in accordance with the Liquidity sheet in the project application.	entities in distress zone	applicant in grey zone	stable applicant; partners in grey zone	stable applicant, partners in grey zone	stable entities
7.	Assessment of budget efficiency	The evaluation shall assess the budget items, with a strong focus on core items (with a value of more than EUR 5 000) and with a view to the necessity of expenses.	core items are unnecessary or substantially inflated	core items are slightly inflated or unnecessary	budget includes less substantial items that are inflated	budget includes less substantial items that are not necessary	budget is efficient
8.	Share of investment costs on the total project costs	It is calculated as the share of investment costs on the total eligible project costs.	> 30%			<=30%	
9.	Number of partnership agreements concluded with Norwegian partners	The number of partners from Norway, who will enter into the partnership agreement.	0			1 and more	
10.	Number of partnership agreements concluded with Ukrainian partners	The number of partners from Ukraine, who will enter into the partnership agreement.	1		2	3 and more	
11.	Will the joint project activities be implemented on both side of common border?		no			yes	

12.	Does the project focus on at least one of the core elements?	The core elements are defined as cultural cooperation between Slovak Republic and Ukraine / environment element / tourism development element / support of business cooperation element / integrated development of the border region element / education and science development element.	no			yes	
13.	Does the project positively contribute to at least on of the cross-cutting issues?	The cross-cutting issues are good governance, environmental considerations, economic sustainability, social sustainability, gender equality and volunteerism.	no			yes	
14.	Does the project include media cooperation?		no			yes	
15.	Number of different kinds of initiatives or activities aimed at promoting public knowing/awareness on both sides of the border (e.g. joint television or radio broadcast, web portals, local print media, joint journalist meetings, interships etc.)		1			2 and more	

16.	Will the project include providing of information on Schengen regime and Ukrainian rules (e.g. information concerning customs rules when crossing the border) in user-friendly way?		no			yes	
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF POINTS		124					