

Criteria of Projects and costs eligibility

Criteria of eligibility of Projects to be financed by the Programme

The projects, whose eligibility within the Programme shall be given by the NDC, shall mainly satisfy the following criteria:

- 1) must be located in the identified area of intervention, except for management courses which can be also carried out in highly specialised Institutions in other Provinces of China (for more details, see annex 1, chapter 3.1.3);
- 2) must be relevant with at least one of the following sectors and sub-sectors within the Provinces (for more details, see annex 1, chapter 3.1.4):
 - a) environment
 - i) Sichuan: environmental protection and monitoring
 - b) SME
 - i) Shaanxi: maintenance, house appliances, hardware, information technology, applied design, textile machinery, tourism, agriculture
 - ii) Sichuan: ceramics, information technology, applied design, electronic technology application, textiles machinery and garment, tourism, agriculture
 - c) Health
 - i) Shaanxi: Public and Rural Health and Maternal and Child Health
 - ii) Sichuan: Rural Doctors training
- 3) the target group shall be made up by one or more of the following social group (for more details, see annex 1, chapter 3.1.1):
 - a) young people, older than 15, who have entered or want to enter VTE system;
 - b) unemployed people and employed at risk willing to update and upgrade their professional skills by attending short-term vocational training
 - c) already educated people with appropriate qualification, employed or not, willing to develop and upgrade their managerial capacity for the public and private sectors.
- 4) must strengthen gender equity and dedicate particular attention to indigent people living in disadvantaged areas of the province. Moreover, it must foresee a specific allocation (not less than 20% and supplementary to previous years' related expenditures) to facilitate the access for indigent people (for more details, see annex 1, chapter 6.3)
- 5) must be consistent with the following (for more details, see annex 1, chapter 3.1.2):
 - a) local sectoral training and labour development plans
 - b) programme objectives
- 6) must be responsive to verified local labour market needs (for more details, see annex 1, chapter 3.1.5)
- 7) must comprehend components related to services, goods and works according to all necessities of the beneficiaries (for more details, see annex 1, chapter 3.1.6)
- 8) must be sustainable (for more details, see annex 1, chapter 6.5)

- 9) equipment technology must be suitable with (for more details, see annex 1, chapter 6.2):
 - a) consistence with the training objectives;
 - b) consistence with the used didactic method;
 - c) consistence with the characteristics of the technologies used in the sector of activity to which the course refers;
 - d) consistence with the technical management and maintenance competence present inside the school or through local services;
 - e) consistence with the local availability of materials, spare parts and related technical assistance structures;
 - f) capacity of the beneficiary structure to assure maintenance and running costs.
- 10) impact on environment must be minimised and negative effects on health and safety of students/technicians, teachers/workers shall be consistent with European standards (for more details, see annex 1, chapter 6.4)
 - 1) procurement must be according to European Union Co-operation Office procedures, duly amended for Italian rules (for more details, see Annex 3).
 - 2) A percentage of the goods, services and civil works to be purchased with Italian grant funds shall be restricted to qualified Italian entities as per art. 9 g) of the Agreement. Such percentage shall be consistent with the condition that the overall percentage of the goods, services and civil works to be purchased with each tranche of the Italian grant funds not restricted to such qualified Italian entities shall not exceed 40% of each tranche.
- 13) The percentage of the expenditures used for the purchase of equipment in a single project shall be consistent with the condition that the overall percentage of the expenditures used for the purchase of equipment shall amount at least to 70% of each tranche.

Documents

The documentation for each project to be submitted by PPMO to PSC and NMC must contain at least the following information:

- baseline data on students, teachers, courses, facilities, management, expenditure and financing, linkages with labour market and productive structures, employment outcome (only for training structures);
- plan for next five years, including upgrading the curricula, new courses, management development, teaching staff development and training requirements, additional facilities to be acquired (only for training structures);
- baseline on structure, functions, objectives and operational plans of the Career Introduction Service Centers involved in the Programme (Only for Labour market management services)
- assessment of the impact of the above mentioned plan on the “employability” of attendees;
- implication of the above plan for capital investments and recurrent costs;
- connection of the school with other co-operation programmes active in the area;
- the amount and utilisation (including origin) of the soft loan required;

- the amount and utilisation (including origin) of the grant required;
- the justification for relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, sustainability and impact.

Costs eligibility

In general terms, should not be considered eligible for funding:

Goods, services and civil works directly or indirectly connected to police or military activities.

Taxes and Import Duties.

Goods

The following goods shall not be eligible for funding:

Goods not strictly related to project activities;

Voluptuary or luxury goods (e.g. perfumes, cosmetics and soaps, art objects, spirits, sports goods, home furniture, fur, etc.);

2. *Services*

Only services strictly related to project activities shall be eligible for funding.

3. *Civil Works*

Works and facilities of moderate entity, aimed at the rehabilitation and upgrade of existing facilities, including those required in order to comply with safety standards, shall be eligible for funding.