



The  
evaluation process

“Tips & tricks” for a  
good application

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# Award criteria

**PRIORITY AND URGENCY**

**MATURITY**

**QUALITY**

**IMPACT**

**CATALYTIC EFFECT**

**Pass Marks  
=> 3/5pts**

# Award criteria (1/3)

## Priority and urgency

- Contribution to:
  - Political objectives and priorities (Green Deal, AFIR)
  - TEN-T network
- Relevant to Work Programme and Call text.
- EU added value.
- Synergies with other EU funds, CEF Energy/Digital (when applicable).

## Maturity

- Readiness of the project to start on the starting date and to be completed by end date.
- Status of permitting and procurement procedures (i/environmental, when applicable).
- Financial maturity – sources of funding other than CEF are secured.

# Award criteria (2/3)

## Quality

- Quality of the application – information provided in all required documents.
- The operational capacity check of the applicants: Competence and experience of the applicants and their project teams mainly for new private entities to CEF – based on the list of previous projects and the activity report of the last year.
- Quality of the Project:
  - Work packages well structured and financial resources well justified.
  - Consortium set-up governance and organisational structures.
  - Quality assurance, monitoring and control procedures.
  - Risk analysis, mitigation measures.
  - Communication plan.
  - Sustainability and maintenance strategy, when applicable.

# Award criteria (3/3)

## Impact

- Demand/traffic forecast study.
- Socio-economic impact analysis, substantiated by simplified CBA Analysis when required by the Call.
- Environmental and Climate impacts and climate resilience.
- Other impacts on congestion, safety and security, service quality, and noise emissions.
- Effects on aspects such as innovation and digitalisation, safety and interoperability and accessibility, including its cross-border dimension.

## Catalytic effect

- How the CEF funding will facilitate or accelerate the project - in comparison to a situation without the CEF funding.
- Overcoming the funding gap.
- Leverage effect on additional investments.
- Commitment of stakeholders towards the project.