

First call for proposals

Information and programme expectations

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(specific call for priority 4 to be launched further in 2015)
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- Partnership: **4 to 15 partners, from at least 3 Partner States**
(of which 2 from the EU)
- Budget: **no specific budget restrictions.**
Average ERDF budget in 2007-2013: **EUR 2 M**
- Co-financing rate: up to **85% ERDF**
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Transnational approach

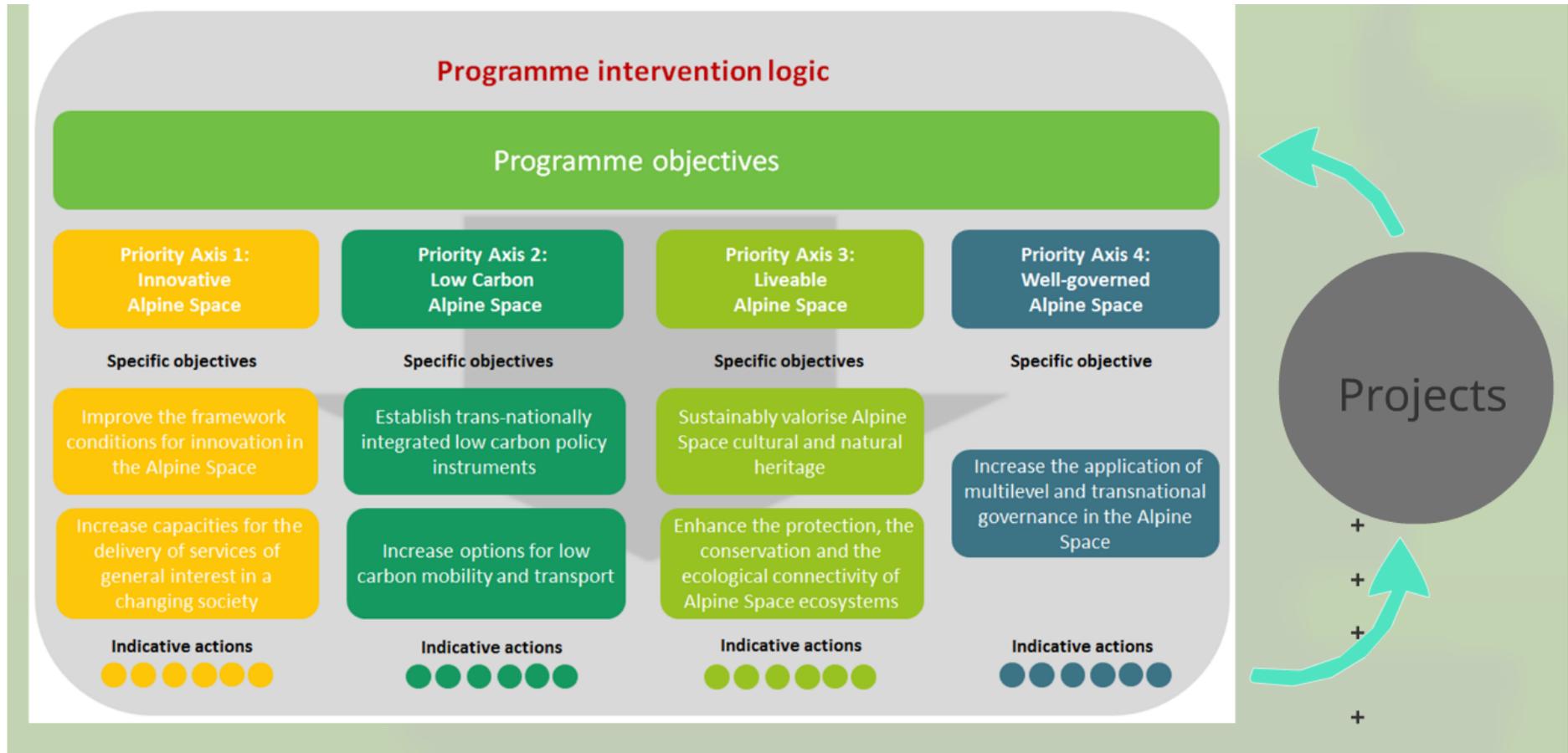
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Consistency with ASP intervention logic



Building project intervention logic

Identifying main characteristics (general project objective, specific objective, results, main outputs, work packages, activities, deliverables)

1) Identifying the project general objective and results

- Demonstrate how project objectives contribute to programme specific objective
- Choose one result indicator of the programme corresponding to the selected programme specific objective

2) Setting the project specific objectives (max 3)

- Demonstrate how project specific objectives contribute to programme general objective



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3) Identifying the main project outputs and linking them to the programme outputs indicators

- defining the main outputs in parallel to the activities workplan: allows you better understanding what you want to develop in your project and how
- project outputs contribution to programme outputs indicators (use same measurement unit)
- direct contribution of main outputs to the expected project results

4) Developing the activity work plan

- consistency with objectives, results and outputs
- activities structured by work packages
- possible different deliverables for same activity



Results' sustainability & added value

→ **Specific, measurable, realistic, sustainable, transferable**

- Specific link to the needs of identified target groups
- Long term use of project results
- Clear impact on target areas and groups
- Bringing added value on existing structures or products
- Involving relevant stakeholders
- Building on the achievements of past projects



Partnership

- **Relevant:** includes key players able to address projects' objectives
- **Competent:** role in the relevant policy field
- **Complementary:** between sectors and admin levels
- **Balanced:** in terms of geographical coverage
- **Targeted:** early involvement of relevant stakeholders



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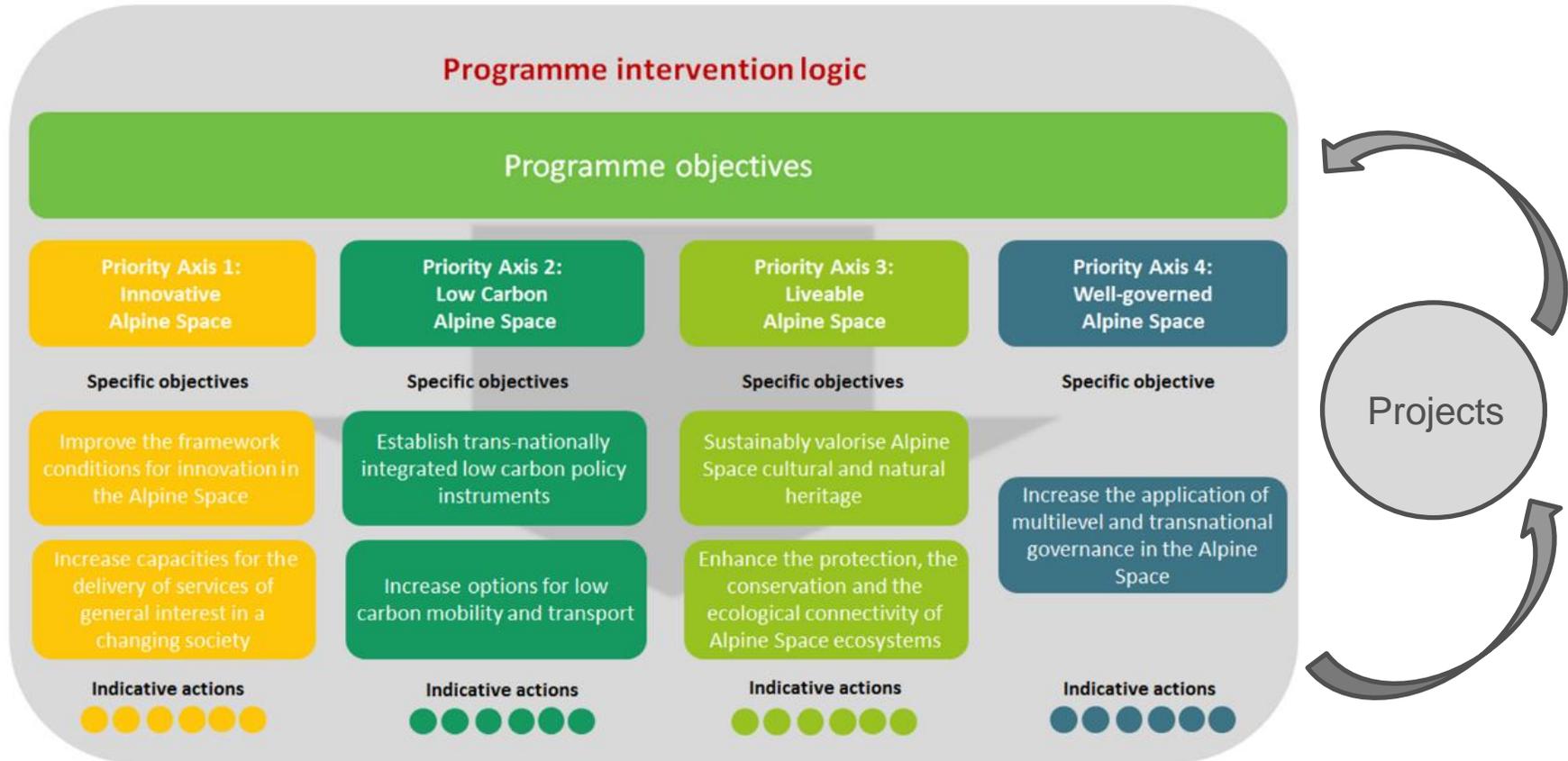
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- Demonstrate how the overall project objective contributes to the programme specific objective
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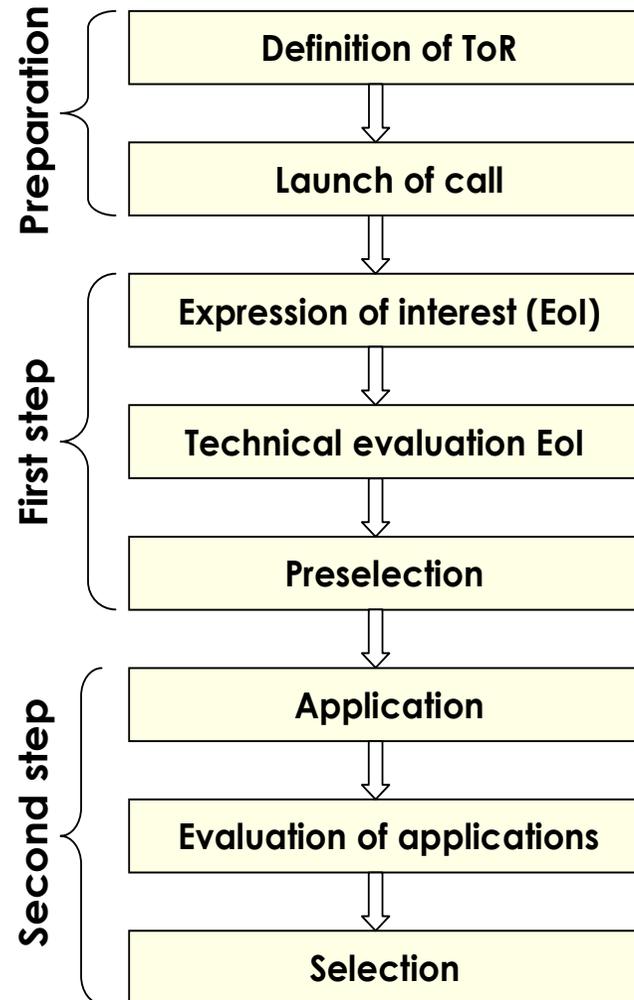
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2 step application procedure



Calendar of the call

Step 1

25.02.2015: Opening of submission for EoI

10.04.2015, 2:00 pm: Deadline for EoI submission

Mid-June 2015: selection of EoI

Step 2

15.06.2015: Opening of submission for AF

2.09.2015, 2:00 pm: Deadline for AF submission

Early December 2015: selection of projects



Expression of Interest (EoI)

Includes key information on the projet:

- Project objectives and consistency with programme ones
- Target groups
- Sustainability and transferability of main outputs and results
- Project context: positioning within wider strategy/policy + synergies with previous initiatives
- Brief description of activivties
- Partnership structure
- Total budget



Submission of EoI

- On line at www.alpine-space.eu
- Once registered, each applicant receives unique ID and password
- Only one version of EoI per project
- Possibility to access the EoI several times to complete information
- Must be completed and submitted within the deadline
(be aware of potential website congestion closer to the deadline!)



Eol - evaluation and selection

- Evaluation carried out by JS + support from contact points (national checks)
- Selection by task force appointed by programme committee
- After selection by TF: managing authority notifies applicants, eventually with recommendations
- Start of step 2 for successful applicants (application form)



Eol – Eligibility criteria

- All textboxes filled in with required information
- In English
- Minimum partnership requirements are met
- Established contact of the applicant with ACP (lead partner)

If **all** of the eligibility criteria are not met
→ Eol rejected and not further evaluated



EoI – Selection criteria

Project's context (relevance and strategy)

Does the project address a clear need?

- The project addresses common territorial challenges from the territory / there is a real demand for the project
- The project clearly contributes to a wider strategy on one or more policy levels (EU/ macro-regional/ national / regional)
- The project makes use of available knowledge and builds on existing results and practices



EoI – Selection criteria

Cooperation character

What added value does the cooperation bring?

- The importance of the transnational approach is clearly demonstrated (results cannot be achieved without transnational cooperation)
- The project demonstrates new solutions that go beyond the existing practice in the sector/programme area/participating countries or adapts and implements already developed solutions



EoI – Selection criteria

Project's contribution to programme's objectives, expected results and outputs

To what extent will the project contribute to the achievement of programme's objectives?

- Project results and main outputs are clearly linked to the programme priorities and indicators (**intervention logic**)
- Results and main outputs are in line with **needs of the target groups**
- Main outputs are **durable** (significant and durable contribution to solving the challenges targeted)
- Main outputs are applicable and replicable by other organisations/regions/countries (**transferability**)



EoI – Selection criteria

Partnership relevance

To what extent is the partnership composition relevant for the proposed project?

- Involvement of relevant institutions to address the territorial challenge/joint asset and the objectives specified
- Experience and competence of the project partners in the thematic field concerned and capacity to implement the project
- Balanced and complementary project partnership (governance levels, sectors and territory)



EoI – Selection criteria

Work plan

To what extent is the work plan realistic, consistent and coherent?

- Activities are relevant and lead to the planned main outputs and results
- Activities and outputs are in a logical sequence
- Activities are of transnational character (organisational aspect)



Complete application (AF)

- Application document include AF + partnership agreement
- Detailed description of:
 - Project's contribution to the selected programme objective
 - Partnership structure and relevance
 - Transnational approach
 - Project's objectives
 - Project's main result and outputs and their contribution to programme indicators
 - Workplan with defined work packages, activities and time schedule of the project
 - Target groups, durability and transferability of project outputs and results
 - Project budget



AF - Preparation, submission, evaluation and selection

- Support to applicants in step 2:
 - Mandatory contact with point de contact (for all);
 - Transnational workshop organised by JS
- Online submission as for EoI
- Evaluation by JS and ACP
- Selection by programme committee



AF – assessment & selection criteria

- Eligibility and assessment criteria more detailed than EoI
- Include: management, communication, work plan, budget



National requirements – Step 1 EoI

- Autocertificazione forma giuridica (for the EoI Italian LP)
 - Autocertificazione responsabile legale (for the EoI Italian LP)
 - Curriculum Vitae - CV of all Italian bodies mentioned in EoI
- All accompanied by a copy of the identity document of the signatory (legal responsible)



National requirements – Step 2 AF

- CV of Italian LP or PP (only if not mentioned in EoI)
 - “Autodichiarazione Aiuti De minimis” (for all PPs)
 - “Autocertificazione forma giuridica”
(for all PPs + for IT LP if different from EoI)
 - “Autocertificazione del responsabile legale” for LP
(if different from EoI) and of all PPs
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