



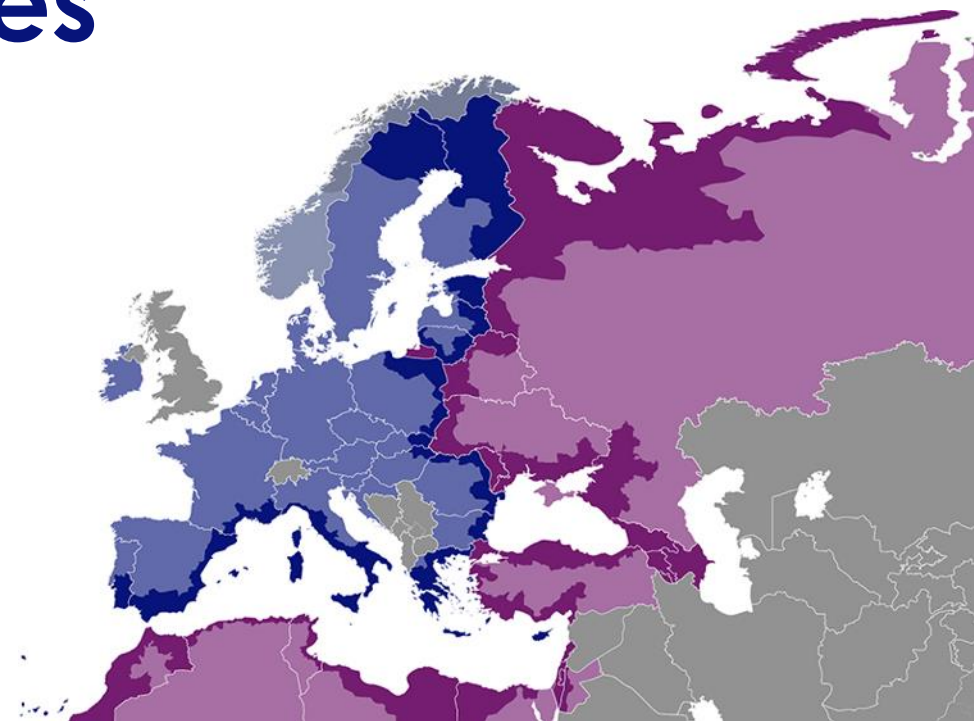
Technical support to the implementation
and management of ENI CBC programmes

Cross-border added value at selection stage in ENI CBC programmes

(Mapping of results)

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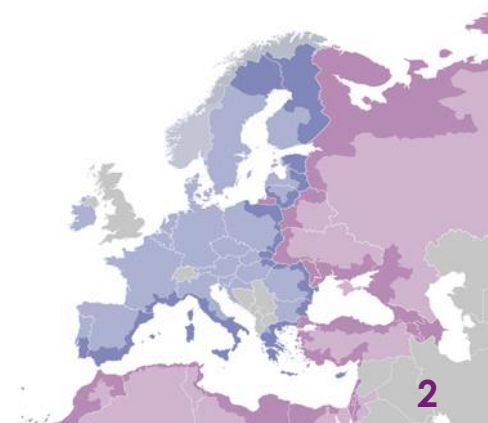


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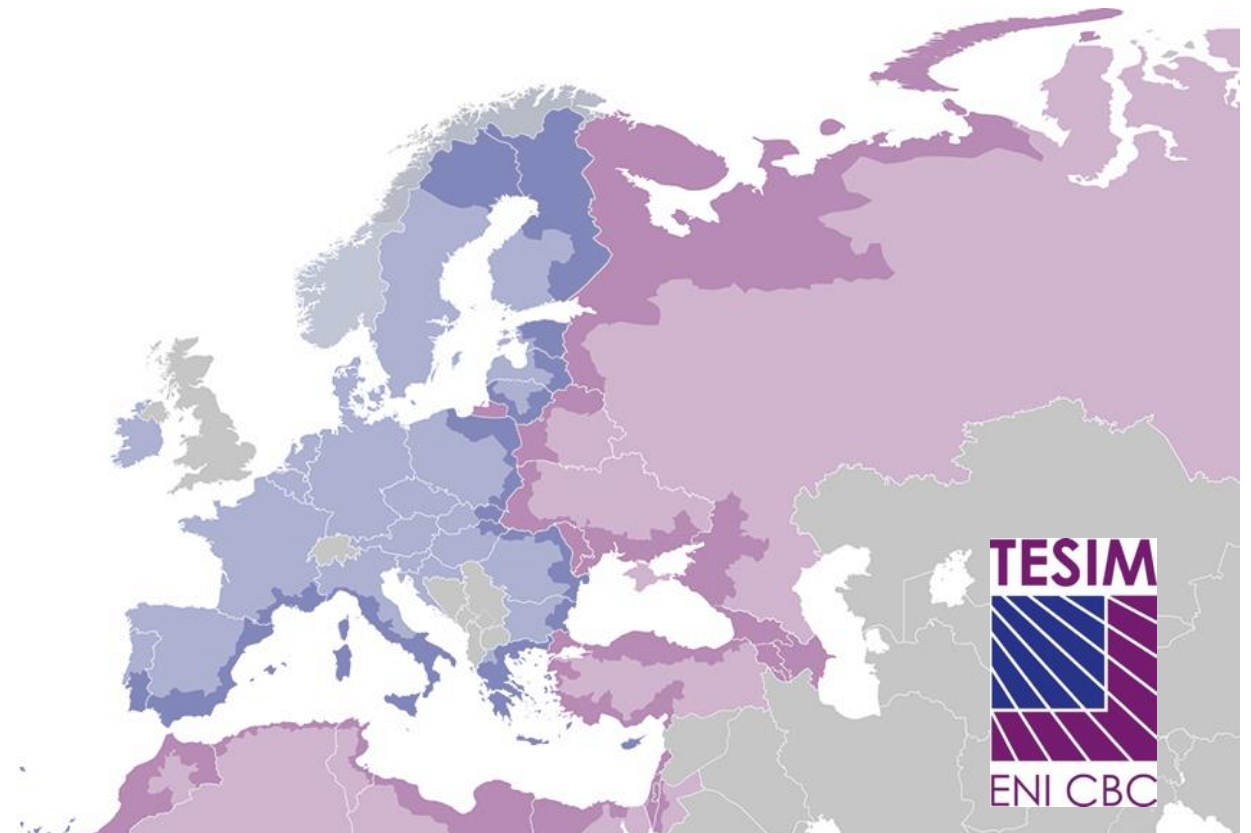
R1.2 Give more weight in project appraisal and greater attention at the selection stage to the impact and sustainability, including the cross-border dimension, and reflect these requirements in information and training for applicants and assessors.

“There is a case for making the cross-border dimension either a yes/no or threshold condition for potential projects, in which failure to demonstrate this dimension leads to rejection”.



**Selection criteria
and
cross-border
added value
in ENI CBC:**

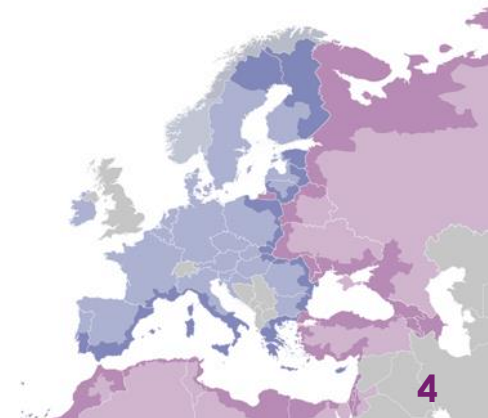
six speaking points



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The cross-border dimension is measured in manifold ways, starting by the need of cross-border cooperation (as opposed to single-country programmes) and extending gradually to other aspects such as the delivery of results/impacts on both sides of the border.

The balanced involvement of partners, the fulfilment of cooperation criteria, the demonstrated benefits for partners working together and the creation of long-lasting cooperations are also considered parts of this dimension.

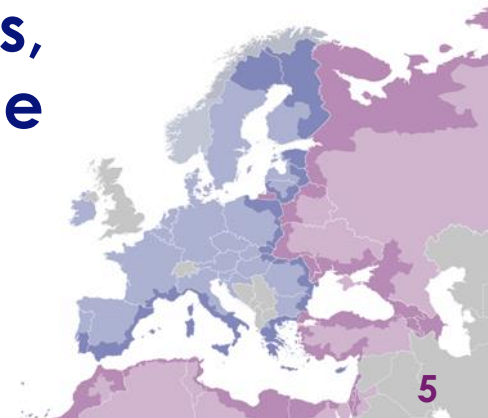


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In the large majority of cases (10), the cross-border dimension is assessed as **part of the project 'Relevance'**. In the remaining five cases, it can be seen as a self-standing criterion.

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The weight of the cross-border dimension ranges **from 5 to 16% of the total possible score**, rendering it difficult to impact the selection process in some programmes, unless competition is high enough to ensure that the selected projects are solid in all assessment criteria.



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In some programmes, the weight goes up to 35% at the concept note stage, allowing for a stronger impact on the selection of proposals.

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The criterion has been given by programmes an increased weight of two, three or even four times the basic value.

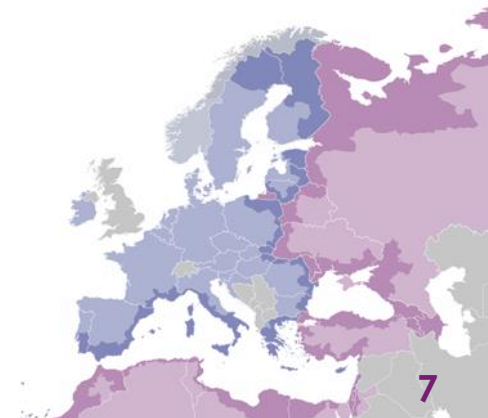
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Programmes have also set minimum scores to be met in order for the proposals to be retained, either at the level of the specific cross-border criterion or subcriterion or, most commonly, at the level of the project 'Relevance'.



*“The calls for proposals [...] included selection criteria aimed at ensuring that the project applications selected addressed the challenges identified in the JOP, were relevant to the programme objectives and chosen priority, promoted **cross-border cooperation** and would have a lasting impact on the development of the border regions.*

*The weight of these criteria varied from programme to programme and between individual calls for proposals. However, they were sufficient to minimise the risk of a proposal passing the minimum threshold for selection without providing a sound description of its relevance and **cross-border impact**”.*



THANK YOU!

