

## MERIT CRITERIA – STAGE II

### State aid appraisal – To be assessed by the National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management

No.	Criterion name	Criterion description	Assessment rules: Yes/No	Comments
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
	The financing is in line with the state aid rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• appraisal if the co-financing constitutes state aid;</li> <li>• if the grant constitutes state aid, appraisal if the aid complies with the provisions/regulations governing the state aid</li> </ul>	Yes/No	

### Financial evaluation - To be completed by the technical unit responsible for the financial evaluation of the project

No.	Criterion name	Criterion description	Assessment rules: Yes/No	Comments
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
	Applicant's financial standing/situation –current and forecasted - including feasibility and financial durability analysis	<p>As part of the criterion, the following will be assessed, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the applicant's ability to ensure the feasibility and financial sustainability of the project on the basis of analysis of the applicant's financial reports and projections (if applicable);</li> <li>• the correctness of the assumptions used for financial analysis (if applicable);</li> <li>• confirmed, reliable sources of project co-financing (if applicable);</li> <li>• possibility of establishing a financial security (if applicable).</li> </ul> <p>The criterion will be assessed using the provisions of the Instruction: "Securing the NFEPWM's claims arising from contracts for project co-financing", regarding:</p> <p>- rules for setting collaterals for any claims under loans/subsidies arising from concluded contracts and contracts in the process of conclusion for co-financing projects from the NFEPWM,</p>	Yes/No/NA	

		including projects co-financed from non-returnable foreign funds, and - defining the general principles for carrying out financial evaluations of grant applications. Basis for assessment: application form with attachments.		
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**Equality criterion – To be assessed by the National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management**

No	Criterion	Criterion description	Assessment rules: Yes/No/Not applicable	Comment
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
	The project is in line with equal opportunities and non-discrimination rules	As part of the criterion, it will be assessed whether the project has a positive (or at least neutral) influence on in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessibility for people with disabilities</li> <li>• Gender equality</li> </ul>	Yes/No/Not applicable	