IKI Medium Grants Selection Criteria

The projects are assessed and selected by the respective ministries according to the following selection criteria:

Criteria			Explanations
! - Minimum requirements Both the minimum requirements and the assessment criteria are used to assess the outlines submitted. All minimum requirements which, if not met, will lead to the exclusion of the project outline from the selection process are marked with a "!".			
Formal eligibility of the project concept			
Funding requirements			
1	!	Submission by the deadline	The project outline must be submitted by the deadline of **14 January 2025** at 11:59 a.m. (CET) and only via the online platform.
2	!	No institutional funding	Only one project implementation with a limited project duration can be funded. Institutional funding is excluded.
3	!	No investment measures	The funding covers the implementation of a project concept and not predominantly (< 50%) the financing or procurement of objects that exceed the individual acquisition value of EUR 800.
4	!	No research funding	The implementation of a measure (model projects, capacity building) and not a pure investigation/research project will be funded.
5	!	No focus on Germany	The funded measures must take place mainly in the country of implementation and not primarily in Germany.

6	!	Projects not started	Only projects that have not yet started are eligible for funding.
7	!	Need for public funds	The project cannot be realised on its own and without substantial public funding.
8	!	Exclusion criteria	With the exclusion criteria, certain activities considered too risky for the environment and people are excluded from funding without exception. The exclusion criteria can be viewed here.
Duration and amount of funding			
9	!	Funding volume	The funding volume of the project is between 300,000 EUR and 800,000 EUR.
10	!	Project duration	The duration of the project is between 24 and 36 months.
Project funding			
11		Self-financing	The implementing organisations provide appropriate self-financing and/or additional financial resources (co-financing).
12	!	Dual funding	The project or the measures may not already be funded by other donors.
Selection of the country of implementation			
13	!	Country/countries of implementation	The project must be implemented in at least one and at most two ODA-eligible countries. A list of the selected ODAeligible countries can be found in Annex II.
14	!	Countries in the same region	The selected countries of implementation must be in the same geographical region. The allocation to geographical regions for selected ODA countries can be found in Annex II.
Technical eligibility of the project concept			
15	!	Consistency with the chosen funding priority topic	The project concept must be clearly in line with the selected funding priority topic.

16		Argumentation for funding approach	The project concept plausibly presents and justifies how the selection of the relevant funding approaches supports the planned impact of the intended project objective.
17	!	Scope of the project concept	The project concept may not exceed 5 pages. The default font size is 11 pt Arial.
Funding approaches			
18		Level of innovation of innovation (for Funding approach I – model project)	The project uses either new means (e.g. methods, approaches, and technologies) or existing means in the context of a new purpose (e.g. new themes, target groups, or regions/countries). This ensures that the model project is sufficiently anchored locally through appropriate capacity building.
19		Methods for strengthening capacities (Funding approach II – capacity building)	On the basis of plausibly presented needs, the project sustainably strengthens the capacities of the defined target groups through suitable and, if necessary, innovative methods.
Selection of the country of implementation			
20		Link to the initial situation in the country of implementation	The project establishes a link to the local implementation landscape and addresses possible synergies with existing projects.
Project planning			
21		Convincing and realistic project planning	The project concept convincingly demonstrates the realistic achievement of the intended project objectives through the planned activities within the project duration. The project objectives are presented in a transparent, systematic, and concrete manner. The targeted consideration of gender justice in the context of project planning is positively assessed.
22		Results chain	The project concept shows a convincing, ambitious, and realistic application of the OECD results chain for the problemsolving approach (output, outcome, impact). If the main or secondary objective of the project is to promote gender justice as a contribution to the protection of climate and biodiversity, this is anchored in the results chain.
23		Environmental and social standards	Possible environmental and social risks and safeguard measures are presented in a transparent and appropriate manner.

24		Carbon neutrality	The project concept reflects negative climate impacts and gives possible approaches to CO_2 avoidance (e.g. through video or telephone conferences).
Target groups			
25		(Knowledge transfer to) target groups	The project concept clearly lists all target groups relevant to the project in a gender-disaggregated manner, describes approaches to solutions for the challenges of the relevant target groups, and describes how knowledge can be transferred to these actors in a transparent manner.
26		Implementation of the IKI gender strategy	The project concept includes approaches to reduce gender-based discrimination, empower marginalised groups, and promote gender justice in the context of the project objectives and sectors.
Sustainability of the project results			
27		Exit strategy	The project concept provides an answer as to how the project impacts and results can be maintained after the end of BMWK funding.
28		Replicability and upscaling	The project concept describes the potential for replicability and upscaling of the project results and effects.
Formal eligibility of the lead organisation			
29	!	Lead organisation	Projects are eligible only with <u>one</u> lead organisation. The latter submits the project outline and receives the grant award document from ZUG gGmbH upon successful proposal review.
30	!	Domicile and business activity of the lead organisation	At the time of the first disbursement of a grant awarded, the lead organisation must be able to demonstrate the existence of a permanent business establishment, branch, or other facility in Germany (implementing organisation) that serves the activities of the organisation receiving the grant.

31	!	Ideal business area	The lead organisation must have an ideal business area. The project must be located in the ideal business area of the German implementing organisation.
32	!	Intents to realise a profit	Implementing organisations may not pursue any intents to realise a profit with the project.
33	!	Turnover criterion	The calculated average annual IKI funding volume may not exceed 50% of the average annual turnover of the last two business years of the lead organisation.
Technical eligibility of the lead organisation			
34	!	Experience in international cooperation	The lead organisation must demonstrate at least three years of experience in international cooperation.
35	!	Thematic experience	The lead organisation must demonstrate at least three years of experience in the chosen thematic funding area.
Formal eligibility of the implementing partner			
36	!	Local organisation(s) from country of implementation	Project implementation with a partner organisation – the partner organisation must be based in the country of implementation/in one of the selected countries of implementation.
37			Project implementation with two partner organisations – If the project is to be implemented in *a country of implementation*, at least one partner organisation should be based in the selected implementing country. The second partner organisation is also preferably based in the chosen country of implementation. However, this can also come from the geographical region. Insofar as the project is to be implemented in *two countries of implementation*, both partner organisations are based in one of the selected countries of implementation.
38		Charitable purpose	The partner organisation pursues a non-profit purpose according to its object of organisation.
Professional eligibility of the implementing partner			
39	!	Thematic experience	Partner organisation(s) can demonstrate three years of experience in the chosen thematic funding priority by means of the attached reference projects.

Assessment of the North–South partnership			
40		Allocation of tasks and roles	The division of tasks and roles between the lead organisation and the partner organisation(s) is coherent and appropriate based on the respective skills.
41		Budget distribution	The distribution of the total budget between the implementing organisations is appropriate and transparent.
42		Knowledge exchange in partnership	The exchange of knowledge among all implementing organisations takes place on equal terms and enables mutual learning from each other.