

Competitiveness Operational Program 2014-2020, Axis 4 Action 4.1.1 Investments in productive activities

Technical and financial evaluation grid

Project proposals with a total score ≥ 70 points will be funded, within the allocated budget.

The criteria taken into account in the technical and financial evaluation and the score given on each criterion are as follows:

a) **Decrease in Turnover on 31.12.2020 compared to 31.12.2019 - 40 points:**

- $\geq 30\%$ - 40 points;
- $\geq 25 < 30\%$ - 35 points
- $\geq 20 < 25\%$ - 30 points;
- $\geq 15 < 20\%$ - 25 points;
- $\geq 10 < 15\%$ - 20 points;
- $\geq 5 < 10\%$ - 15 points;
- $< 5\%$ - 0 points (project rejected).

b) Investment of at least 20% of the project value in accordance with the provisions of Annex I of the Proposal for a Delegated Commission Regulation (EU) supplementing Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down technical screening criteria for determining the conditions that an economic activity qualifies as substantially contributing to climate change mitigation or adaptation and to determine whether that economic activity does not cause significant harm to any of the other environmental objectives - 40 points:

- $\geq 90\%$ of the value of the project contributes to the environmental objectives – **40 points:**
- $\geq 80 < 90\%$ - 35 points;
- $\geq 70 < 80\%$ - 30 points;
- $\geq 60 < 70\%$ - 25 points;
- $\geq 50 < 60\%$ - 20 points;
- $\geq 40 < 50\%$ - 15 points;
- $\geq 30 < 40\%$ - 10 points;
- $\geq 20 < 30\%$ - 5 points;
- $< 20\%$ - 0 points (project rejected)

- c) The investment is made on the NACE code related to the negative balance of trade balance, respectively imports are higher than exports, according to data provided by the National Institute of Statistics (INS) - **5 points**:
- Negative balance - 5 points;
 - Positive balance - 0 points
- d) The project proposes an innovative product / process - **5 points**:
- YES - 5 points;
 - NO – 0 points
- e) Increasing labor productivity in year 3 of sustainability - turnover divided by the number of employees (the reference year is 2019, and the number of employees in year 3 of sustainability must be at least equal to that of 2019) - **10 points**:
- $\geq 15\%$ – 10 points;
 - $\geq 10\% < 15\%$ - 5 points;
 - $< 10\%$ 0 points;

Note on the criterion Increasing labor productivity in the 3rd year of sustainability:

- Year 3 of sustainability is the financial year in which the period of sustainability ends.
- If, according to the Application for funding, in the 3rd year of sustainability the number of employees is lower than in 2019, the project will be rejected.

*If, following the technical and financial evaluation stage, a number of projects are found to have equal scores, **ranking of the projects** will be based on the number of newly created jobs (calculated as a percentage of the base value in 2019 and the value calculated in year 3 of sustainability). If, after applying this criterion, the scores are equal, the date and time of the project submission will be applied.*