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CEF Telecom call 2019-1: evaluation process & how to submit

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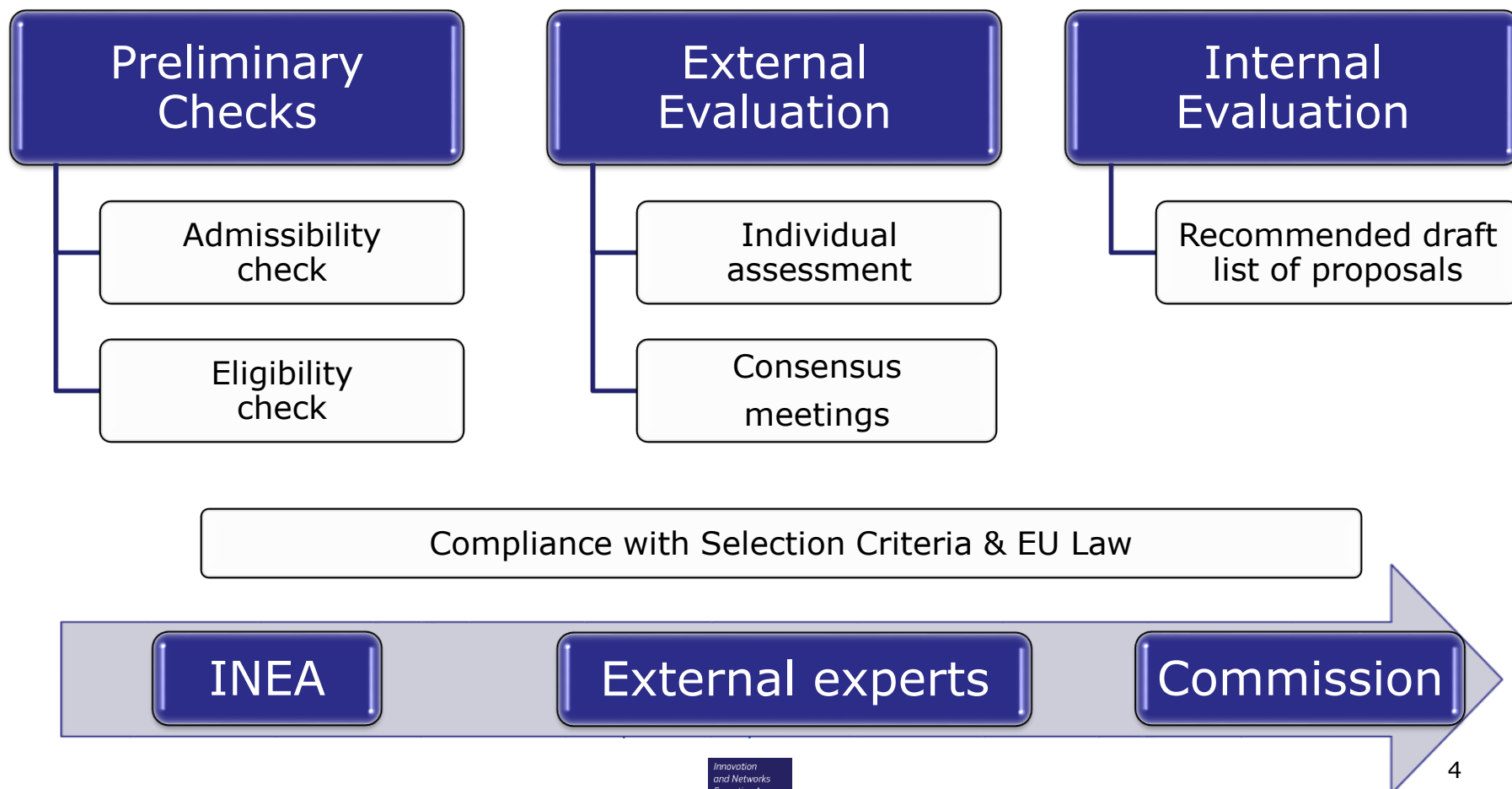
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CEF Telecom 2019 calls

Work Programme 2019: two calls covering 13 areas	
2019-1 Open: 14 February Deadline: 14 May	**2019-2** Open: 4 July Deadline: 14 November
Automated Translation	Business Registers Interconnection System
eID & eSignature	Cybersecurity
eDelivery	eHealth
eInvoicing	eProcurement
Europeana	European e-Justice
EU Student eCard	European Platform on Digital Skills and Jobs
	Public Open Data

Call 2019-1

Call publication	14 February 2019
Deadline for the submission of proposals	**14 May 2019** (17:00 Brussels time)
Evaluation of proposals	June – September 2019
Consultation of CEF Coordination Committee Information of European Parliament	September 2019
Adoption of Selection Decision	October 2019
Launch of Grant Preparation	As of October 2019
Time To Grant	Mid-February 2020

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Evaluation Steps

Preliminary Checks	External Evaluation	Internal Evaluation
Admissibility check	Individual assessment	Recommended draft list of proposals
Eligibility check	Consensus meetings	

Compliance with Selection Criteria & EU Law

INEA → External experts → Commission

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Award criteria

- **CEF Telecom funding is a competitive process based on defined award criteria in the Work Programme and call text.**

  - Do you understand the priorities, objectives and intended results as defined in the call text for the Digital Service Infrastructure (DSI) in question?

  - Does your proposed Action address these points?

  - Can you justify why YOUR proposal should ultimately be selected for funding?

Relevance	Quality & efficiency of implementation	Impact & sustainability
• Alignment to DSI implementation objectives & activities (WP) • Alignment to EU/national policies, strategies and activities	• Maturity • Coherence/effectiveness with work plan • Quality of consortium/consortium members • Support from national authorities/industry/NGOs • Attention to security/privacy/ inclusiveness/accessibility	• Quality of the approach to facilitate wider deployment/take-up of the proposed actions • Capability of long-term sustainability without EU funding

READ: all call documentation

- See **call webpage** and consult:
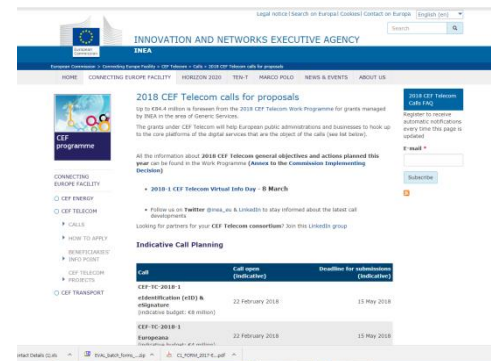

- **Work Programme (Annex)**
- **Call text**
  - Take special note of the Priorities & Objectives (section 2.1) and Results (section 2.2) which provide specific information on what is expected in the proposals
  - Carefully read the Award Criteria (section 8) which explain on what the proposal will be evaluated
- **Guide for Applicants**
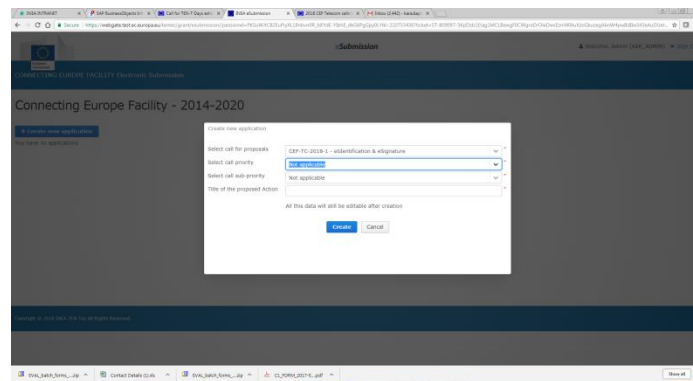- **Application forms** – you must use the templates provided!
- **FAQs** – both general & specific
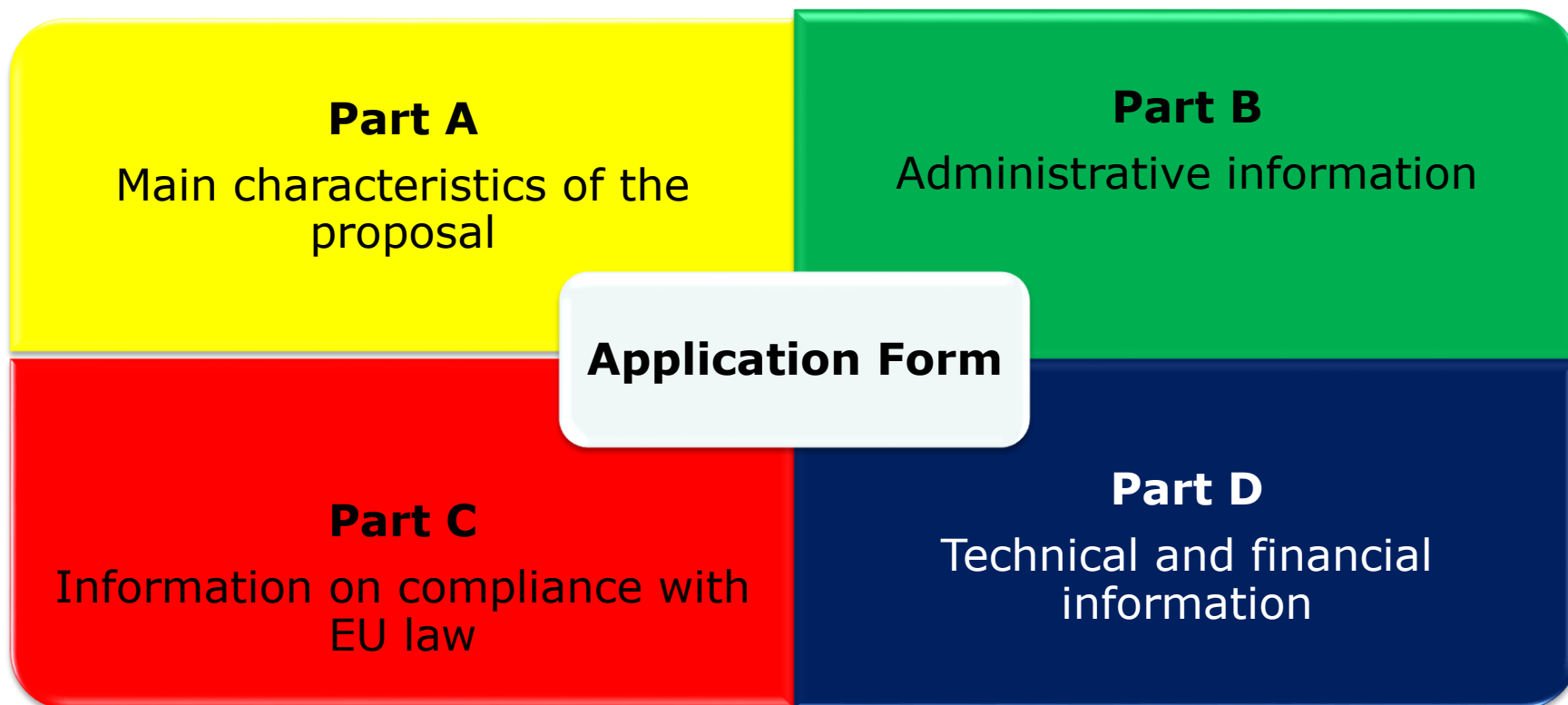- **Model grant agreement**

READ: how to use TENtec

- **TENtec:** system used to manage the CEF projects during their entire lifecycle and which enables the electronic submission of proposals under the CEF calls
- Step-by-step instructions for the **TENtec eSubmission system** in the Guide for Applicants

READ: Application forms

All application forms and access to TENtec eSubmission module available via call page on INEA website

Part A

Main characteristics of the proposal

Part B

Administrative information

Application Form

Part C

Information on compliance with EU law

Part D

Technical and financial information

REMEMBER: time flies...

- **Start NOW and don't forget about the deadline**

  - Completing an application is time consuming, especially for first time applicants
  - Member State endorsement and multi-applicant proposals take time
  - If the deadline passes and you haven't submitted your complete proposal, it will be declared inadmissible: it will not be evaluated!

Application form A

Essential administrative information **on the applicants** and **on the proposal:** summary of the action, timing, activities and milestones, budget, breakdown of eligible costs and requested funding <u>plus Member State approval</u>

- MUST be encoded in the TENtec eSubmission module, .pdf will be generated automatically (Word version provided for reference on call webpage)
- Includes forms that require signature of the applicants (A2.2) and Member State validation (A2.3) – upload separately

The descriptions of the proposed Action and activities will also be used for the grant agreement: be complete, informative and precise!

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Application form B

Further administrative information on applicants and info used to demonstrate compliance with **operational capacity** (*required by EU Financial Regulation)*

Certain types of applicants **DO NOT** need to demonstrate operational capacity – check intro section of the B form for more details

Application form C

- **Information on compliance with EU law on public procurement**

- **Information on other sources of EU financing** that may be received by the proposal (cannot receive grants from two EU funding sources)

Application form D

Detailed, technical information describing the proposed Action and its activities – i.e. the heart of the proposal

- Reminder: **you must use the template available on the call page!**
- Order of the questions reflects the **award criteria**
  - **Address each point and subpoint** **in your application to ensure that your proposal contains all of the relevant information on which it will be assessed**
- Includes Gantt chart + other annexes
- Part D: 30 pages maximum

One last step: make a final check before submitting your application

- Follow the steps as detailed in the Guide for Applicants
- Use the **checklist** to ensure that you have all necessary forms
- Upload **all** forms requiring signatures + make them clearly identifiable by their file name in English
- Don't forget any supporting documents
- Keep your originals – they may be requested later

- Submit in TENtec **before the deadline**…(**do not wait until the last minute!**)

Answering your questions

- Visit your **call webpage** regularly to check for updates, sign up for our **Twitter feed** and **FAQ notifications**

- **Helpdesk:** INEA-CEF-Telecom-calls@ec.europa.eu

- **FAQs** (general and DSI specific) and **FAQ notification service:**

2019-1		
	Deadline for FAQ questions	**Last FAQ update**
Automated Translation		
eDelivery		
eIdentification and eSignature	22 April 2019	7 May 2019
eInvoicing		
Europeana		
EU Student eCard		

- Questions on **TENtec eSubmission module?** Responses will be provided until the deadline

Funding for CEF Building Blocks in Greece (2015-2018)

- **eID/eSignature: € 2.5 mln allocated to 9 actions (9% of all CEF eID/eSignature funding):**
  - The operation of EL eIDAS node;
  - Connection of various e-services to the EL eIDAS node to enable the cross-border access; Examples of services:
  - Public services: the government portal 'ERMIS', eProcurement portal 'Prometheus';
  - Academic services: support student mobility (primarily Erasmus students);
  - Private services: e-Delivery, remote e-signature services, banking (automating the process of opening a new bank accounts cross – border with the use of eIDAS eIDs);

Funding for CEF Building Blocks in Greece (2015-2018)

- **eDelivery: € 0.22 mln allocated to 2 actions;**
  - Implementation of eDelivery for EL government (central and local);
- **eInvoicing: € 0.7 mln allocated to 1 action:**
  - Enabling receiving and processing of EN compliant eInvoices within the national eProcurement system and upgrading private solution providers for sending EN compliant eInvoices; use of eDelivery included;
- **eTranslation:** no projects.
- More information on actions funded in Greece: https://ec.europa.eu/inea/connecting-europe-facility/cef-telecom/projects-by-country

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