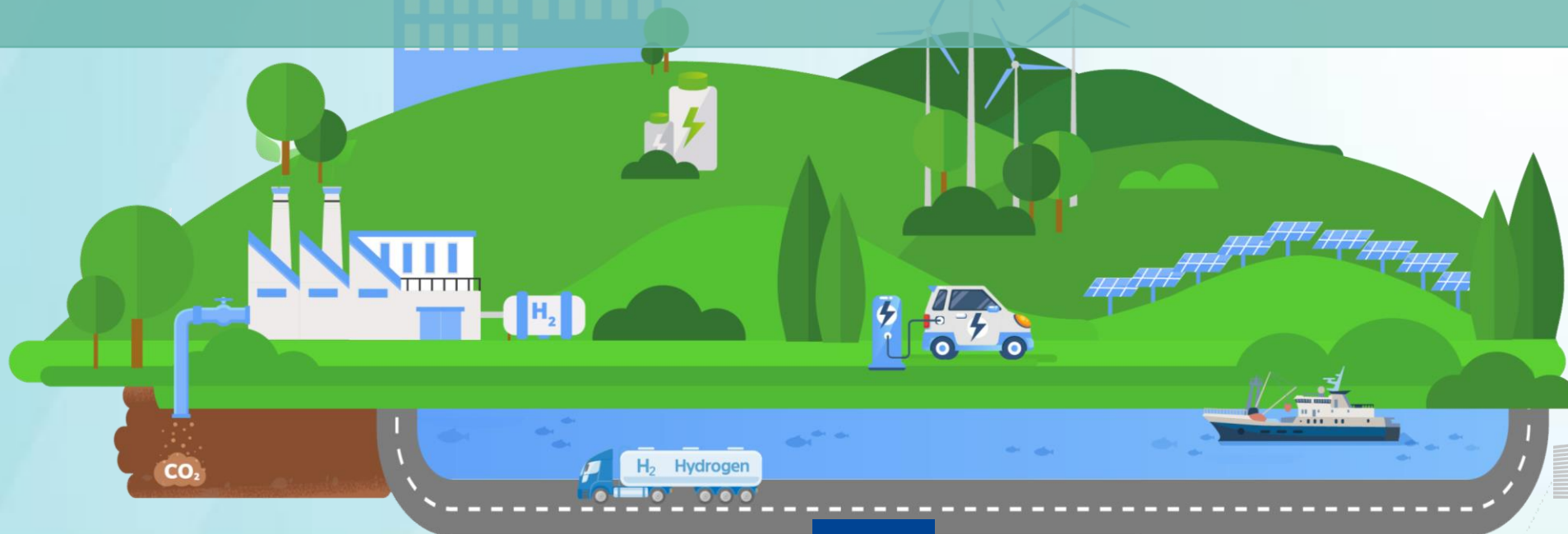


Innovation Fund

Call for small-scale projects 2021

Main features, Award Criteria and selection procedure in a nutshell

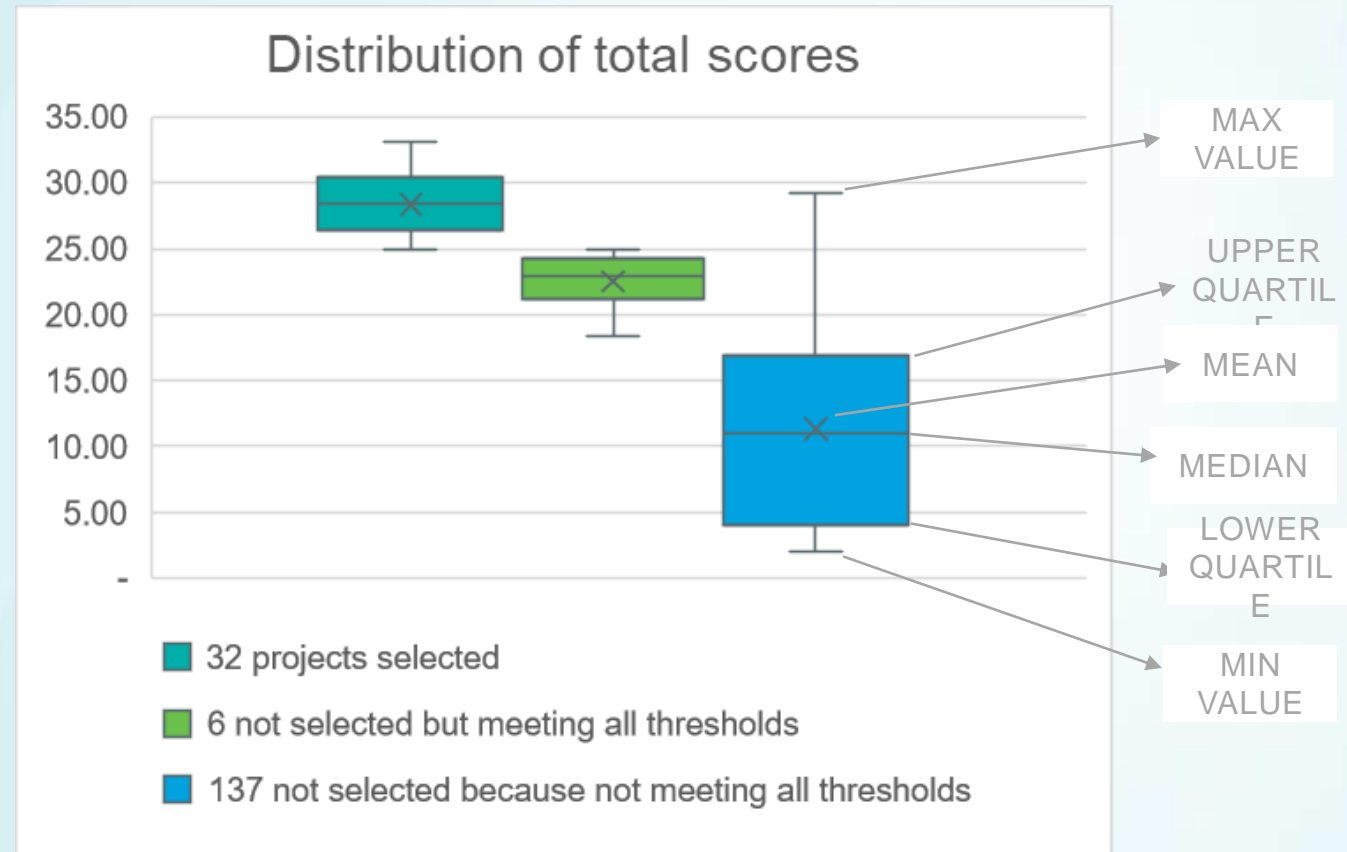
Roman Doubrava, Head of Innovation Fund Unit, CINEA C4



LEARNINGS FROM SMALL-SCALE CALL RESULTS – TOTAL SCORES

SELECTED PROJECTS WERE SCORING HIGH IN ALL CRITERIA

- Most of the 32 selected projects **received high marks** in all award criteria
- 6 projects met all thresholds but received lower overall score
- 137 projects failed **at least one award criterion** (nearly 80% of eligible projects), demonstrating there is **significant room for improvement** for better understanding of key criteria requirements



30 Innovation Fund small-scale projects already started!

Examples of running small-scale projects focusing on:

- ❖ decarbonisation of **glass production** in France
- ❖ renewable heat for an **energy-intensive malt production** process in Croatia
- ❖ **direct air CO₂ capture** and geological storage in Iceland
- ❖ production of **green hydrogen** to cover local demand from mobility and industry in Italy
- ❖ **renewable energy and energy storage solutions** in a green port in Spain



2021 Small-scale projects call: key features



**Launch
Deadline
Results**

31 March 2022
31 August 2022
Q1 2023



€ 100 000 000 for grants
+
Project Development Assistance



**Same scope as previous calls:
innovative projects close to
market**

AWARD CRITERIA

Degree of innovation

GHG emission avoidance*

Project maturity

Scalability

Cost efficiency

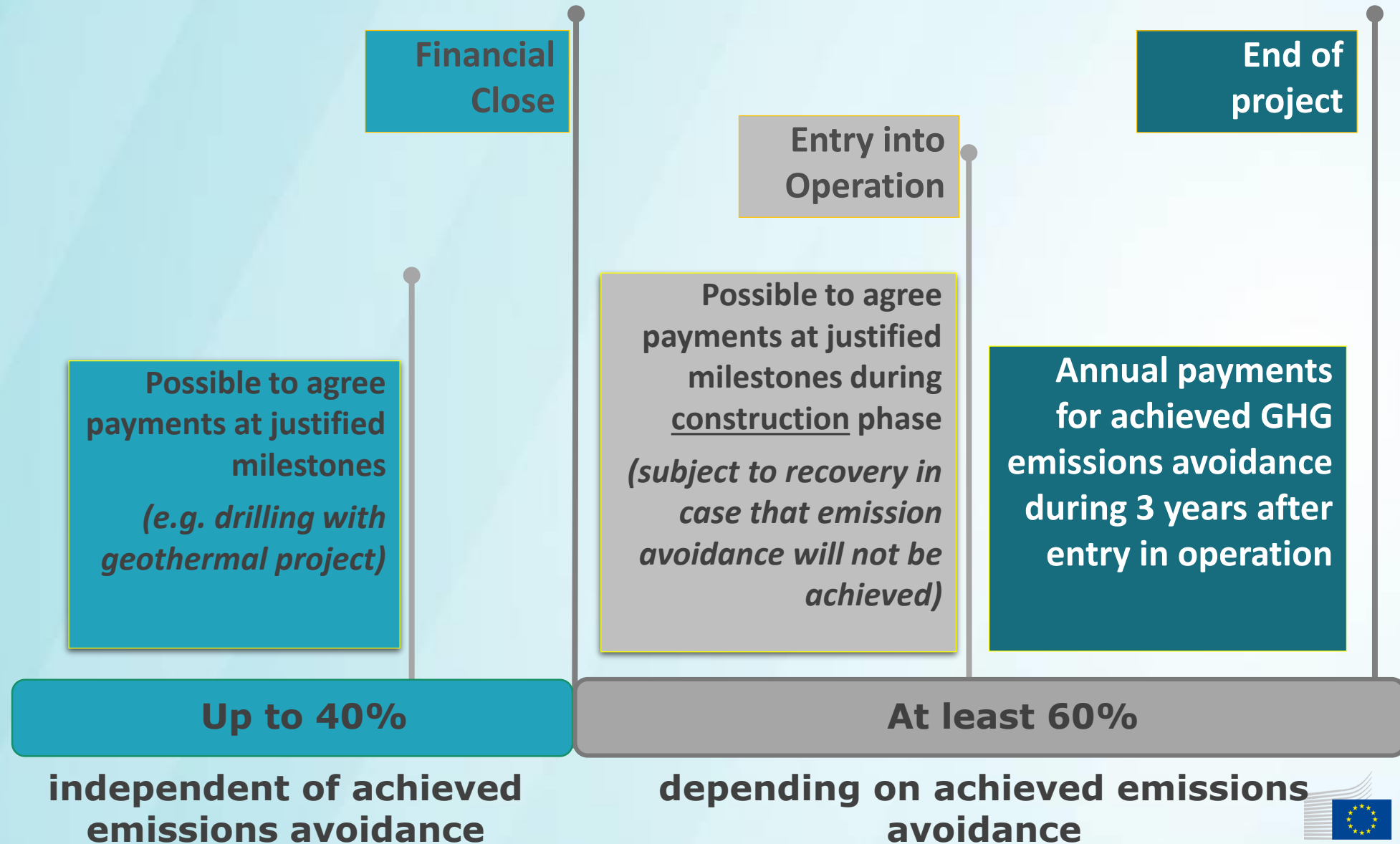
*incl. quality of calculations, net carbon removals and other GHG emission savings

GRANT DISTRIBUTION

**LUMP-SUM contribution
grant up to 60% of capital expenditure**

- up to 40% of grant at financial close
- remaining amount of at least 60% after financial close
- generally, at least 10% after Entry into operation.

Payment upon completed work-packages



Degree of innovation

- Beyond state of the art and beyond incremental innovation

GHG emission avoidance

- Absolute and relative GHG emission avoidance
- Relative GHG emission avoidance
- **Quality of the GHG calculation, minimum requirements, net carbon removals, other GHG savings**

Project maturity

- **Technical, financial and operational maturity**

Scalability

- Scalability at the level of regional economy, sector, and economy wide scale
- Knowledge sharing, including communication and dissemination

Cost efficiency

- Cost efficiency ratio (Requested grant per ton of CO₂e)
- **Quality and credibility of the cost calculation**

CASCADE APPROACH – CONSEQUENCES ON EVALUATION RESULTS

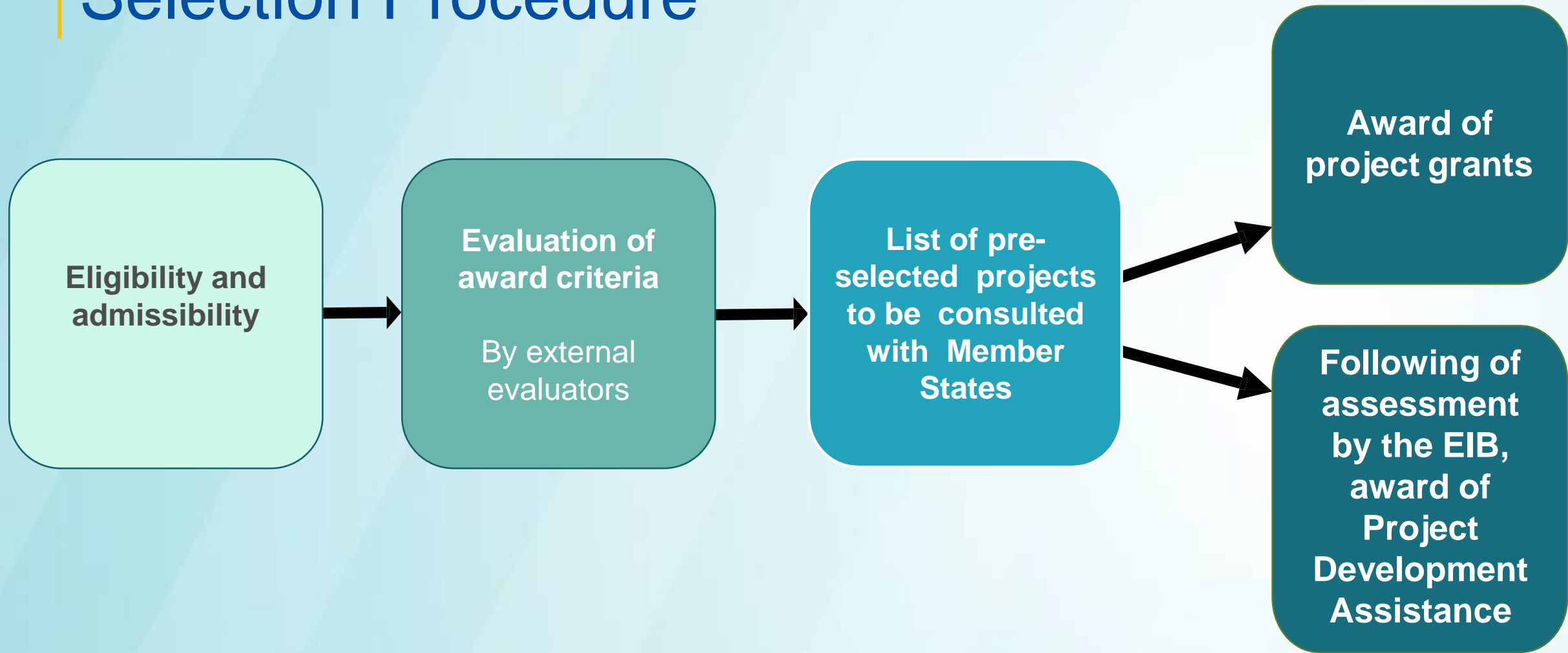
- 1. Check **eligibility** and **admissibility**
 - *(if all requirements are not met, the evaluation is stopped)*
- 2. Assess **Degree of Innovation** criterion
 - *(if the score is below threshold, the evaluation is stopped)*
- 3. Assess **GHG Emissions Avoidance** and **Project Maturity** criteria
 - *(if all requirements are not met or score is below threshold, the evaluation is stopped)*
- 4. Assess **Scalability** and **Cost efficiency** criteria

Different scoring system!!!

Scoring award criteria

Award criteria	Minimum pass score	Maximum score
Degree of innovation	9	15
GHG emission avoidance potential:		
• Absolute GHG emission avoidance	n/a	5
• Relative GHG emission avoidance	n/a	5
• Quality of GHG calculation, minimum requirements, net carbon removals, other GHG savings	2	5
Total GHG emission avoidance potential	-	15
Project maturity :		
• Technical maturity	3	5
• Financial maturity	3	5
• Operational maturity	3	5
Total Project maturity	-	15
Scalability	9	15
Cost efficiency:		
• Cost efficiency ratio	n/a	12
• Quality of cost calculation	1.5	3
Total Cost efficiency	-	15
Total	n/a	75

Selection Procedure



Some recommendations

- Read carefully the call documents and understand well the requirements (including the admissibility and eligibility ones)
- Get familiar with and follow the call methodologies and guidance (GHG methodology)
- Check whether your project fulfils all the requirements of the call – please use the self-check questionnaire!
- Check our websites for further guidance, statistics and lessons learnt!
- Start early preparing your application and make sure to have all the supporting documents ready on time
- Do not wait the last day to submit, use our helpdesk
- Before submitting, please check consistency between different parts and documents of your application

NEXT CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

Next Large-Scale Call

- Expected **launch** of single-stage call in **Autumn 2022**
- Expected deadline for submission **Spring 2023**
- Expected results in **Autumn 2023**
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Join as expert supporting evaluations!



Technical experts



GHG experts



Financial experts



**Rapporteurs +
quality checkers**

- **Individual evaluation**
 - To be organised fully remotely from your office or home at your best convenience
- **Consensus group**
 - Discussion with other fellow evaluators
 - Either in Brussels or virtually
- **Confidentiality and conflict of interest rules apply**

Check [CINEA website](#) for the application process!