



SHORE – Open Call #2

Annex 1.1. - Evaluation and selection



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1. Introduction

This document provides the relevant information regarding evaluation and selection process under Open Call #2 of the SHORE project.

An overview of the SHORE – Open Call #2 can be found in Figure 1.



Figure 1: SHORE – Open Call #2 and follow-up overview

Applications for the SHORE – Open Call #2 will be accepted from **18 September 2024** until **20 November 2024, 17h CET**.

After Open Call closure, there will be a period of evaluation, selection and onboarding which is expected to last for a period of approximately 3 months.

The selected school projects will have an expected duration of up to 6 months.

NOTE: The SHORE project has planned the Open Call #2 and projects follow up in a way to ensure that enough time has been allocated to each school project for successful completion. The SHORE recognizes that unforeseen events might occur. To keep transparency and fairness among applicants of the Open Call, closing dates are fixed dates and will only be updated in case of unforeseen events. All other dates mentioned in this document are tentative and may be updated to accommodate specific needs of the applicant and the consortium.

2. Evaluation process

SHORE – Open Call #2 evaluation process will look like as follows on the diagram:

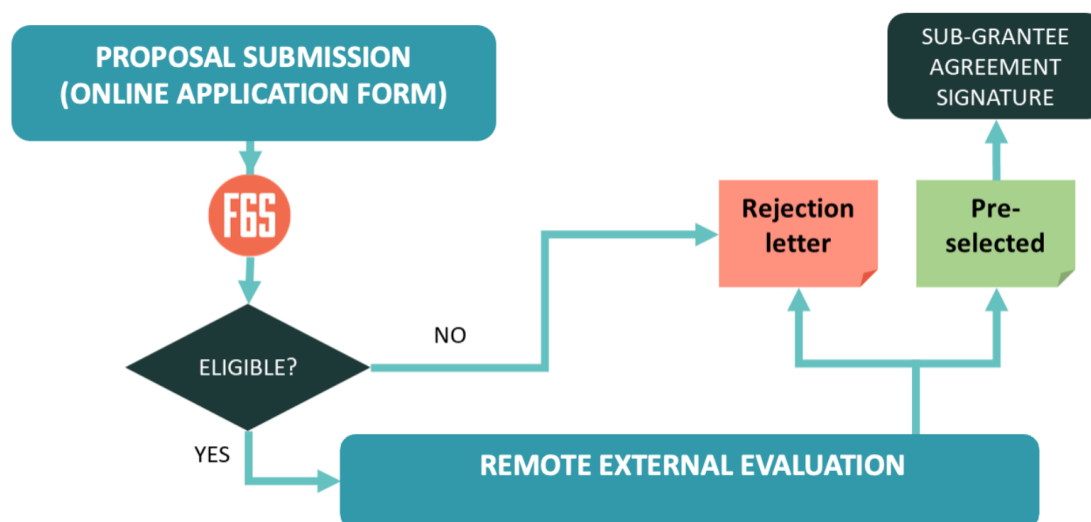


Figure 2: SHORE – Open Call #2 evaluation process

2.1. How proposals will be evaluated and selected?

This section describes the evaluation and selection process of each proposal. The evaluation of proposals is carried out by the SHORE consortium with the support of independent external experts (Evaluation Panel). The SHORE consortium ensures that the process is fair and in line with the principles outlined in the European Commission’s rules on proposal submission and evaluation.

Step 1: Eligibility check

An initial eligibility check will be done by the SHORE team to filter out and discard non-eligible proposals. The following information will be checked:

1. Submission has been made through the F6S platform and by the defined deadline. [Y/N]
2. The applicant submitted only one and fully completed proposal [Y/N]
3. The applicant has not received funding from [ProBleu](#) or [BlueLightS](#) project under Open Calls. [Y/N]
4. The applicant has selected at least one topic and subtopic according to the provided list [Y/N]
5. The applicant is a primary or secondary school legally registered and established in EU and/or HEU Associated countries according to the national rules.
6. The budget of the proposal does not exceed 10.000,00 Euro and is provided in EURO currency.[Y/N]
7. The proposal is written in the English Language. [Y/N]
8. All the eligibility conditions specified in section 2 of Guidelines for Applicants are met. [Y/N]



Proposals must meet **ALL the eligibility criteria**. The eligibility check enables the creation of a shortlist of proposals to be evaluated in the next step of the evaluation process.

Proposals marked as non-eligible (for not meeting one or more of the eligibility criteria) will be informed by e-mail.

Step 2: External remote evaluation

Proposals considered eligible will be moved to the remote evaluation phase. The external evaluation will be done remotely by evaluators.

Two external evaluators will evaluate each proposal and will be distributed considering their domains of expertise and, whenever possible, country of origin.

The proposals will be evaluated according to the criteria listed below.

Table 1: Evaluation criteria

Criteria	Description	Weight
C1	Relevance	40%
C2	Impact	30%

¹ SHORE – Open Call #2 is open to schools which participate in climate actions and support values of the [European Climate Pact](#). The school's proposal should entail a commitment to the Climate Pact Pledge leading to decarbonisation or at least carbon neutrality of the project and school activities. Info on the pledge is here: [European Climate Pact](#) - go to take climate friendly action and make a pledge: Take individual action.



		promoted locally, nationally or at the European scale.	
C3	Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal demonstrates a strategy for actively involving students in all phases of project development fostering leadership and co-creation process providing authentic interlinked learning activities through a real-life applicable approach. • The proposal demonstrates a strategy for mobilising more than one classroom of students in the funded activities, including other members of school staff and management. • The proposal demonstrates the existence of a team dedicated to project implementation with educational and management experience related to ocean literacy. The proposal also demonstrates rational project costs. • The proposal demonstrates an open schooling methodology 	30%

Each criterion will be scored between 1 and 5. Half point scores are not given. For each criterion under examination, score values will indicate the following rationale:

Table 2: Results and rationale

Score	Result	Rationale
1	Fail	The proposal fails to address the criterion under examination or cannot be judged due to missing or incomplete information
2	Poor	The criterion is addressed in an unsatisfactory manner. There are serious inherent weakness
3	Good	While the proposal broadly addresses the criterion, there are significant weakness that would need correction
4	Very Good	The proposal addresses the criterion well, although certain improvements are possible
5	Excellent	The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion in question. Any shortcomings are minor.

The score (including for each criterion) is calculated on the average of the scores provided by the evaluators, rounded to the nearest point or half point (1, 1.5, 2, 3, 3.5, 4, 4.5, 5), before computing the overall score. The threshold for each criterion is three (3) out of 5 points. Any criterion with a lower score than 3 will result in the rejection of the proposal.

Overall score is the sum of the scores of each criterion multiplied by the respective weight indicated in Table 1: Evaluation Criteria, rounded to the nearest integer value.



Each evaluator will record his/her individual assessment of each proposal using an Individual Evaluation Report (IER).

Step 3 Consensus meeting

The evaluators will hold a consensus meeting to prepare a single consensus Evaluation Summary Report (ESR) for each proposal, representing opinions and final scores on which the evaluators agree.

In case of significant discrepancies the consortium may request a third evaluator to score the relevant proposals.

In the case of adding a third evaluator, the final score of each criterion is computed according to the following formula: $\text{Score} = (\text{lowest score} + \text{medium score} * 4 + \text{highest score}) / 6$

Step 4 Ranking and Final selection

At the end of the remote evaluation process, all proposals will be ranked in a single list.

In case there are proposals with equal scores, tie-breaks will be addressed by giving priority to the proposals with the highest score in specific criteria, considering the following order:

- I. Rule 1: The Applications will be ranked based on their overall score.
- II. Rule 2: In case following Rule 1 there are Applications in the same position, priority will be given to Applications that have higher scores in the criterion I Relevance.
- III. Rule 3: In case following Rule 2 there are Applications in the same position, priority will be given to Applications that have a higher score in the criterion II Impact.
- IV. Rule 4: In case following Rule 3 there are Applications in the same position, priority will be given to the one submitted earliest.

The proposals with higher scores will be selected until reaching the available funding.

At least 20% of the funded proposals must involve migrants or Ukrainian citizens under temporary protection in funded activities. If needed such proposals will be selected from lower ranked positions to meet this quota.

Every eligible applicant will receive via email an Evaluation Summary Report (ESR).

Accepted applicants will receive via email invitations to negotiation and contracting phase.





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