

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS



D.

ACCESS RULES
TO THE ISLANDS FUND

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RULES FOR ACCESS TO THE ISLANDS FUND

The Fund is intended to support and help implement specific actions on the island with the aim of achieving certain strategic objectives of the island's Strategic Plan from the Diagnosis validated by the Island Committee.

A - ELIGIBLE PROJECT LEADERS

The Islands Fund is accessible to island stakeholders & institutions who are members of the Island Committee - or the Island Committee itself, if it has the legal identity and the administrative and financial capacities required.

Several members of the Island Committee can unite to suggest joint operations. In this case, the member in charge of the technical and financial monitoring of the operation must be clearly identified, as well as the responsibilities and commitments of each member to ensure the operation runs smoothly.

The project leader(s) must:

- Have a legal status allowing them to receive and manage grants, with the possible support of the other members of the Island Committee;
- Be able to provide accounting and identify its sources of passed funding;
- Have proven experience in field and project management;
- Be able to prove the completion of effective measures since their creation, and/or present minutes of general meetings;
- Have recognised skills in the chosen field(s): conservation of biodiversity and ecosystems (terrestrial or marine), water, energy, or waste management, enhancing natural and landscape heritage, fight against climate change, community development and income-generating activities, etc.

The choice of the project leader, and the project itself, must be validated by the Island Committee. The application will have to be signed by the representative of the Island Committee as well as the project leader.

B - TYPE OF ELIGIBLE OPERATIONS

Suggested projects amounting between EUR 5 000 and 50 000 within the Islands Fund framework must include the three following aspects:

- i) Implementing concrete on-site measures with proven, measurable, tangible and lasting impacts to contribute to achieving the Strategic Plan objectives and as such, overlapping SMILO strategic principles (see SMILO document 'A.Strategic principles').
- ii) Supporting the improvement of local management of natural resources, of sustainable development and of spatial development across the island;
- iii) Being innovative measures, with social and environmental impact, and likely to inspire other islands (possibility to replicate the operation).

It may also marginally include studies - feasibility studies / studies to improve knowledge with the aim of leading to concrete projects, investments, mediation projects / outreach / communication. If it is a study, the project leader must clearly demonstrate how the study will be used, made available, and concretely translated into on-site measures.

If the project exceeds the EUR 50 000 amount: the Fund can co-finance (serve as a supplement) a Strategic Plan project or operation that has already acquired funding.

NON-eligibility Criteria

- Capacity reinforcement of or scientific research projects not related to territorial development projects;
- Repetitive activities and recurring operating costs of organisms;
- National or local lobbying and/or awareness campaigns not related to concrete protection / sustainable development measures on the island.
- Tourist or agricultural or fishing development projects that have no documented effects on the island's natural resources and local biodiversity;

C. IMPLEMENTATION AND REPORTING

Each project leader, together with the Island Committee, is committed to provide a complete technical and financial report (expenditures) to SMILO every 6 months, along with pictures and maps if applicable. They must share project's progress with the Island Committee and local users, and actively contribute to the life of the SMILO network (see SMILO document '3.Cooperation Agreement').