

Annex III: Assessment and selection criteria: how they are applied

A) For current expenses and organisation of activities (Chapter IV):

1. Fostering social, economic and cultural relations with the Basque Country and with Basque communities abroad, in accordance with the four-year plan approved by the Advisory Council (up to 30 points):
 - a. Relations with nearby Basque centres – max. 10 points (between 10 and 6 inclusive if strong relations exist, between 5.99 and 0 if there are few or none)
 - b. Relations with the Basque Country – max. 10 points (1 point for each Basque institution with which it has relations)
 - c. Relations with Basque centres in other countries – max. 10 points (between 10 and 6 inclusive if strong relations exist with other countries, between 5.99 and 0 if there are few or none, also giving 2 points for attendance by the organisation or the federations representing it at events of an international nature, such as Regional Meetings, World Congresses, etc.)
2. Importance for consolidation and/or growth, encouraging its internal cohesion (up to 35 points):
 - a. Number of members: 1 point for every 100 members – max. 15 points
 - b. Level of activity planned, according to the number and importance of the activities submitted – max. 20 points (between 20 and 10 inclusive if there are numerous activities of different kinds, between 9.99 if they are few and/or not varied)
3. History of activities of the applicant organisation (up to 25 points)
 - a. External impact or projection of the activity: media, audiences it reaches, etc. - max. 10 points (between 10 and 6 inclusive if it appears in numerous mass circulation or global media, between 5.99 and 0 if it appears in few or no media and/or at a local or limited level)
 - b. Suitability of infrastructures (premises, website, etc.) to undertake the activities – max. 5 points (between 5 and 0 according to whether the physical and/or virtual location is sufficient/suitable for the level of activities submitted)
 - c. Development of the activity in recent years – max. 10 points (between 10 and 6 inclusive if the activity shows signs of growth and/or diversification, between 5.99 and 0 if it shows signs of stagnation and/or decline)

4. Gender perspective in programmes, activities or actions to be run (up to 10 points)
 - a. Participation by women in board meetings on equal terms - max. 5 points (between 5 and 0 depending on the percentage of women sitting on the executive committees according to up-to-date data)
 - b. Positive discrimination measures – max. 5 points (between 5 and 0 according to the existence and importance of positive discrimination measures planned for the year with the aim of fostering equality between men and women)

5. Viability of the project submitted (up to 30 points).

- a. Financial history, taking into account the evidence of previous records - max. 10 points (10 points are awarded to applications by Basque centres whose previous evidence was supplied in due time and form, 5 points for those who provided it in due form but not on time and 0 points for those who failed to provide it in either due form or due time).
- b. Own resources, up to a maximum of 20 points, assigned to one of the following points:
 - 0 to 25% self-financing: between 0 and 5 points.
 - 26 to 50% self-financing: between 6 and 10 points.
 - 51 to 75% self-financing: between 11 and 15 points.
 - 76 to 100% self-financing: between 16 and 20 points.

The percentage of self-financing is based on two equally-weighted factors:

- 1.- The Basque centre's own income is divided by its total costs, according to the data provided in its accounts
- 2.- The sum actually applied for is divided by the total budget submitted in the application

B) For infrastructure and equipment spending (Chapter VII):

1. Importance for consolidation or growth (up to 30 points).
 - a. Number of members: 1 point for every 100 members – maximum 7.5 points.
 - b. Cultural activities and dissemination – maximum 7.5 points.
 - c. Importance of the geographical area of influence: town, city, region, country – maximum 7.5 points.
 - d. Urgent work and plans for building or equipment under way – maximum 7.5 points.

2. Viability of the project submitted (up to 35 points).
 - a. Financial history, taking into account the evidence of previous records - max. 10 points
 - b. Own resources - maximum 15 points, assigned to one of the following points (the percentages are to be rounded to the nearest whole number):
 - 0 - 25% self-financing: between 0 and 3 points.
 - 26 - 50% self-financing: between 4 and 7 points.
 - 51 - 75% self-financing: between 8 and 11 points.
 - 76 - 100% self-financing: between 12 and 15 points.
 - c. Type of premises: owned (10 points) or rented (5 points).

3. How necessary and appropriate the project is (up to 35 points).
 - a. How necessary the building or equipment is – maximum 20 points.
 - b. How adequate the budget is to meet this need, giving credit to the balance between the budget and the relative importance of the centre - maximum 15 points.