



# 2017-3 CEF Telecom calls: the evaluation process

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# Principles

## Objectivity

- **Eligibility, selection and award criteria clearly defined in the work programme and the call for proposals**

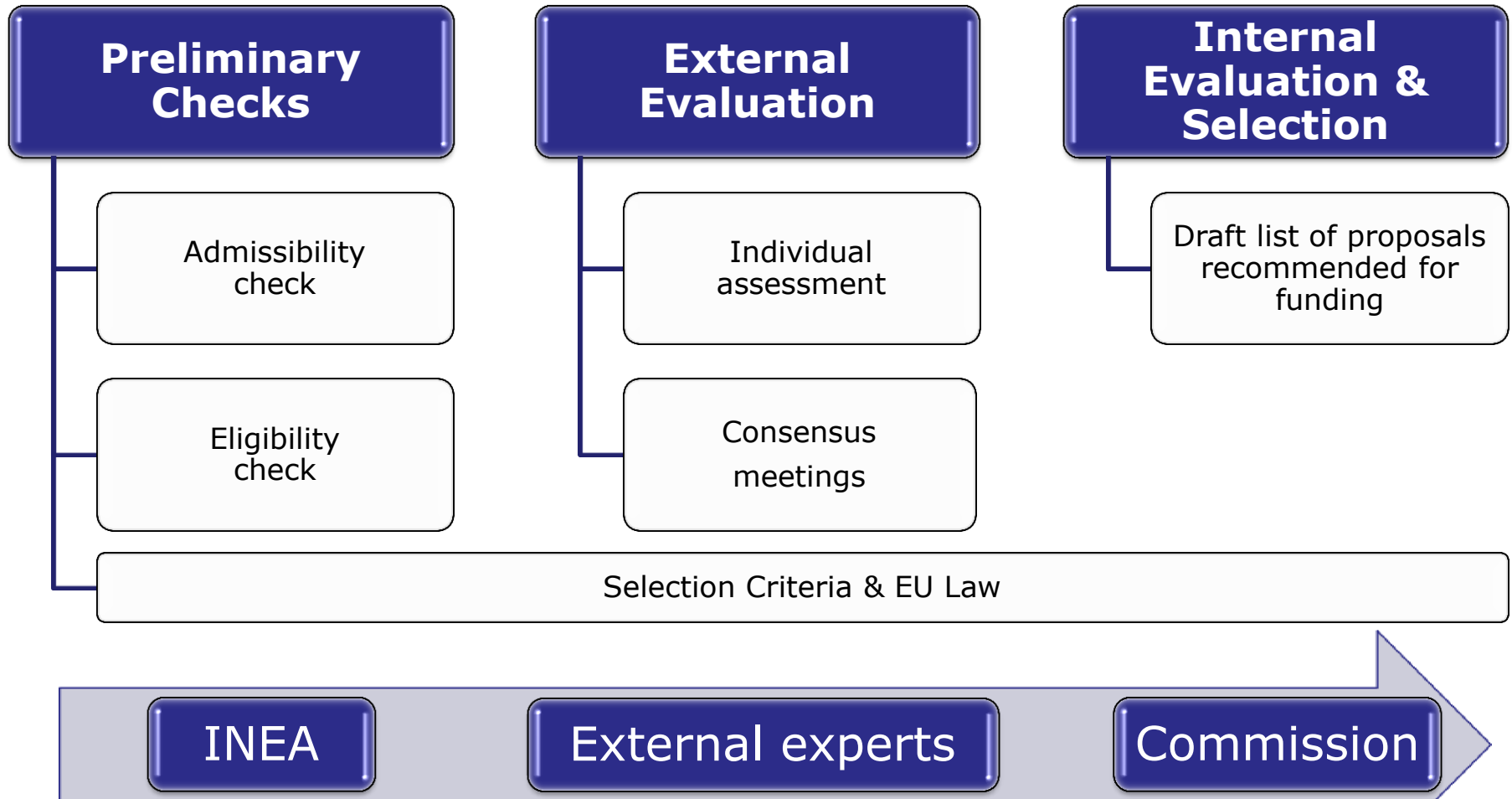
## Equal treatment

- **All proposals evaluated against the same criteria**
- **No preferential treatment to any applicant**

## Transparency

- **Adequate feedback to applicants on the outcomes of the evaluation**

# Evaluation steps



## Admissibility criteria check

- Has the proposal been submitted electronically in TENtec?
- Has the proposal been submitted on time?
- Is the proposal complete?
- Has the proposal been signed by the applicant(s)?

# Eligibility criteria check

Eligibility of  
applicants

Member State(s)

Other applicant(s) with the  
agreement of concerned MS

Eligibility of  
actions

Article 6 of Telecom Regulation

Call-specific criteria

Priority-specific criteria

# Selection criteria check & Compliance with EU law

Financial and  
operational  
capacity

Financial and technical capacity of  
applicants to carry out the action

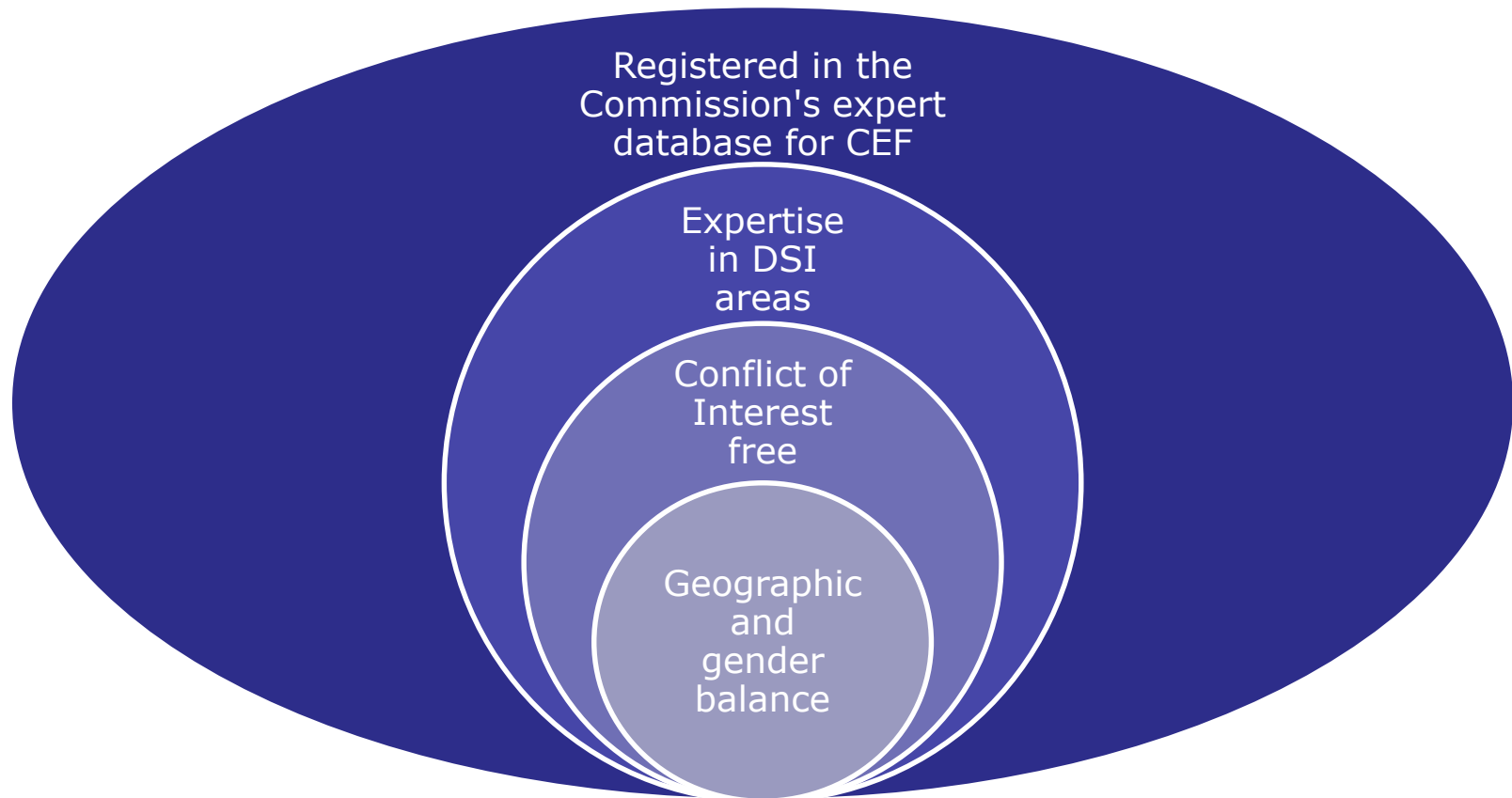
Compliance  
with EU Law

Compliance with EU legislation  
(Article 23 of the CEF regulation)

## External (Technical) Evaluation

- External Evaluation performed by independent external experts
- External experts provide technical support on the submitted proposals
- Each proposal is assessed independently by at least three experts
- Experts evaluate on the basis of the information included in the application and against the defined award criteria

## Who are these experts?



<https://ec.europa.eu/inea/news-events/newsroom/independent-experts-needed-evaluation-proposals-cef>



## What do we ask them to do?

### Understand call text and procedure

- Read briefing material
- Follow remote briefings

### Evaluate individually

- Draft individual assessment remotely
- No contact between experts

### Come to consensus meetings

- Discuss with other experts
- Reach consensus on comments and scores
- Draft a consensus form for each proposal

## Award criteria

Relevance

Quality &  
efficiency of  
implementation

Impact &  
sustainability

## Internal Evaluation

### European Commission

Considers  
the results  
of the  
technical  
evaluation

Performs  
budgetary  
adjustments  
& transfers  
between  
calls

Identifies  
any  
potential  
double  
funding  
issues

Considers  
EU added-  
value of  
Actions

Identifies  
any other  
issues which  
could  
influence the  
proposed  
funding  
Decision

Takes into  
account  
budgetary  
constraints

Draft list of proposals recommended for funding

## Final Selection Process

Preparation of Selection Decision

EC Inter-Service Consultation

Consultation of CEF Coordination Committee  
Information to the European Parliament

Adoption of Commission Selection Decision

Information to Applicants  
Launch of Grant Preparation

## Indicative timeline of the selection process

Selection process step	Indicative date
Call publication	28 June 2017
Deadline for the submission of proposals	28 November 2017 (17:00 Brussels time)
Evaluation of proposals	December 2017-February 2016
Consultation of CEF Coordination Committee Information of European Parliament	March 2018
Adoption of Selection Decision	April 2018
Launch of Grant Preparation	As of April 2018
Time To Grant	By end August 2018



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***Thank you!***