

# Break-out Group 4:

## Combining targeted project calls with capturing grass-roots ideas (including cross-border OGs)



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- What is the role of selection criteria in fine-tuning the targeting of calls?
- How can the different elements of “innovation potential” be assessed with clearly defined selection criteria?
- Is it useful to target different sizes of OGs e.g. a few large OGs or many small OGs?

- How to manage proposals for cross-border Operational Groups and which options to offer? (section 4.5 of guidelines)
- Should cross-border Operational Groups be actively promoted?

# Conclusions / Recommendations

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- Thematic calls: coherence with OP priorities
- Open calls: broader potential

Suggestions: swot analysis; expressions of interest; themes not too narrow

# Conclusions / Recommendations

What is the role of selection criteria in fine-tuning the targeting of calls?

- Convergence on the importance of SC

But

- Balancing the scope (environmental, economic, social)



# Conclusions / Recommendations

Is it useful to target different sizes of OGs e.g. a few large OGs or many small OGs?

- No specific conclusions
- The size is very much linked with themes, situation, internal approaches/scope
- Minimum budget to balance high administrative burden/costs

# Conclusions / Recommendations

How to manage proposals for cross-border Operational Groups and which options to offer? (section 4.5 of guidelines)

- Many different options discussed
- Key remains good cooperation among MS/ Regions, specifically the MAs involved – possibly through existing networking platforms

# Conclusions / Recommendations

Should cross-border Operational Groups be actively promoted?

- Yes, overall this would be very positive – questions on the how to manage the audit trail – one of the solutions – good cooperation agreements between the OG and MAs involved