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# USE FOR SELECTION CRITERIA FOR OPERATIONS (SC) IN SPANISH RDPs



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## Setting the scene...

- Regionalized approach (18 RDPs and a NFRD).
- 18 MAs and 18 PAs, plus 2 coordinating bodies
- € 8,297 M EAFRD allocation for Spain.
- Wide scope of RD measures covered by Spanish RDPs.
- Differences between RDPs when applying SC.
- Overall 13 SC documents adopted so far.



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- **REGIONAL + NATIONAL PROGRAMMES**
- **NATIONAL FRAMEWORK**
- **MANAGING AUTHORITIES (18)**
- **COORDINATION BODY FOR MA**
- **PAYMENT AGENCIES (18)**
- **COORDINATION BODY FOR PAYMENT AGENCIES**



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# Elements considered when designing and applying SC:

- In line with SC principles set out in the RDP for each measure/operation.
- Avoidance of difficult criteria to apply, additional requirements (*gold plating*) or easy criteria to be met by the applications.
- Common elements on SC laid down in the NFRD (measures that are included in the NFRD).
- Need to have a more flexible approach by the MA when designing SC.



## Difficulties encountered when applying SC:

COM's recommendation to set up a limit threshold to be reached by an application to become eligible.

COM's recommendation to reach this threshold by, at least, two criteria.



Risk of turning selection criteria into eligibility criteria.

COM's recommendation to apply a point-based approach on IACS measures when deciding to use SC in these measures.

COM's recommendation to apply SC for measures in which Public Administration is the beneficiary.

Different interpretations as to how to deal with when two applications are tied.



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## Further ideas to be considered...

- Greater flexibility for MAs to come up with a sound and reasonable threshold when applying SC.
- Involvement of the Monitoring Committee when being consulted and issuing an opinion about the SC document.
- Using socio-economic criteria for IACS measures.
- Detailed proceedings and rules for applying SC to be included in upcoming stages of the process (e.g. regulatory principles for awarding grants), in line with other ESI Funds (e.g. ERDF).



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## Examples of SC in the Spanish RDPs:

- Priority should be given to promote operations under specific farm holdings according to the Spanish law (M-2, M-6, etc.).
- Cross-cutting criteria such as efficiency on natural resources, renewable energy production, water reduction, saving energy, Natura 2000 network, etc. should be also taken into account when applying SC.
- Start-up aid for young farmers (M-6.1) should be promoted by prioritizing young farmers to become professional; business plan linked to innovation activities, job creation or contributing to an specific focus area.



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- Priority to be given to SMEs engaging in the agrifood sector (M -4.2)
- Priority to be given to operations located in mountain areas, ANC or Natura 2000 network (M-2, M-3; M-6; M-8; M-10, M-11).
- Forestry measures (M-8) are designed to promote the setting-up of forest holders ´associations and fulfilling planning and management forest tools at national and regional level.
- For LEADER measure (M-19) no SC are set up, being for the LAG to select operations under 19.2 and 19.4.
- Priority should be given if the applicant is a woman.





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Thank you very much for your attention  
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