

Advisory tool for the EU outermost regions

Eligibility and selection criteria

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Eligibility Criteria

Who can apply?

Any stakeholder that complies with the following criteria is eligible to demand the services of the advisory tool:

- Applications are submitted by **public and/or private organisations**, not individuals. Organisations can submit an individual application (one organisation) or apply as a group of organisations in the same outermost region or a group of outermost regions. A wide range of stakeholders can be eligible, which can include – but are not limited to:
 - Regional public authorities;
 - Organisations that are either responsible for or involved in the funding and/or implementation of a policy or programme/fund of a region;
 - Regional business organisations, universities, research centres, etc.;
 - Economic operators, such as SMEs and/or groups of SMEs.
- In case of joint application (of two or more organisations), there should be a **clear** indication of a **coordinator**.
- The entity is **legally based** and **located in one of the European Union Outermost Regions**.

What are the requirements for applying?

The following requirements must be met when applying:

- The services requested are **within the scope of** the ones provided by **the advisory tool and are not covered by other existing EU assistance/advisory tools**.
- The request **responds to** one or more of the region's **identified needs or priorities, as defined by the regional development strategies/plans**.
- There is proof of commitment with a letter on **Declaration of Honour, Letter of no conflict of interest and Statement of Transparency**.

Selection Criteria

If an application is eligible, it will be assessed according to the following selection criteria:

- **Relevance of the action objectives** with regard to the Call for expression of interest, the catalogue of services, and the specific problems or needs from the entity/ies
- **Alignment** with OR's priorities, regional development strategies or action plans
- **Description** of the **advisory service** requested in a clear and structured manner
- **Expected impact of the action**

Table 1: Selection criteria, weight, and scoring

Criteria	Weight	Scoring
Relevance with regard to the Call for expression of interest, to the catalogue of services and the specific needs on the entity/ies.	30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The request for service does not match the Call for expression of interest, is not included in the catalogue of services, and is not related to the specific needs on the entity/ies: 0 % • The service matches the Call for expression of interest, is included

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		<p>in the catalogue of services service, but not to the specific needs on the entity/ies: 50 %</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The service is included in the catalogue of services, match the Call for expression of interest, and it is well related to the needs of the entity: 100%
Alignment with OR's priorities, regional development strategies or action plans	30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No alignment: 0% • Slightly aligned with one OR priority, strategy, and action plan: 0% – 50% • Clearly aligned with OR's priorities, strategies, and action plans: 50% – 100%
Description of the advisory service requested in a clear and structured manner	20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The problem/need is not well described: 0% - 25% • The problem/need is clearly defined (50% overall score): 25% – 100% and/or well structured (50% overall score): 25% – 100%
Expected impact	20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a clear target identified: 33% • There is a clear expected impact on the target: 33% • The action related to the submission for advice is expected to have a positive impact on the local/regional communities by fostering its development: 33%