Annex **STEP I Admissibility**

 **ELIGIBILITY GRID**

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|  **Eligibility of the applicant/partners** | **YES** | **NO** | **N/A** | **Comments** |
| 1. | The Lead partner/Partner (each partner) is a legal entity registered and located in the program area |  |  |  |  |
| 11. | The Sole Partner is an European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation registered in Romania, and members thereof involve partners from both Romania and Ukraine.  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | The Lead beneficiary/Partner (each partner) is registered outside the Programme area, but complies with the conditions set at section 2.2.1.1 |  |  |  |  |
| 2. | The Lead partner/ Partner(s) (each partner) is non-profit making organisation. |  |  |  |  |
| 3. | The Lead partner/ Partner(s) has legal competencies in the fields covered by the specific objective addressed by the project. |  |  |  |  |
| 4. | The Lead Partner/ Partner(s) has no debts to the consolidated state budget in accordance with the national legislation |  |  |  |  |
|  5.  | The Lead Partner/Partner(s) has no debts to the local budget in accordance with the national legislation. |  |  |  |  |
| **Eligibility of the project** | **YES** | **NO** | **N/A** | **Comments** |
| 6 | A maximum number of 4 partners (including the Lead partner) have been included in the project partnership. |  |  |  |  |
| 7. | The partnership includes at least 1 partner from Romania and 1 partner from Ukraine.(exception for sole partner) |  |  |  |  |
| 8. | The implementation period does not exceed the minimum and maximum required by the Call for proposals.  |  |  |  |  |
| 9. | The requested EU co-financing is equal to, or lower than, the maximum grant allowed per priority for this Call for proposals. |  |  |  |  |
| 10. | The requested EU co-financing is equal to, or lower than, 90% of the total eligible costs of the project. |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | At least 3 of the cross-border cooperation criteria (joint development, joint financing, joint implementation) are put into practice by the project |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | The project addresses one of the Priorities, specific objectives and fields of intervention of the Programme |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | The project respects the requirement of allocating a minimum of 500 000 euro for investments.  |  |  |  |  |
| 14 | The project includes communication activities. |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | The project observes the Programme horizontal principles:* 1. equal opportunities and non-discrimination based on gender, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age, or sexual orientation
	2. equality between men and women, gender mainstreaming and the integration of a gender perspective
	3. sustainable development as set out in Article 11 TFEU, considering the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement and the "Do No Significant Harm" principle
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| 16 | The project envisages climate change mitigation and adaptation measures, in line with [Technical guidance on the climate proofing of infrastructure in the period 2021-2027](https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/23a24b21-16d0-11ec-b4fe-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/format-PDFA2A) (for infrastructure projects with an expected lifespan of at least 5 years) |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Verifications to be carried out during precontracting stage** |  |  |  |  |
| 17. | The project is not affected by potential double funding. |  |  |  |  |
| 18. | The project is not concerned by infringement (for Romanian beneficiaries only). |  |  |  |  |