



**Selection criteria:  
towards a more performant RD policy  
“Consulting the Monitoring Committee“**

**BRANDENBURG/BERLIN**

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## Objective

To share the Managing Authority's experiences of consulting the Monitoring Committee and draw the conclusions to the prospective participation process

## Structure

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# Introduction





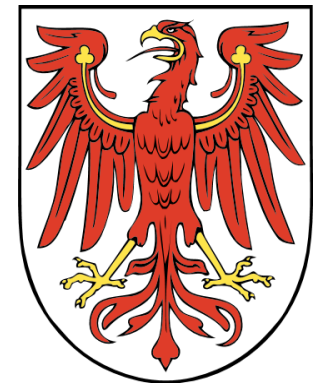
# Introduction



**BERLIN**

**1.772.000 EUR  
EAFRD**

- **Common RDP**
- **Common selection criteria**



**BRANDENBURG**

**1.048.886.161 EUR  
EAFRD**



# Regulation of the EAFRD-Managing Authority

to the selection of projects in BRANDENBURG and BERLIN 2014 - 2020

**Part 1 - general regulations and**

**Part 2 - specific regulations of the selection of projects**

→ **Developed by EAFRD-Managing Authority**

**ANNEX - Measure sepecific selection criteria**

→ **Developed by the responsible operating department of the Ministry of Rural Development, Environment and Agriculture of the Federal State of Brandenburg**



# Regulation of the EAFRD-Managing Authority

## Features in BRANDENBURG

- Full coverage by M19 LEADER (no integrated rural development)
- Councils of experts in project selection M01, M16 (EIP)
- full budget transparency





## Participation process

<http://kbsplus.dgb.de>



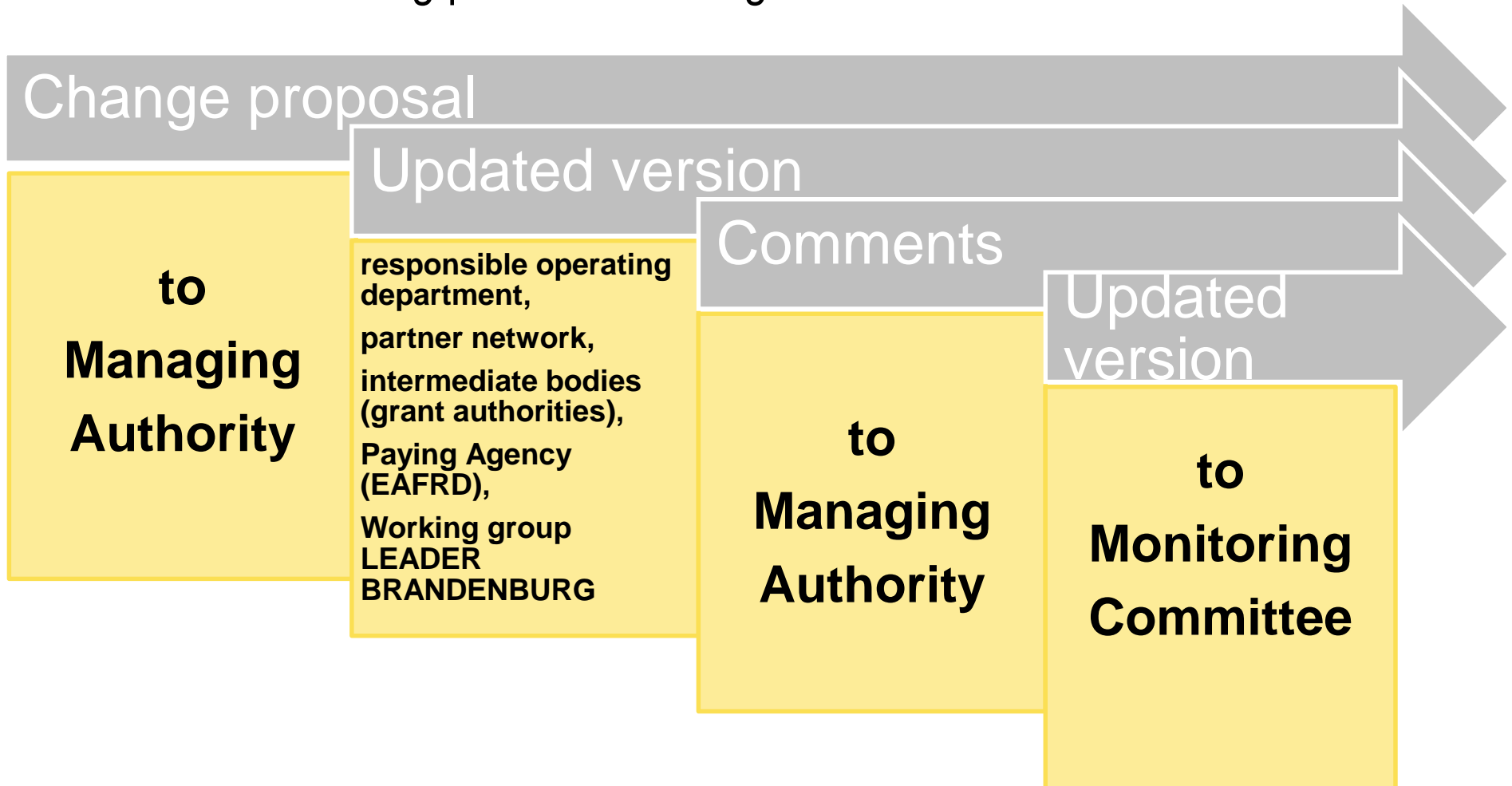
### **Contact and counseling center „KBSplus“ „A partner network for BRANDENBURG“**

- Support and networking for partners in BRANDENBURG
  - Multi-fund structure
  - A contact person for each ESI Funds
  - Assistance in increasing the involvement of partners in the information and discussion processes to the ESI Funds
  - Close cooperation with the Managing Authorities
- Participation in the elaboration process of change in the selection criteria



## Participation process

elaboration and voting process of change in the selection criteria







# Common Monitoring Committee

## ESF, ERDF and EAFRD (incl. BERLIN)



**European Union**

European Structural  
and Investment Funds



## Members of the Common Monitoring Committee BRANDENBURG ESF, EFRD, EAFRD 2014 - 2020

### Public authorities

Managing Authorities ESF, ERDF, EAFRD and Coordinating Body	4
Responsible Ministries of BRANDENBURG	6
Person in power of BRANDENBURG for horizontal principles (equality and non-discrimination/sustainable development)	2
Responsible Ministry of BERLIN (EAFRD)	1
Responsible Ministries of GERMANY	3
European Commission (no vote) GD REGIO, GD EMPL, GD AGRI	3
Intermediate Bodies	1
Paying Agency (EAFRD)	1

### “Real partners”

Competent urban and other public authorities	2
Economic and social partners (one guest seating without vote)	6
Relevant bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting social inclusion, gender equality and non-discrimination	8
Representative partner of BERLIN	1

<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>
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## Consulting the Monitoring Committee

### **Article 74 REGULATION (EU) No 1305/2013**

#### ***“Responsibilities of the Monitoring Committee”***

- a) be consulted and shall issue an opinion, within four months of the decision approving the programme, on the selection criteria for financed operations, which shall be revised according to programming needs;

### **Article 34 REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013**

#### ***„Local action groups“***

3. The tasks of local action groups shall include the following:
  - d) preparing and publishing calls for proposals or an ongoing project submission procedure, including defining selection criteria;



## Consulting the Monitoring Committee

- 26.11.2014 → Consultation by conference (preliminary selection criteria)
- 11.06.2015 → Consultation by conference
- 01.10.2015 → Consultation by written procedure
- 27.02.2015 → Consultation by written procedure

Decision of the MC on November 10, 2015

*“Because the MC deemed a special session to explain the change in the selection criteria to be unnecessary, the Managing Authority EAFRD will be in due course perform the written procedure.”*



# Consulting the Monitoring Committee by written procedure

## Rules of procedures

- exception, only for item urgent question
- 10 working days for a statement
- silence is considered consent

## Dealing with comments?



## Problems/conclusions/outlook

### Problems

- Continue short-term action
- Only two conferences of the Monitoring Committee per year

### Conclusions

- Intensive pre-participation process required
- Very good experience with the partner network

### Outlook:

- Third amendment → Consultation by conference 18.05.2016
- Written procedure → exception
- less change in requirements in future



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