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

RESOLUTION of 7 february 2020, 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 for year 2020. [2020/1319]

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 2.2 that the General Directorate with internationalization competences, annually and before January 1, will transfer to the Investment Standing Committee a proposal of evaluable criteria in the framework of the contribution to the fulfillment of the sustainable development goals approved by United Nations and the applicable legislation in force, as well as the minimum required score so that the projects can be classified as priority investment projects for the Valencian Region.

Met this Committee on November 25, after analyzing the aforementioned proposal and the subsequent contributions of its members, agreed to submit the final list to the head of the department with competence in the field of productive sectors and internationalization, for approval by resolution, and subsequent publication in the *Valencian Region Official Gazette*

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, 7 february 2020, 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.

The request must be made by the company that will carry out the economic activity.

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:

Concept	Maximum score
<i>A. Technological development and innovation</i>	100 points
<i>B. Territorial development and organisation</i>	50 points
<i>C. Recovery and promotion of traditional sectors</i>	50 points
<i>D. Job creation</i>	100 points
<i>E. Promotion of social inclusion</i>	50 points
<i>F. Equality and work-family balance</i>	50 points
<i>G. Boosting the ecological transition and environmental sustainability</i>	100 points
<i>H. Social responsibility practices and policies and other United Nations SDG criteria</i>	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)

Beneficiary municipalities of the Decree regulating the specific line of the Municipal Cooperation Fund for the fight against the Depopulation of the municipalities of the Valencian Region, in force every year

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

These requirements will be reduced by half in case the projects are developed in the municipalities of the Valencian Region with greater risk of depopulation.

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
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- 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. Boosting the ecological transition and environmental sustainability (maximum 100 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 materials of renewable, recycled, biodegradable origin or reuse or recycle them, including water reuse systems: 40 points



3. Implements a system to reduce waste, dumping, emissions and pollution: 40 points

4. If it promotes adaptation to the impacts caused by climate change: 50 points.

Indicators:

- prevents or minimizes soil and coast erosion
- improves and maintains biodiversity and forest resources
- If the company has a sustainable mobility plan for its workers: 20 points
- If the company has an efficient transport system (label 0 and eco label): 30 points
- If the company certifies its products or services with the community eco-label: 30 points
- If the company implements an environmental management system:
 - Companies certified to ISO 14001: 40 points
 - Companies registered in the European EMAS Register or companies certified with the 50001 standard: 50 points
- If the company promotes carbon neutrality or the maximum approximation to it in its global activity: 50 points. Indicators:
 - the company has a climate neutrality strategy
 - the company participates in carbon footprint compensation projects
 - the company compensates its emissions with adequate and verified carbon credits, and transferred to the state compensation fund

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



Appendix I: Beneficiary municipalities of the Decree regulating the specific line of the Municipal Cooperation Fund for the fight against the Depopulation of the municipalities of the Valencian Region, in force every year (RESOLUTION 15 april 2019, Presidency of the regional government. DOGV Núm. 8531 / 17.04.2019)

Zone	Member municipalities
Alicante/Alacant	
EL COMTAT	Alcoleja; Almudaina ; Balones; Benasau; Beniarrés; Benillup; Benimassot; Facheca; Famorca; Orxa, l'/Lorcha; Planes; Quatretondeta;Tollos;
L'ALCOIÀ	Benifallim, Penàguila
LA MARINA ALTA	Castell de Castells; Sagra; Vall d'Ebo, la; Vall d'Alcalà,la ; Vall de Gallinera
LA MARINA BAIXA	Confrides; Tàrbena
Castellón/ Castelló	
ELS PORTS	Castellfort; Cinctorres; Forcall ; Herbés; Mata de Morella; La; Morella; Olocau del Rey; Palanques; Portell de Morella; Todolella; Vallibona; Villores; Zorita del Maestrazgo
L'ALT MAESTRAT	Albocàsser ; Ares del Maestrat; Benassal; Catí; Culla; Tírig; Torre d'en Besora, la; Vilar de Canes, Vilafranca/Villafranca del Cid
EL BAIX MAESTRAT	Canet lo Roig; Castell de Cabres; Cervera del Maestre; Pobla de Benifassà, La; Rossell; Salzadella, La; San Rafael del Río; Xert
L'ALCALATÉN	Atzeneta del Maestrat, Benafigos; Xodos/Chodos; Llucena/ Lucena del Cid, Useres, Les/Useras; Vistabella del Maestrat;
LA PLANA ALTA	Coves de Vinromà, Les; Serratella, la; Sierra Engarcerán; Torre d'en Doménec, la; Vilanova d'Alcolea
LA PLANA BAIXA	Aín
L'ALT PALÀNCIA	Algimia de Almonacid; Almedíjar; Azuébar; Bejís; Castellnovo; Caudiel; Chóvar; Gaibiel; Geldo; Higueras; Matet; Pavías; Pina de Montalgrao; Sacañet; Teresa; Torás, Toro, El; Vall de Almonacid
L'ALT MILLARS	Arañuel; Argelita; Ayódar; Castillo de Villamalefa; Cirat; Cortes de Arenoso; Espadilla; Fanzara; Fuente la Reina; Fuentes de Ayódar; Ludiente; Montán; Montanejos; Puebla de Arenoso; Toga; Torralba del Pinar; Torrechiva, Vallat; Villahermosa del Río; Villamalur; Villanueva de Viver; Zucaina
Valencia/València	
EL RACÓ D'ADEMÚS	Ademuz; Casas Altas; Casas Bajas; Castielfabib; Puebla de San Miguel; Torrebaja; Vallanca
ELS SERRANS	Alcublas; Alpuente; Andilla; Aras de los Olmos; Benagéber; Bugarra; Calles; Chelva; Chulilla; Domeño; Gestalgar; Higuieruelas; Losa del Obispo; Pedralba; Sot de Chera; Titaguas; Tuéjar; Villar del Arzobispo; Yesa, La
EL CAMP DE TÚRIA	Gátova



LA PLANA D'UTIEL-REQUENA	Camporrobles; Chera; Venta del Moro; Villargordo del Cabriel
LA CANAL DE NAVARRÉS	Bicorp; Millares; Quesa
LA COSTERA	Estubeny
L'HORTA SUD	Llocnou de la Corona
LA HOYA DE BUÑOL	Dos Aguas
LARIBERA BAIXA	Llaurí
LA VALL D'ALBAIDA	Aielo de Rugat; Beniatjar; Carrícola; Pinet; Sempere
LA VALL DE COFRENTS-AIORA	Ayora; Cofrentes; Cortes de Pallás; Jalance; Jarafuel; Teresa de Cofrentes; Zarra