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The evaluation process

2019 CEF Transport call

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Overview of the evaluation and selection process

Principles

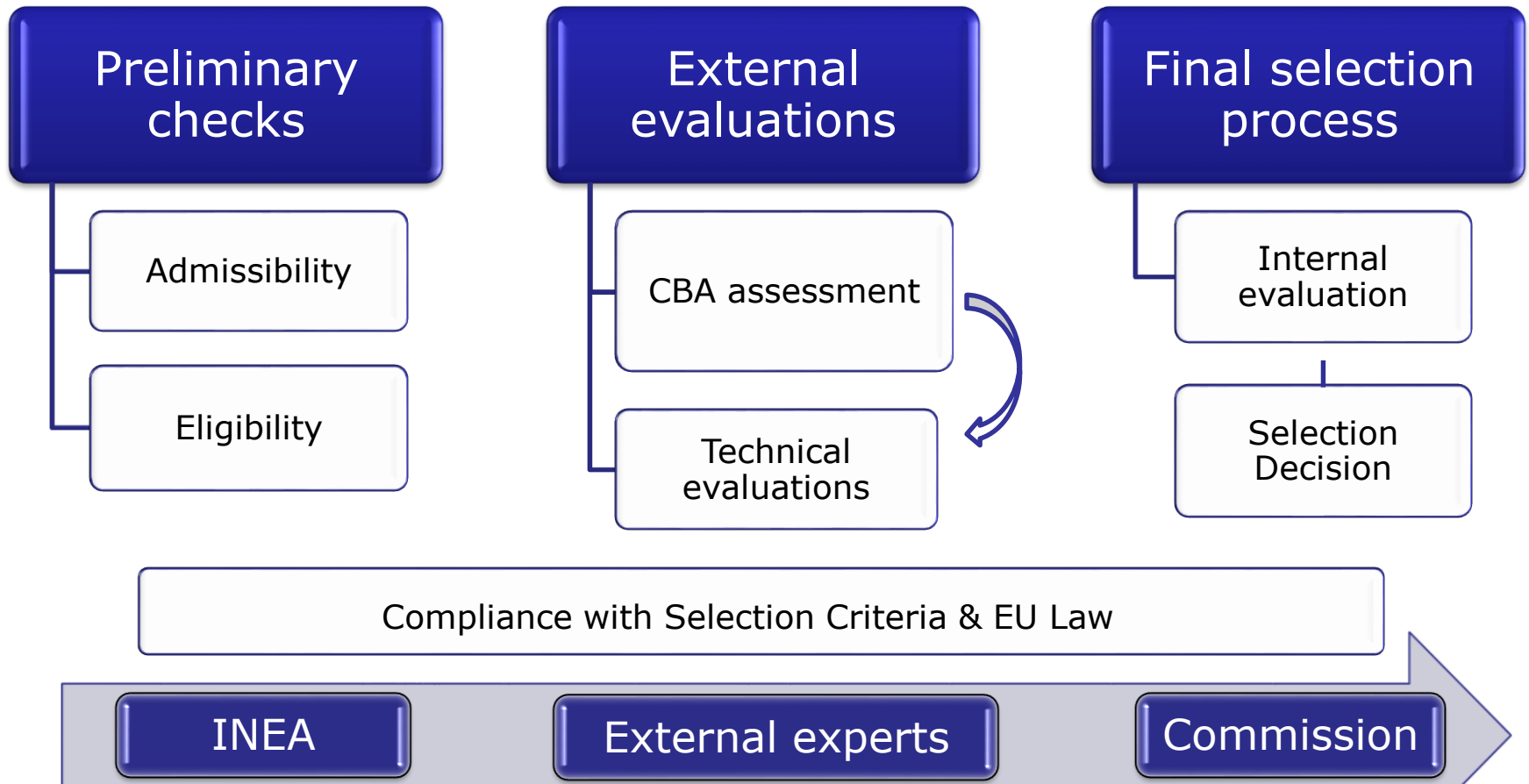
Equal treatment

- All proposals evaluated against the same criteria
- No preferential treatment to any applicant

Transparency

- Adequate feedback to applicants on the outcomes of the evaluation

Evaluation and selection steps



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Preliminary checks

Admissibility check

- Has the proposal been submitted electronically in TENtec?
- Has the proposal been submitted on time?
- Is the proposal complete?
- Has the proposal been signed by the applicant(s)?

Eligibility check

Eligibility of applicants

Member State(s)
Other applicant(s) with the agreement of concerned MS
Third countries and third country entities under specific conditions

Eligibility of actions

Projects of Common Interest (Article 7 TEN-T Guidelines)
Call Specific Criteria
Objective Specific Criteria

Selection Criteria check & Compliance with EU Law

Selection Criteria

Financial and operational capacity of applicants to carry out the Action

Compliance with EU Law

- Environment
- State aids
- Public procurement
- Interoperability
- Road charging
- Road safety
- Tunnel safety

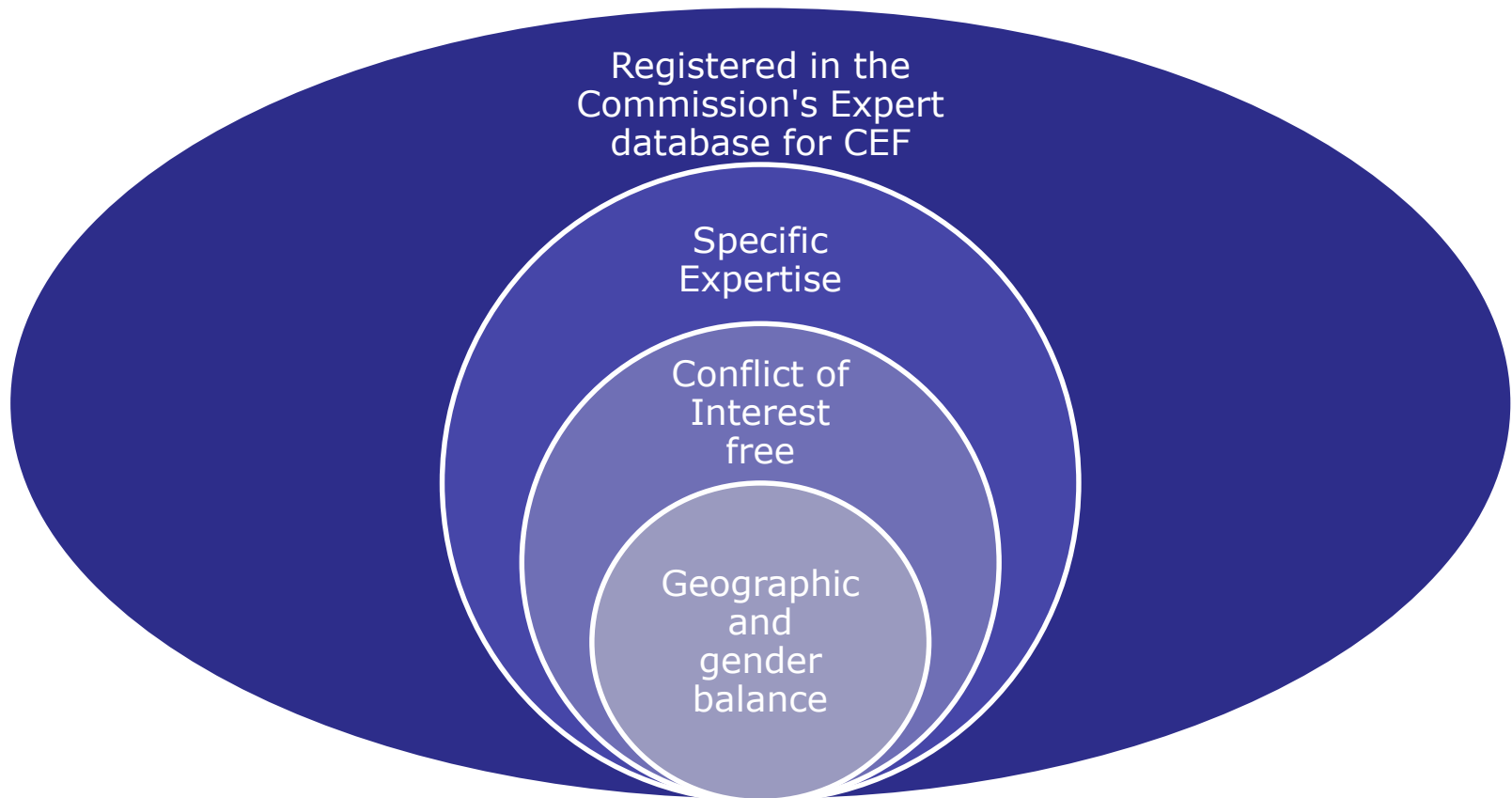
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External evaluation

External evaluation

- Performed by independent experts
- On the basis of the information submitted with the proposal
- Composed of two steps:
 - **CBA assessment (when applicable)**
 - **Technical evaluation**
- CBA assessment – experts with specific CBA expertise
- Technical evaluation – experts with technical expertise

Expert selection



<https://ec.europa.eu/inea/news-events/newsroom/independent-experts-needed-evaluation-proposals-cef>

External experts

- Selected from a **database of experts** - over 100,000 evaluators
- Main requirements:
 - **High-level of expertise** in the relevant fields
 - **Independence** (evaluating in a personal capacity), **Impartiality** (no conflict of interest), **objectivity**
- **Balanced composition of groups:**
 - ✓ Professional experience (e.g. academia, business), gender and geographical balance
 - ✓ Regular rotation and involvement of new experts
- One or more **observers** (external experts) monitor the evaluations to verify compliance with procedures

What do we ask them to do?

Understand Call Text

- Read briefing material
- Follow remote briefings

Evaluate individually

- A number of proposals
- Provide assessment against evaluation criteria

Come to a Consensus

- Discuss with other experts
- Reach consensus on comments and scores

Award criteria

Relevance

Maturity

Impact*

Quality

* *Additional input from CBA Assessment (where applicable)*

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Internal evaluation (EC)

Balanced
development of
the network

Complementarity
with other EU
funded projects

Comparative
EU added value

Risks of double
funding

Potential
synergies with
other EU
Programmes

Budgetary
constraints

Draft list of proposals recommended for funding

Final selection process

Preparation of Commission Selection Decision

EC Inter-Service Consultation

Consultation of CEF Coordination Committee
Information of the European Parliament

Adoption of Commission Selection Decision

Information to Applicants
Launch of Grant Preparation



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Thank you!