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Valencian Regional Ministry for Sustainable Economy, Manufacturing, Trade and Employment

RESOLUTION of 12 December 2018, of the Regional Minister for Sustainable Economy, Manufacturing, Trade and Employment, approving the assessment criteria and the minimum requirements for considering a project to be of interest to the Valencian Region. [2018/11660]

Facts

Law 19/2018, of 13 July, of the Valencian Regional Government, on the acceleration of investment in priority projects (LAIP), published in the *Valencian Region Official Gazette* number 8339, dated 16 July, states in article 5 that an Investment Standing Committee will be created as an official professional body to coordinate, propose and assist with investment projects managed by the Investment Accelerator Service.

Decree 189/2018, of 19 October, of the Valencian Regional Government, creating the Investment Standing Committee for the Investment Accelerator Service, was published in the *Valencian Region Official Gazette* number 8425, dated 16 November 2018.

The Investment Standing Committee for the Investment Accelerator Service was constituted on 22 November 2018.

The Investment Standing Committee for the Investment Accelerator Service, in its meeting on 28 November 2018, agreed to submit the proposed resolution with the assessment criteria, in accordance with article 2.1 of the aforementioned Law 19/2018, and with the minimum requirements for considering a project to be of interest to the Valencian Region.

Having analysed the proposal and taking into account the above, I hereby rule:

One.

To approve the assessment criteria and the minimum requirements for considering a project to be of interest to the Valencian Region, which are attached to this resolution.

Two.

Order its publication in the *Valencian Region Official Gazette*.

Valencia, 12 December 2018, the Valencian Regional Minister for Sustainable Economy, Manufacturing, Trade and Employment: Rafael Climent González.

Assessment criteria and minimum requirements for considering a project to be of interest to the Valencian Region

The projects to be assessed will be those aimed at the sustainable recovery and development of the manufacturing and service sectors in the Valencian Region.

In general, for a project to be considered a priority, it must be economically, socially and environmentally sustainable and meet one of the following requirements:

a) Create ten or more full-time permanent jobs.

b) Involve making an investment in fixed assets, excluding property, for an amount equal to or greater than €600,000.

These requirements shall be halved if the projects are undertaken in municipalities in the Valencian Region where there is a risk of depopulation.

In addition to these general requirements, the value the projects add to the Valencian Region will be assessed in accordance with the objective criteria established below within the framework regulated by the aforementioned law.

The assessment criteria and their weighting shall be as follows:

<i>Concept</i>	<i>Maximum score</i>
A. Technological development and innovation	100 points
B. Territorial development and organisation	50 points

C. Recovery and promotion of traditional sectors	50 points
D. Job creation	100 points
E. Promotion of social inclusion	50 points
F. Equality and work-family balance	50 points
G. Environmental protection	50 points
H. Social responsibility practices and policies and other United Nations SDG criteria	50 points

The minimum score to be considered a priority investment project is 120 points. It will be compulsory to score in sections E, F, G and H. Companies that are legally obliged to have an equality plan are exempt from the compulsory requirement to obtain a score in section F.

A. Technological development and innovation (maximum 100 points)

A.1 Technology Readiness Levels that are included or used:

- projects using mature or available technologies (TRL8 - TRL9): 30 points
- projects using incipient or cutting-edge technologies (TRL 4 - TRL7): 40 points
- projects developing new technology from an initial idea to proof of concept (TRL 1 - TRL 3): 50 points

A.2 Technology developed as a result of a company being located in the Valencian Region.

- the project focuses on the development of a generic technology, which can then take the form of multiple projects for the development of a new or improved product or service: 50 points
- the project focuses on the development of a new or improved product or service based on a technology whose degree of maturity is at one of the nine levels: 30 points

B. Territorial development and organisation (maximum 50 points)

- If the projects are undertaken in municipalities in the Valencian Region where there is a very high or high risk of depopulation: 50 points
- If the projects are undertaken in municipalities in the Valencian Region where there is a risk of depopulation: 40 points

(Annex with classification of the municipalities is attached)

C. Recovery and promotion of traditional sectors (maximum 50 points)

If the project is aimed at sectors such as footwear, ceramics, metal-mechanical, textiles, toys, marble, wood, furniture, lighting, chemicals, automotive and plastics, packaging, graphic arts, agri-food or ancillary services associated with the development or promotion of these sectors (logistics or energy services): 50 points

D. Job creation (maximum 100 points)

The number of workers with permanent full-time contracts will be assessed. In each tranche, up to 25% of part-time contracts may be counted by calculating their full time equivalent (FTE) value.

- from 11 to 25 people: 40 points
- from 26 to 50 people: 60 points
- from 51 to 99 people: 80 points
- 100 people or more: 100 points

E. Promotion of social inclusion (maximum 50 points)

The company's commitment to employing people included in groups which face difficulties in accessing the labour market, such as:

- people with a degree of disability equal to or greater than 33%
- unemployed young people between 16 and 30 years of age
- immigrants
- women
- ethnic minorities
- female victims of gender violence
- unemployed people over 45 years of age

young people over 18 and under 25

who have come under the child protection system and the juvenile judicial system in the Valencian Region in the two years prior to the submission of the application

- people in situations of social exclusion or at risk of social exclusion, as well as those regulated in current legislation on social and labour market inclusion
- long-term unemployed
- hiring up to 5%: 20 points
- hiring of more than 5% and less than 10%: 30 points
- hiring of more than 10% and less than 20%: 40 points
- hiring of 20% or more: 50 points

If people with functional diversity are hired, this will only be taken into account and assessed when the legal minimum is exceeded.

F. Equality and work-family balance or co-responsibility (maximum 50 points)

Under no circumstances shall projects contravene the principle of non-discrimination on grounds of gender, race, ethnic origin, religion, disability, age or sexual orientation. In addition, they shall facilitate, or at least not impede, accessibility for disabled people.

- An approved equal opportunities plan is already in place (in the case of existing companies reinvesting in the Valencian Region): 30 points
 - The company undertakes to implement an equal opportunities plan: 15 points
 - An approved work-family balance plan has been implemented (in the case of existing companies reinvesting in the Valencian Region): 20 points
 - The company undertakes to implement a work-family balance plan: 15 points
- This will only be assessed if the company is not legally obliged to do so.
- G. Environmental protection (maximum 50 points)
- If the business project:
 1. Uses renewable energy, measures to reduce energy consumption, net consumption of water and of other natural resources: 40 points
 2. Uses renewable, recycled, biodegradable materials or reuses or recycles these materials: 40 points
 3. Implements a system to reduce waste, dumping, emissions and pollution: 40 points
 - If the company has a sustainable mobility plan for its employees: 20 points
 - If the company has an efficient transport system (0 and eco label): 30 points
 - If the company implements an environmental management system: 50 points
- H. Social responsibility practices and policies and other criteria associated with the sustainable development goals approved by the United Nations (maximum 50 points)
- The results of the project promote health, safety or a fair society: 25 points
 - The results of the project promote the traceability of usable materials: 25 points
 - The project incorporates ethical, social and environmental criteria, such as social responsibility policies and practices into the investment decision-making process, complementing the traditional financial criteria of solvency, profitability and risk: 25 points

ANNEX I

Municipalities where there is a risk of depopulation

- Very high risk

Area	Municipalities
Alicante	
EL COMTAT	Alcoleja; Balones; Benasau; Famorca; Lorcha; Quatretondeta, Benillup, Tollos
LA MARINA ALTA	Vall d'Ebo, la
LA MARINA BAIXA	Confrides
Castellon	
ELS PORTS	Cinctorres, Herbés, Olacau del Rey, Portell de Morella, Vallibona, Villosres
L'ALT MAESTRAT	Ares del Maestrat; Benassal, Culla; Torre d'en Besora, la
EL BAIX MAESTRAT	Canet lo Roig, Cervera del Maestre, Rossell, Xert, Castell de Cabres
L'ALCALATÉN	Atzeneta del Maestrat, Benafigos, Lucena del Cid, Chodos
LA PLANA ALTA	Vilanova d'Alcolea
EL ALTO PALANCIA	Chóvar, Pina de Montalgrao, Teresa, Higuera, Pavías, Sacañet
EL ALTO MIJARES	Argelita, Ayódar, Cortes de Arenoso, Puebla de Arenoso, Torralba del Pinar, Villamalur
Valencia	
EL RINCÓN DE ADEMUZ	Casas Bajas, Castielfabib, Vallanca
LA SERRANÍA	Alcublas, Alpuente, Bugarra, Chelva, Titaguas
EL CAMP DE TÚRIA	Gátova,
LA PLANA DE UTIEL-REQUENA	Venta del Moro, Camporrobles
LA CANAL DE NAVARRÉS	Bicorp, Millares
L'HORTA SUD	Llocnou de la Corona
LA VALL D'ALBAIDA	Carrícola, Sempere

– High risk

Area	Municipalities
Alicante	
EL COMTAT	Almudaina, Beniarrés, Benilloba, Benimassot, Facheca, Planes
L'ALCOIÀ	Benifallim, Penàguila
LA MARINA ALTA	Castell de Castells; Vall d'Alcalà, la, Vall de Gallinera
LA MARINA BAIXA	Beniardá, Sella
Castellon	
ELS PORTS	Forcall, Castellfort, Zorita del Maestrazgo
L'ALT MAESTRAT	Catí, Tírig
L'ALCALATÉN	Vistabella del Maestrat
LA PLANA ALTA	Serratella, la; Sierra Engarcerán; Torre d'en Doménc, la
EL ALTO PALANCIA	Algimia de Almonacid, Almedfjar, Azuébar, Barracas, Caudiel, Gaibiel, Matet, Torás, El Toro, Vall de Almonacid
EL ALTO MIJARES	Arañuel, Castillo de Villamalefa, Cirat, Ludiente, Toga, Villanueva de Viver, Zucaina
Valencia	
LA SERRANÍA	Aras de los Olmos; Calles; Chulilla; Gestalgar; Tuéjar; Yesa, La
LA PLANA DE UTIEL-REQUENA	Chera
EL VALLE DE COFRENTES-AYORA	Cortes de Pallás, Jalance, Jarafuel, Teresa de Cofrentes, Zarra
LARIBERA BAIXA	Llaurí
LA CANAL DE NAVARRÉS	Quesa
LA COSTERA	Estubeny
LA VALL D'ALBAIDA	Pinet

Areas at risk

Area	Municipalities
Castellon	
ELS PORTS	La Mata de Morella; Morella; Palanques; Todolella
L'ALT MAESTRAT	Albocàsser, Vilar de Canes, Villafranca del Cid
EL ALTO MIJARES	Espadilla, Fanzara, Fuente la Reina, Fuentes de Ayódar, Montán, Montanejos, Torrechiva, Vallat, Villahermosa del Río
Valencia	
EL RINCÓN DE ADEMUZ	Ademuz, Casas Altas, Puebla de San Miguel, Torrebaja
LA SERRANÍA	Andilla, Benagéber, Domeño, Higuieruelas, Losa del Obispo, Pedralba, Sot de Chera, Villar del Arzobispo
EL VALLE DE COFRENTES-AYORA	Ayora, Cofrentes