





Priority 4 Skilled and socially inclusive region

Specific objective 4.1

More people benefitting from stronger Central Baltic communities

Specific objective 4.2

Share of aligned vocational education and training (VET) programmes in the Central Baltic region



What characterizes a strong project?

- Contribution to the programme result indicators
- Presence of a cross-border challenge or opportunity
- Joint interest to co-operate
- Strong partnership: capacity for international co-operation



What do we have already?



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- Applications - 26 (Call 1) + 26 (Call 2)
- Approved applications - 6 (Call 1) + 5 (Call 2)



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- Weaknesses:
- Target group is not clearly defined
- Target groups social inclusion problems are not defined
- Target group is not directly benefitting from the project



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Expected results and outputs from the approved projects:

- 9 (Call 1) + 6 (Call 2) communities with improvements (target value 30)
- 1810 (Call 1) + 1150 (Call 2) = 2960 persons participating in project activities (target value 5000)



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The projects are working with the following target groups:

- Elderly
- Youth
- Children from disadvantaged families
- Persons with mental health problems
- Estonian immigrants in Finland
- Unemployed persons
- Bilingual children



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- Applications - 22 (Call 1) + 25 (Call 2)
- Approved applications - 5 (Call 1) + 1 (Call 2)
- Allowed to submit 2nd step application 4 (Call 2)



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- Weaknesses:
- The curricula/VET programme to be aligned is not defined
- Targeting general development of VET
- VET/applied higher education institutions are not involved in project



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Expected results and outputs from approved projects:

- Number of aligned VET programmes - 14 + 9 (target value 15)
- Number of benefitting vocational education schools - 19 + 21 (target value 15)



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Examples of curricula that are being aligned:

- Nurses
- Cleaning staff
- E-health developer
- Railway education
- IT security
- Business



What do we still need?



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- Project applications for SO 4.1 are still needed in the 3rd Call for proposals in order to fulfill the programme indicators.
- Projects targeting any of the groups under risk of social exclusion are eligible.
- Especially welcome would be applications preventing the social exclusion and providing employment opportunities for minorities and immigrants.



Each SO 4.1 project should in the application form:

- define its target group/community they are going to work with as precisely as possible;
- describe the social inclusion problems the target group is facing;
- describe how and with which actions the project intends to solve the social inclusion problems of the target group/community;
- describe what improvements are expected in the situation of the target group/community at the end of the project and how the improvements will be measured.



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Only Small Projects are allowed in the SO 4.1:

- Maximum financing €200 000 ERDF + preparation costs
- Maximum duration 2 years
- One step application



Specific objective 4.2

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- Indicators are fulfilled by the projects from 1st and 2nd Call
- Max 1 or 2 project applications could still be possible to finance from the 3rd Call for proposals
- Only projects focussing on aligning specific VET programmes (curricula) are eligible.



Financing still available

- ERDF for Priority 4 in total 11 500 000
- Committed in 1st and 2nd Call 7 500 000
- Left for 3rd Call 4 000 000



Result orientation is essential

- Each project must contribute to the result and output indicators of the Specific Objective
- Result indicators:
 - SO 4.1 - communities with improvements
 - SO 4.2 - Number of aligned VET programmes
- Output indicators:
 - SO 4.1 - persons participating in project activities
 - SO 4.2 - Number of benefitting vocational education schools



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