**Annex I**

 **STEP I Admissibility**

 **ELIGIBILITY GRID**

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|  **Eligibility of the applicant/partners** | **YES** | **NO** | **N/A** | **Comments** |
| 1. | The Lead partner/Partner (each partner) is a legal entity registered and located in the program area |  |  |  |  |
| 11. | The Sole Partner is an European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation registered in Romania, and members thereof involve partners from both Romania and Republic of Moldova.  |  |  |  |  |
| 12. | The Lead beneficiary/Partner (each partner) is registered outside the Programme area, but complies with conditions set at section 2.2.1.1 |  |  |  |  |
| 2. | The Lead partner/ Partner(s) (each partner) is non-profit making organisation. |  |  |  |  |
| 3. | The Lead partner/ Partner(s) has legal competencies in the fields covered by the specific objective addressed by the project. |  |  |  |  |
| 4. | The Lead Partner/ Partner(s) has no debts to the consolidated state budget/national public budget in accordance with the national legislation |  |  |  |  |
|  5.  | The Lead Partner/Partner(s)[[1]](#footnote-1) has no debts to the local budget in accordance with the national legislation. |  |  |  |  |
| 6. | The Lead Partner/Partner(s) shows in Annex A and Annex B that have the financial capacity to implement its share of the project and ensure its sustainability. |  |  |  |  |
| 7. | Are directly responsible for the preparation, management and implementation of the project with their Partners, not acting as an intermediary |  |  |  |  |
| **Eligibility of the project** | **YES** | **NO** | **N/A** | **Comments** |
| 8. | A maximum number of 4 partners (including the Lead partner) have been included in the project partnership. |  |  |  |  |
| 9. | The partnership includes at least 1 partner from Romania and 1 partner from Republic of Moldova.(exception for sole partner) |  |  |  |  |
| 10. | The implementation period does not exceed the minimum and maximum required by the Call for proposals.  |  |  |  |  |
| 11. | The requested EU co-financing is between the minimum and the maximum grant allowed per priority for this Call for proposals. |  |  |  |  |
| 12. | The requested EU co-financing is equal to, or lower than, 90% of the total eligible costs of the project. |  |  |  |  |
| 13. | At least 3 of the cross-border cooperation criteria (joint development, joint financing, joint implementation) are stated by the project in (section C.7.5 Cooperation criteria of the Application Form)  |  |  |  |  |
| 14. | The project addresses one of the Priorities, specific objectives, indicative activities and intervention fields (section A.1 Project Identification, C4 Project Work Plan ) of the call |  |  |  |  |
| 15. | The project includes communication activities (section C.4 Project Work Plan). |  |  |  |  |
| 16. | The project observes the Programme horizontal principles:* 1. equal opportunities and non-discrimination based on gender, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age, or sexual orientation
	2. equality between men and women, gender mainstreaming and the integration of a gender perspective
	3. sustainable development as set out in Article 11 TFEU, considering the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement and the "Do No Significant Harm" principle

(section C.7.6 Horizontal principles of the Application Form) |  |  |  |  |
| 17. | The project envisages climate change mitigation and adaptation measures(Guidelines section 1.3.4 Horizontal principles) |  |  |  |  |
| 18. | The project is registered in the Register of Capital Investment Projects and the decision on ensuring co-financing from the state budget by Inter-ministerial Committee for Strategic Planning (CIPS) was issued **(only the part of activities concerning the Moldovan applicants/partners central public authorities);** |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Checks to be performed after STEP II** |  |  |  |  |
| 19. | The project is not affected by potential double funding. |  |  |  |  |
| 20. | The project is not concerned by infringement (for Romanian beneficiaries only) (verification is done in pre-contracting). |  |  |  |  |

1. Only for Romanian entities [↑](#footnote-ref-1)