

ATTACHMENT 9

ASSESSMENT GRID FOR STRATEGIC EVALUATION OF SGI PROJECTS

The projects are assessed as to what degree they contribute to:

Specific Objective 1 of the Territorial Strategy: *"To expand and improve the provision of services."*

Measure 1.1: *"Enhance accessibility and improve the quality of services of general interest to support social and economic growth."*

SCORES DEFINITIONS

Score 0 – *No relevance.* The project does not contribute to the objectives of the Programme, incl. the Territorial Strategy. It addresses issues that are irrelevant to the Programme/Strategy, and the required information is missing. Key elements such as the justification of the project's necessity, the proposed solutions, and their alignment with the specifics of the Call (these specifics must be detailed in the score justification) are either absent or weak. There is little to no connection between the identified needs, expected results, and the objectives of the Programme/Strategy.

Score 5 - *Weak relevance.* The project demonstrates only a minimal connection to the Programme/Strategy. The provided information is insufficiently developed, with notable gaps in justification and argumentation. While some relevant aspects are touched upon, they lack clarity, depth, or supporting evidence. The project's alignment with the Programme/Strategy remains unclear, and its potential contribution to territorial development is limited.

Score 10 - *Moderate relevance.* The project shows a reasonable level of alignment with the Programme/Strategy, with relevant information provided. However, certain aspects may lack clarity, detail, or completeness. The justification of the project's contribution to the Programme/Strategy may not be fully developed, or some elements may require further elaboration. While the project addresses relevant needs and objectives, its expected results and impact on the cross-border region may not be sufficiently defined or substantiated. Projects focusing solely on soft components, if meeting all requirements, are recommended for this score under Criterion 1.

Score 20 - *Strong relevance.* The project is fully aligned with the objectives of the Territorial Strategy and demonstrates a well-structured, substantial contribution. The information provided is detailed, coherent, and supported by solid justification. The project effectively links identified needs, expected results, and the Programme's/Strategy's objectives, ensuring consistency between activities and the desired impact. It showcases clear cross-border relevance, demonstrating benefits that extend beyond local interventions and positively influence territorial development. If all requirements are met, projects incorporating both soft and investment components are recommended to receive this score for Criterion 1.

PROJECT REF N°:

PROJECT TITLE:

PROJECT LEAD PARTNER:

CRITERIA FOR STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT OF SGI PROJECTS THAT HAVE PASSED STAGE 1			
N	Criterion	Max Score	Justification
1	Relevance and Demand-Driven Approach <i>The project clearly addresses well-identified territorial needs based on relevant data and evidence, ensuring that the proposed services of general interest are demand-driven and aligned with the needs of the cross-border region.</i>		
2	Accessibility, Quality, and Innovation in Service Delivery <i>The project effectively expands accessibility, coherence, and quality of services of general interest, while proposing innovative, technology-driven, and community-oriented solutions to promote equal access across the region.</i>		
3	Cross-Border Cooperation and Synergy <i>The project demonstrates a strong cross-border effect by addressing shared challenges, creating synergies through joint development and implementation, enhancing institutional and community cooperation, and delivering sustainable benefits that could not be achieved without cross-border collaboration.</i>		
4	Sustainability, Durability, and Transferability <i>The project provides a clear strategy for ensuring the long-term sustainability of results, minimizing environmental impacts, and demonstrating the potential for replication or transfer to other regions.</i>		
5	Use of Knowledge, Experience, and Lessons Learned <i>The project builds effectively on existing knowledge, experiences, and lessons learned to enhance the relevance, efficiency, and effectiveness of its activities.</i>		

Call for project proposals

Services of General Interest
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	SERVICE IMPACT INDEX		
	FINAL SCORE		