

MERIT CRITERIA – STAGE III

Application evaluation criteria		Score
Coherence criterion		
1.1	Coherence between submitted application and the previously submitted project concept note and recommendations given by the Committee *	0 - 5
*At this stage is being examined coherence between submitted application and submitted project concept and recommendations given by the Evaluation Committee.		
Feasibility criteria		
2.1	Applicant's organisational capacity to implement the project	0 - 8
2.2	Risk assessment	0 - 5
Cost-efficiency criteria - planned expenses in relation to the project tasks		
3.1	The eligibility of expenses planned to be incurred and correctness of estimated costs	0 - 9
3.2	The rationality of expenses planned to be incurred	0 - 9
Compliance of the project with the assumptions of circular economy (project overall objective)		
4.1	Incorporating the circular economy in the product(s) life cycle and/or business model	0 - 9
Planned ecological results - project impact on achieving the objective, outcome and outputs of the Programme - according to the project concept		
5.1	*Feasibility and rationality for implementation of planned circular economy project	0 - 9
5.2.	*Preparation and implementation of an awareness-raising campaign on circular economy	0 - 8
5.3	Evaluation of the planned educational and informational activities, including awareness-raising campaign, in terms of the level of adequacy and attractiveness of the proposed forms, methods and educational tools for the identified educational needs, the specificity of the target group and the subject matter of the project, in the context of achieving the foreseen educational objectives and results of a project	0 - 8
*Each project should contain two types of activities, i.e. 5.1 and 5.2, of which expenses on measure 5.2 cannot exceed 50% of the project eligible cost.		
Bilateral cooperation criterion		
6.1	Participation of partners from Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein **	0 - 5
** Higher score will go to projects with at least one project partner among Donor States, i.e. Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein.		
TOTAL		0 – 75

The required minimum score allowing the project to be assessed positively is 35.

The minimum score in each criterion required to obtain a positive assessment is more than 0 (except criteria 2.1 and 6.1).

Coherence criterion - maximum score 5

1.1	Coherence between submitted application and the previously submitted project concept and recommendations given by the Committee	Score
	The project is a development of the concept described in the project concept and it is entirely in line with recommendations given by the Evaluation Committee.	5
	The project is not coherent with the concept described in the project concept and it is not entirely in line with recommendations given by the Evaluation Committee.	0

Feasibility criteria - maximum score 13

2.1	Applicant's organisational capacity to implement the project	Score
	The applicant experience in project implementation includes at least three projects in the "Climate" programme area, the implementation of which has been completed within 5 years before submission of the application.	8
	The applicant experience in project implementation includes at least one project in the "Climate" programme area, the implementation of which has been completed within 5 years before submission of the application.	6
	The applicant experience in project implementation includes at least three projects outside the "Climate" programme area, the implementation of which has been completed within 5 years before submission the application.	4
	The applicant experience in project implementation includes at least one project outside the "Climate" programme area, the implementation of which has been completed within 5 years before submission the application.	2
	The applicant has no experience in project implementation in or outside the "Climate" programme area.	0

2.2	Risk assessment <i>*Specification of solutions:</i> - <i>“optimal solutions” are deemed as solutions ensuring the most effective risk minimisation to achieve the project’s effects/results;</i> - <i>“solutions developed to a sufficient degree” are deemed as solutions minimising risk occurrence and selected, sufficiently to achieve the project’s effects / results;</i> - <i>“solutions developed insufficiently” are deemed as solutions insufficient to achieve the project’s effects / results</i>	Score
	Risk factors along with their significance and probability of occurrence, have been well identified and justified , whereas the risk management plan and counteracting plan for risk that may negatively affect the project includes optimal solutions* .	5
	Risk factors along with their significance and probability of occurrence, have been well identified and justified to a sufficient degree , and the risk management plan and counteracting plan for risks that may negatively affect the project has been developed sufficiently* , but the chosen solutions are not optimal.	3
	Risk factors along with their significance and probability of occurrence, have been identified insufficiently or the risk management plan and counteracting plan for risk that may negatively affect the project has been developed insufficiently * .	1
	Risk factors along with their significance and probability of occurrence, have been identified incorrectly or have not been specified and there is no plan to management plan and counteracting plan for risk that may negatively affect the project.	0

Cost-efficiency criteria - planned expenses in relation to the project tasks - maximum score 18

3.1	The eligibility of expenses planned to be incurred and correctness of estimated cost	Score
	<p>The project's estimate budget has been prepared on the basis of generally valid price lists or market bids of suppliers and contractors or printouts from websites or historical data (taken from other projects, the implementation of which has been completed within 5 years before the submission of application).</p> <p>100% of the eligible costs have been estimated correctly (deviations from the average values of particular costs do not exceed 20%).</p>	9
	<p>The project's estimate budget has been prepared on the basis of generally valid price lists or market bids of suppliers and contractors or printouts from websites or historical data (taken from other projects, the implementation of which has been completed within 5 years before the submission of application).</p> <p>≥75% of eligible costs have been estimated correctly (deviations from the average values of particular costs do not exceed 20%).</p>	6
	<p>The project estimate budget has been prepared on the basis of generally valid price lists or market bids of suppliers and contractors or printouts from websites or historical data (taken from other projects, the implementation of which has been completed within 5 years before the submission of application).</p> <p>≥50% of eligible costs have been estimated correctly (deviations from the average values of particular costs do not exceed 20%).</p>	3
	<p>The project estimate budget has not been prepared on the basis of generally valid price lists or market bids of suppliers and contractors or printouts from websites or historical data (taken from other projects, the implementation of which has been completed within 5 years until the submission of application)</p> <p>or</p> <p><50% of eligible costs have been estimated correctly (deviations from the average values of particular costs do not exceed 20%).</p>	0

3.2	The rationality of expenses planned to be incurred	Score
	<p>The expenditure for the project implementation are reasonable and the ratio of costs and expected project effects/results indicate high cost efficiency.</p>	9
	<p>The expenditure for the project implementation are reasonable and the ratio of costs and expected project effects/results indicate high sufficient cost efficiency.</p>	6
	<p>The expenditure for the project implementation are reasonable however the ratio of costs and expected project effects/results indicate low cost efficiency.</p>	3
	<p>The expenditure for the project implementation is unreasonably high, and the ratio of costs and expected project effects/results of the project shows a lack of cost efficiency.</p>	0

Compliance of the project with the assumptions of circular economy (project overall objective) - maximum score 9

4.1.	Incorporating the circular economy in the related to a product(s) life cycle and/or business model <i>Definition of circular economy has been provided in the applicant's manual</i>	Score
	The project contains exhaustively described 4 of the circular economy ideas concerning the product life cycle, i.e. design, production, use, waste management and/or business model.	9
	The project contains exhaustively described 3 of the circular economy ideas concerning the product life cycle, i.e. design, production, use or waste management and/or business model.	6
	The project contains exhaustively described 2 of the circular economy ideas concerning the product life cycle, i.e. design, production, use, waste management and/or business model.	3
	The project contains exhaustively described 1 of the circular economy ideas concerning the product life cycle, i.e. design, production, use or waste management or business model.	1
	The project does not contain any of the circular economy ideas exhaustively described concerning the product life cycle, i.e. design, production, use or waste management or business model described.	0

Planned ecological results - project impact on achieving the objective, outcome and outputs of the Programme - according to the project concept - maximum score 25

5.1	Feasibility and rationality for implementation. of planned circular economy project <i>Definitions and examples of circular economy activities have been provided in the applicant's manual</i>	Score
	All of the planned activities in the project are adequate from the point of view of the diagnosed needs and the realization of the assumed objective, and the proposed methods are fully reasonable . The planned activities form a logical and coherent whole and are appropriate for achieving the assumed ecological effect of the project.	9
	All of the planned activities in the project are adequate from the point of view of the diagnosed needs and the realization of the assumed objective , but the proposed methods are not fully reasonable . The planned activities form a logical and coherent whole and are mostly appropriate for achieving the assumed ecological effect of the project.	6

<p>Some of the planned activities in the project are inadequate from the point of view of the diagnosed needs and the realization of the assumed goal, and the proposed methods are not fully reasonable.</p> <p>Some of the planned activities are unnecessary and do not contribute to the achievement of the assumed ecological effect of the project.</p>	3
<p>Some of the planned activities in the project are inadequate and unnecessary from the point of view of the diagnosed needs and the realization of the assumed objective, and the proposed methods are insufficient to implement the project.</p> <p>Proposed activities will not contribute to the achievement of the assumed ecological effect of the project.</p>	0

5.2	Preparation and implementation of an awareness-raising campaign on circular economy <i>“An awareness-raising campaign” is deemed as a set of various measures with the use of media planned during the project implementation, the purpose of which is to disseminate knowledge, change the way of thinking and behaviour towards the identified local problem related to circular economy or solving the local problem related to the circular economy of a specific target group</i> <i>Definitions and examples of activities have been provided in the applicant's manual</i>	Score
	As part of the project implementation, an educational campaign in the area of circular economy will be planned and implemented, directly involving > 500 people.	8
	As part of the project implementation, an educational campaign in the area of circular economy will be planned and implemented, directly involving 400 - 500 people.	6
	As part of the project implementation, an educational campaign in the area of circular economy will be planned and implemented, directly involving 300 - 399 people.	4
	As part of the project implementation, an educational campaign in the area of circular economy will be planned and implemented, directly involving 200 - 299 people.	2
	As part of the project implementation, an educational campaign in the area of circular economy will be planned and implemented, directly involving < 200 people.	0

5.3	Evaluation of the planned educational and informational activities* including awareness-raising campaign in terms of the level of adequacy and attractiveness of the proposed forms, methods and educational tools for the identified educational needs, the specificity of the target group and the subject matter of the project, in the context of achieving the assumed educational objectives and results of a project <i>*Educational and informational measures are deemed as measures aimed at broadening the community's knowledge about the problem and methods of solving it via a campaign in traditional media and the Internet on community stimulating measures, e.g. educational events, competitions and through education and knowledge dissemination in the form of a profiled education, e.g. conferences, training courses and workshops, development and publishing of interactive didactic materials</i>	Score

<p>All of the proposed educational forms, methods and tools of measures are commensurate and adopted to the identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - educational needs, - the project's subject matter, - specificity of the selected target groups; <p>AND</p> <p>All the planned measures constitute a logical and coherent whole and are necessary for achieving the project's objective and ecological effects.</p>	8
<p>All of the proposed educational forms, methods and tools of measures are commensurate and adopted to the identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - educational needs, - the project's subject matter, - specificity of the selected target groups; <p>AND</p> <p>Over half of the planned measures constitute a logical and coherent whole and is necessary for achieving the project's objective and ecological effects.</p>	6
<p>Two of the three of the proposed educational forms, methods and tools of measures are commensurate and adopted to the identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - educational needs, - the project's subject matter, - specificity of the selected target groups; <p>AND</p> <p>Over half of the planned measures constitute a logical and coherent whole and is necessary for achieving the project's objective and ecological effects.</p>	4
<p>One out of the three of the proposed educational forms, methods and tools of measures is commensurate and adopted to the identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - educational needs, - the project's subject matter, - specificity of the selected target groups; <p>AND</p> <p>Over half of the planned measures constitute a logical and coherent whole and is necessary for achieving the project's objective and ecological effects.</p>	2
<p>All of the proposed educational forms, methods and tools of measures are incommensurate and not adopted to the identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - educational needs, - the project's subject matter, - specificity of the selected target groups; <p>OR</p> <p>Over half of the planned measures is pointless and does not contribute to the achievement of the project's objective ecological effects.</p>	0

Bilateral cooperation criterion - maximum score 5

6.1.	Participation of partners from Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein	Score
	The project is implemented in partnership with a partner from Donor States: Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein (letter of intent or partnership agreement).	5
	The project is implemented in cooperation with a partner from Donor States: Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein (other documented partner participation/cooperation).	3
	The project is not implemented in partnership/cooperation with a partner from Donor States: Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein.	0