Technical Maturity

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Technical feasibility to deliver the expected output and GHG emissions avoidance

Technology risks and proposed mitigation measures

Application form, Part B, sections:

- Section 0: technical characteristics and scope / technology scope
- 3.1 (technical maturity)
- 3.4 (risk management)
- Feasibility study (<u>mandatory annex</u>)
- Any existing technical due diligence report (optional)



Technical Maturity – technical feasibility

Guiding principle / key questions to reply:

- Explain the degree of <u>technology readiness</u> of the proposed solution and the <u>technical feasibility of</u> <u>delivering the expected output</u> (e.g., in terms of volume of the products).
- In particular:
 - Has the technology already been proven in a pilot scale demonstration?
 - Are the characteristics of the proposed plant credible and in line with basic engineering principles?
 - Provide robust and credible assumptions used for operational characteristics of the plant and estimation of the expected outputs
 - Provide clear reference to relevant parts of the <u>Feasibility study</u> and other supporting documents.

Technical feasibility

Explain the technical feasibility of the project to deliver the expected outputs and how the project will ensure reaching the expected GHG emission avoidance.

In particular, describe

- the technology readiness of the project, expected project output (in terms of volume of the products) and technical feasibility of achieving this output, including in terms of GHG emission avoidance
- whether the proposed technology has already been proven in a pilot scale demonstration (where available), and, if so, how it has performed
- how changes in scale or changes in circumstances compared to previous testing/projects have been taken into account in the design of the project, where applicable
- how the characteristics of the proposed plant are in line with basic engineering principles
- the assumptions used for operational characteristics of the plant and for the estimation of the GHG emissions avoidance
- whether the existing and envisaged assets in the project site are suitable for reuse.

Insert text and refer to the relevant text of the supporting documents



Technical Maturity - risks

Guiding principle / key questions to reply:

- Describe <u>key risks</u> identified in relation to the <u>proposed technology/process</u>,
- Describe the proposed risk <u>mitigation measures</u> and explain why they are suitable
- Moreover, risks identified should be summarised in the <u>risk table (section 3.4 application form)</u>
- Underpin your analysis with the <u>feasibility study</u> and provide the risk heat map

Technical risks and proposed risk mitigation measures

Describe key risks identified in relation to the technology, the proposed risk mitigation measures and why they are suitable.

Insert text and refer to the relevant text of the supporting documents.

Critical risks and risk management strategy

List critical risks, uncertainties or difficulties related to the implementation of your project, and your measures/strategy for addressing them.

Indicate for each risk (in the description) the impact and the likelihood that the risk will materialise (high, medium, low), even after taking into account the mitigating measures.

Note: Uncertainties and unexpected events occur in all organisations, even if very well-run. The risk analysis will help you to predict issues that could delay or hinder project activities. A good risk management strategy is essential for good project management.

Risk No	Description	Work package No	Proposed risk-mitigation measures



Feasibility study

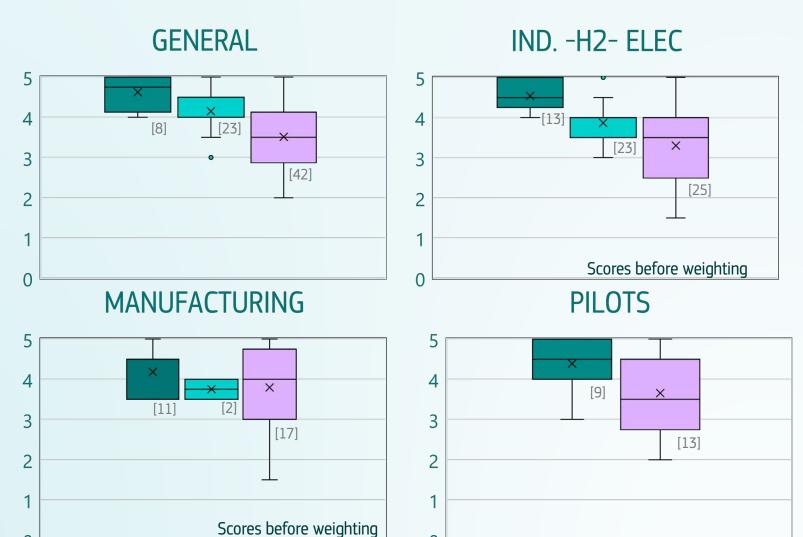
- The feasibility study should include information in line with the minimum content indicated in section 5 of the call text:
 - Project description (background information, objectives, resource and feedstock availability and yield potential, expected project outputs, innovation)
 - Location analysis and strategic overlook (site, site plans, stakeholders' involvement and acceptance)
 - Technical maturity assessment (technology readiness, technology process, suppliers of technology, feasibility of achieving project outputs)
 - GHG avoidance and key consumptions figures
 - Environmental and socio-economic impacts and mitigation measures
 - Techno-economic feasibility
 - Risks and mitigation measures (including heat map)



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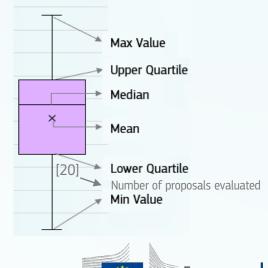
Scores per topic LSC-2022



Proposals evaluated

- Pre-selected for grant preparation
- Beyond available budget
- Not meeting minimum thresholds

How to interpret these graphs





Lessons learned - Technical maturity

Describe readiness level

- Actual readiness level of your technology
 - Be concise
 - Provide key facts and figures

Identify

- Relevant data from your previous stages: pilots / projects...
- Include all relevant critical risks and mitigation strategies

Provide evidence ->Feasibility study, other docs

- Due diligence report
- Procurement quotes
- MoU
- Signed letters of intents/ support

Ensure **consistency** between documents: Feasibility study, business plan, GHG calculations

Resubmissions are welcome, especially when TRL is improving

