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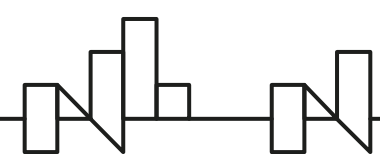
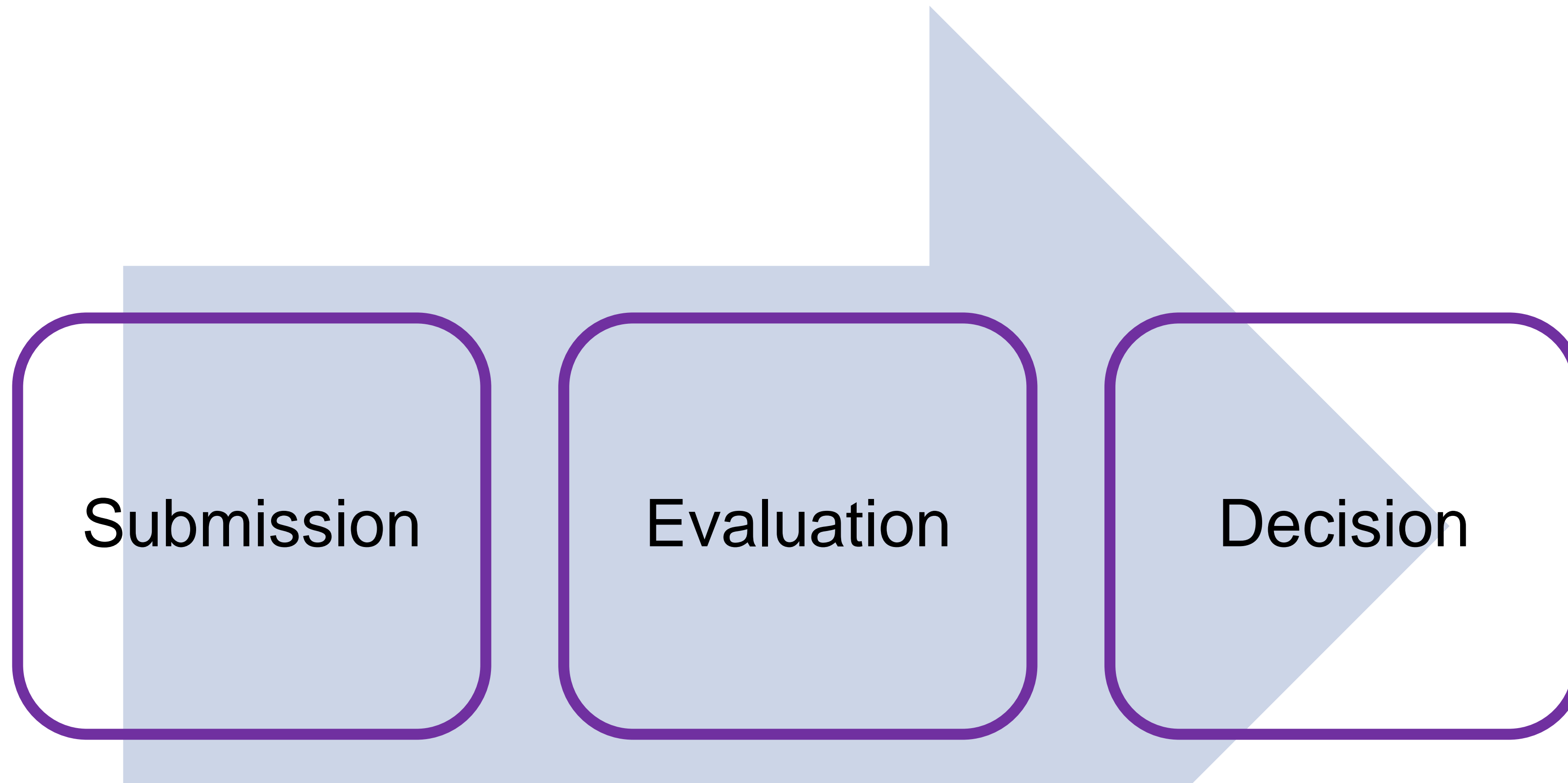
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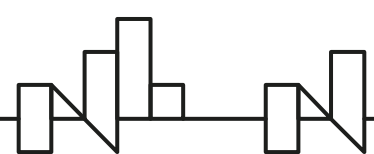
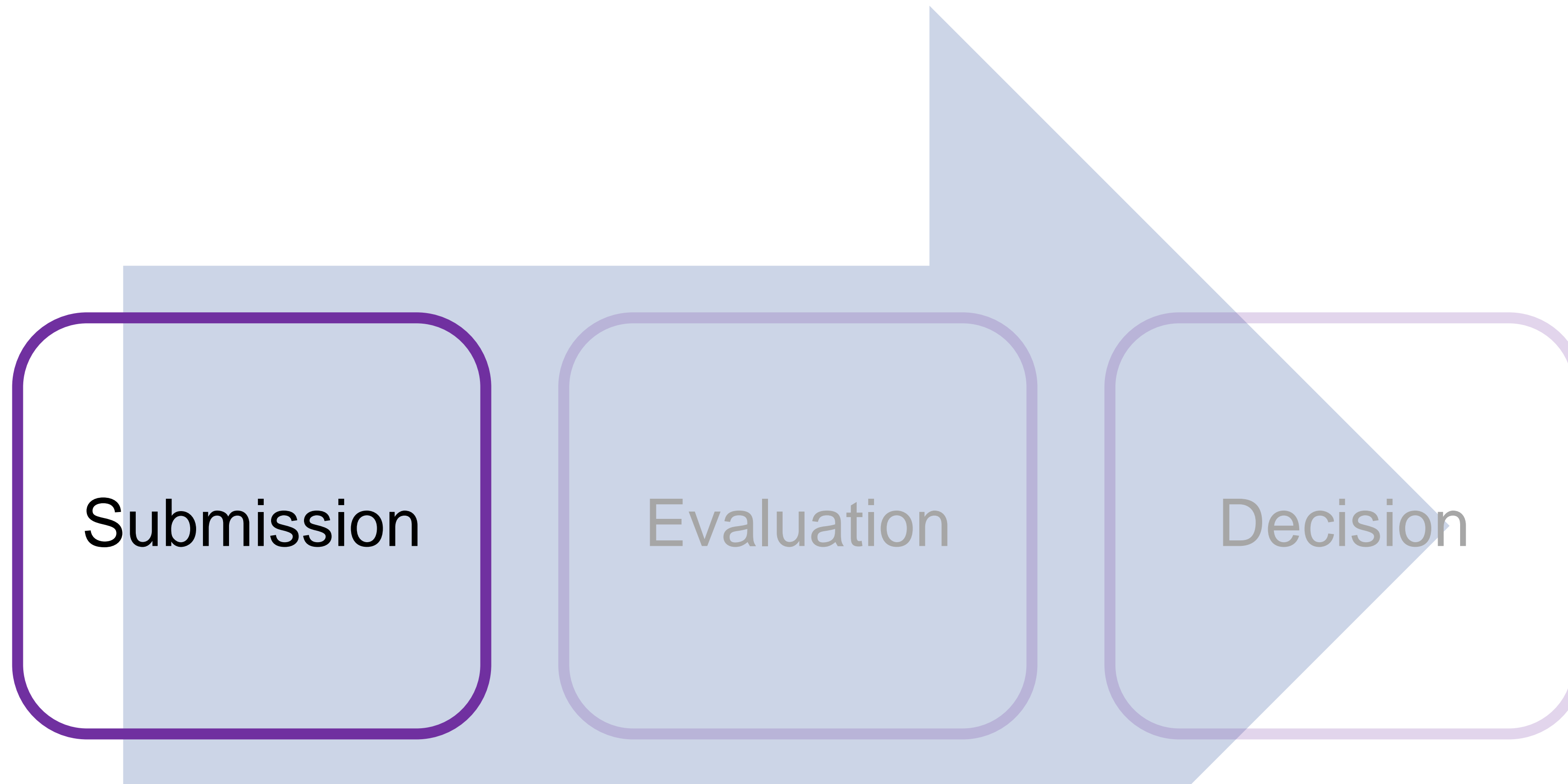
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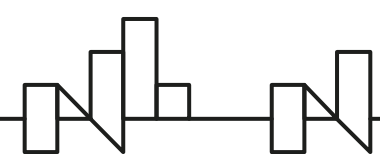
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# Submission

## WHO?

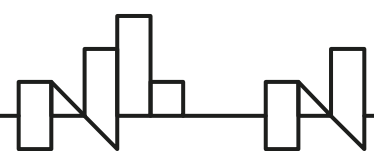
- **Project applicant**
  - Eligible project applicants are accredited Latvian higher education institutions established in Latvia - <https://www.izm.gov.lv/lv/augstakas-izglitiba-iestades>



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## WHO?

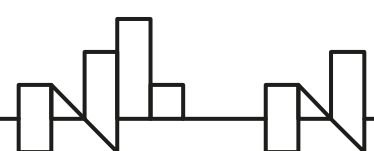
- **Mandatory 1 project partner**
  - a higher education institution established in Norway and/or Iceland, and/or Liechtenstein => Donor state partner
  
- **Additional project partners**
  - a higher education institution established in Norway and/or Iceland, and/or Liechtenstein => Donor state partner



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## HOW MUCH?

- Total amount of the call is **€ 1 582 866**
- Co-financing from the Programme may be **up to 100%** of total eligible project costs
- Project minimum grant **€ 10 000**
- Project maximum grant **€ 200,000**

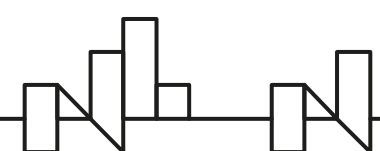


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## WHAT ACTIVITIES?

- The project applicant may submit only one project proposal **for each accredited study direction** implemented in the higher education institution
  - Number of project applications for one applicant is not limited
  - Project applications must not overlap two or more study directions
- **12, 24 or 30 months** for implementation and not longer than **30.04.2024**.

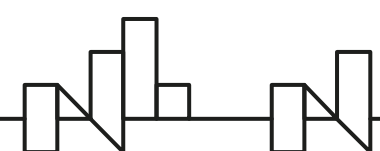
Project Implementation Duration	Advance Payment	Interim Payment	Final Payment (reimbursement)
12 months	Up to 80%	-	Up to 20%
24 and 30 months	Up to 40%	Up to 40%	Up to 20%



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## WHAT ACTIVITIES?

- The aim of the Scholarships Activity and the call is to enhance the development of in-depth, research-based knowledge, by improving skills and competences of **doctoral students, master's, bachelor's and professional study programme students, academic and administrative university personnel** in the area of higher education and research, promoting bilateral co-operation and exchange in higher education between the higher education institutions of Latvia and donor countries
- There are **two** mobility types eligible under Scholarships Activity:
  - Student mobility for period between **3 and 11 months**;
  - Academic and administrative staff mobility for period between **1 and 4 weeks**



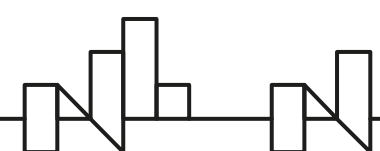


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## WHAT COSTS?

### Eligible costs

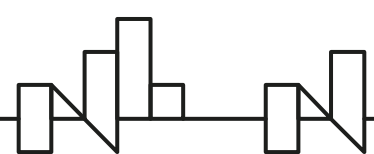
- **Unit costs**
  - **Travel support** (Distances between 500-1999 km - **275 EUR** per participant. Distances between 2000-2999 km - **360 EUR** per participant)
  - **Individual support for students** (**1200 EUR/month** for Latvian students engaged in the mobility in donor states. **1000 EUR/month** for donor state's students engaged in the mobility in Latvia)
  - **Individual support for staff** (Grant for Latvian staff undertaking a mobility to a donor state: -1250 EUR/week; 2200 EUR/2 weeks; 3000 EUR/3 weeks; 4000 EUR/4 weeks. Grant for donor state's staff undertaking a mobility to Latvia; 750 EUR/week; 1250 EUR/2 weeks; 2000 EUR/3 weeks; 3000 EUR/4 weeks)
  - **Organisational support** (Up to 100 participant: 350 EUR per participant. 101 and more participants - 200 EUR per participant)
- **Actual costs**
  - **Special needs support** (100% of actual eligible project costs)



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## WHAT COSTS?

- Division of the budget among the project promoter and the project partners will be a matter of agreement between the project promoter and the project partners.
- The distribution of the budget among the project promoter and the project partners should be based on the approved project mobility flows and number of mobility participants (outgoing/incoming mobilities).



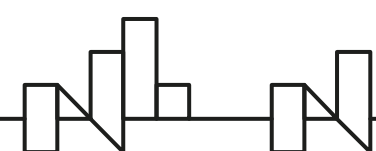
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## COVID 19 pandemic?

**Planned start of the projects is September 2021.**

- *If it will not be possible to carry out the planned mobilities due to the movement restrictions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, there will be a possibility to replace a mobility with a **shortened mobility** or an **online mobility***
  - *Shortened mobility for students – at least **5** working days*
  - *Shortened mobility for academic and administrative staff – at least **2** working days*
  - *online mobility for students – at least **20** hours*
  - *online mobility for academic and administrative staff – at least **8** hours*

*The unit cost of eligible project costs for shortened mobility and online mobility will be determined and amendments will be made in the Cabinet Regulation No.333 of 2 June 2020 “Regulations for the Implementation of the Baltic Research Programme activity and Scholarships activity of the Research and Education programme of the European Economic Area Financial Mechanism and Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the period of 2014-2021”*



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## WHAT?

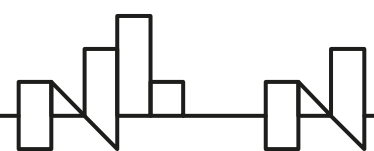
- **Project Application** in English, incl. Annexes

### Pre-defined templates

- Annex 1** – Project description in Latvian
- Annex 2** – Project description in English
- Annex 3** – Project implementation schedule in English
- Annex 4** – Letter of intent from the signatory of each project partner in English
- Annex 5** – Statement of the project applicant in Latvian

### Not pre-defined templates

- Annex 6** – Power of attorney or an internal regulation of the project applicant attesting the authority to sign the project in Latvian
- Annex 7** – Power of attorney or an internal regulation of the project applicant attesting the authority to sign the confirmation letter regarding participation in the project in English



# Submission

## HOW?/ WHEN?

- Only via [www.rsgrants.viaa.gov.lv](http://www.rsgrants.viaa.gov.lv)
- Agreement with the State Education Development Agency  
(draft Agreement available [here](#))
- Submission till **12/04/2021**

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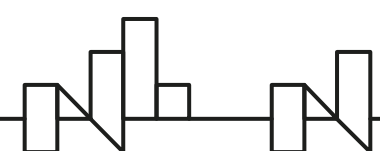
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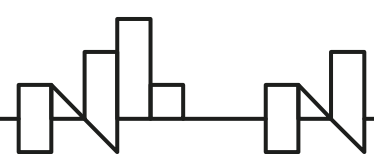
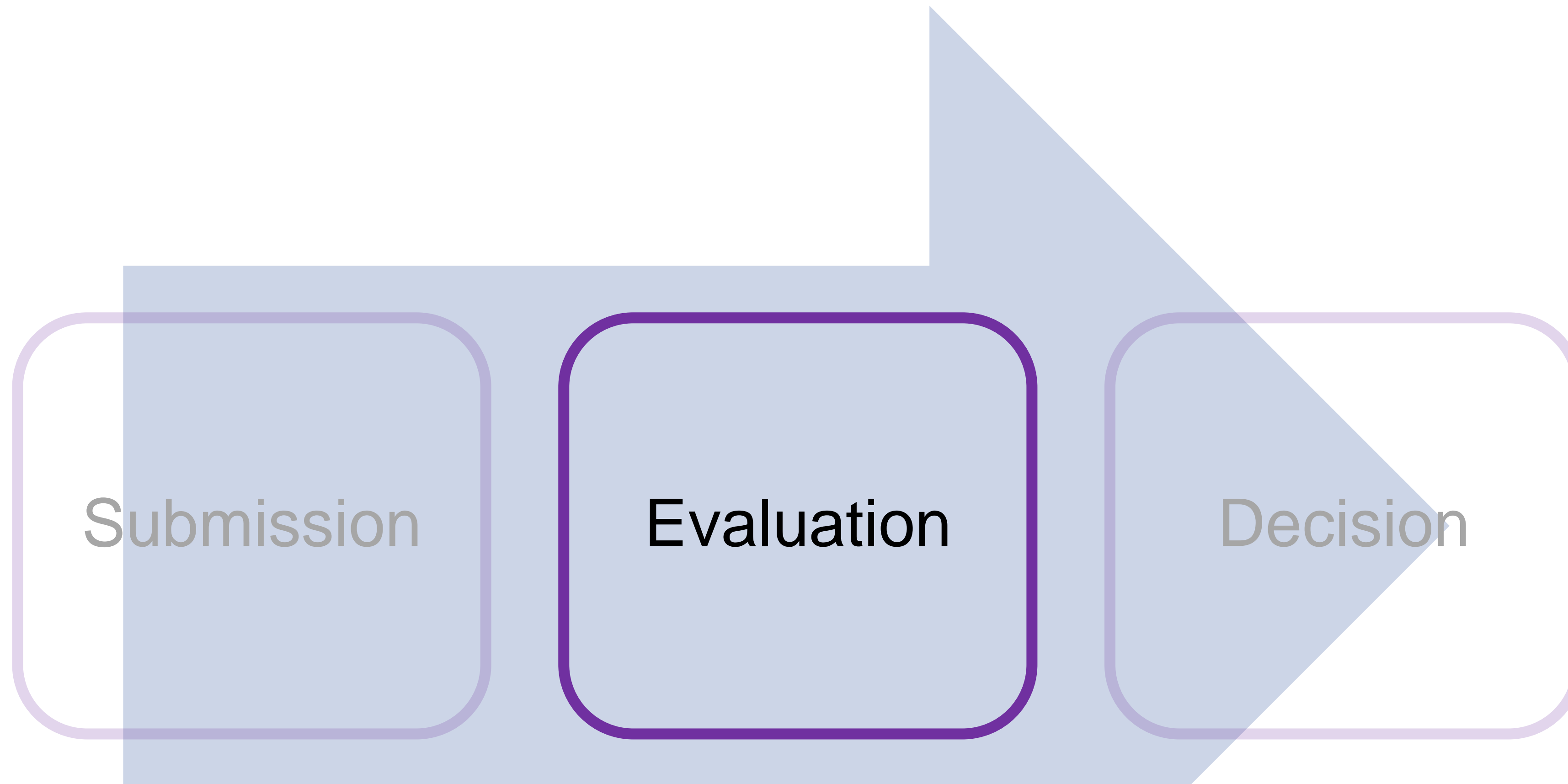
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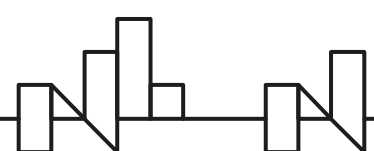


# Evaluation

## WHO?/ HOW?

- **Selection Committee** by inviting agency experts
- **9 administrative and eligibility criteria**
  - Crucial criteria No.1- No.5 and No.8  
*NB! in case of noncompliance to those criteria the project proposal will be rejected*
- **3 quality criteria**
  - Relevance of the project (score 0-30, **threshold 15**)
  - Quality of the project design and implementation (score 0-40, **threshold 20**)
  - Impact and dissemination (score 0-30, **threshold 15**)  
*NB! Each project proposal is evaluated by 2 agency experts*

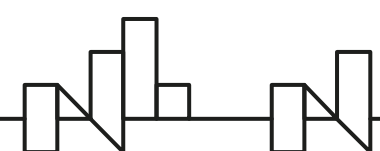
TOTAL quality threshold: **60** points



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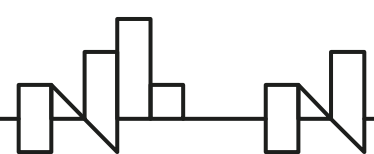
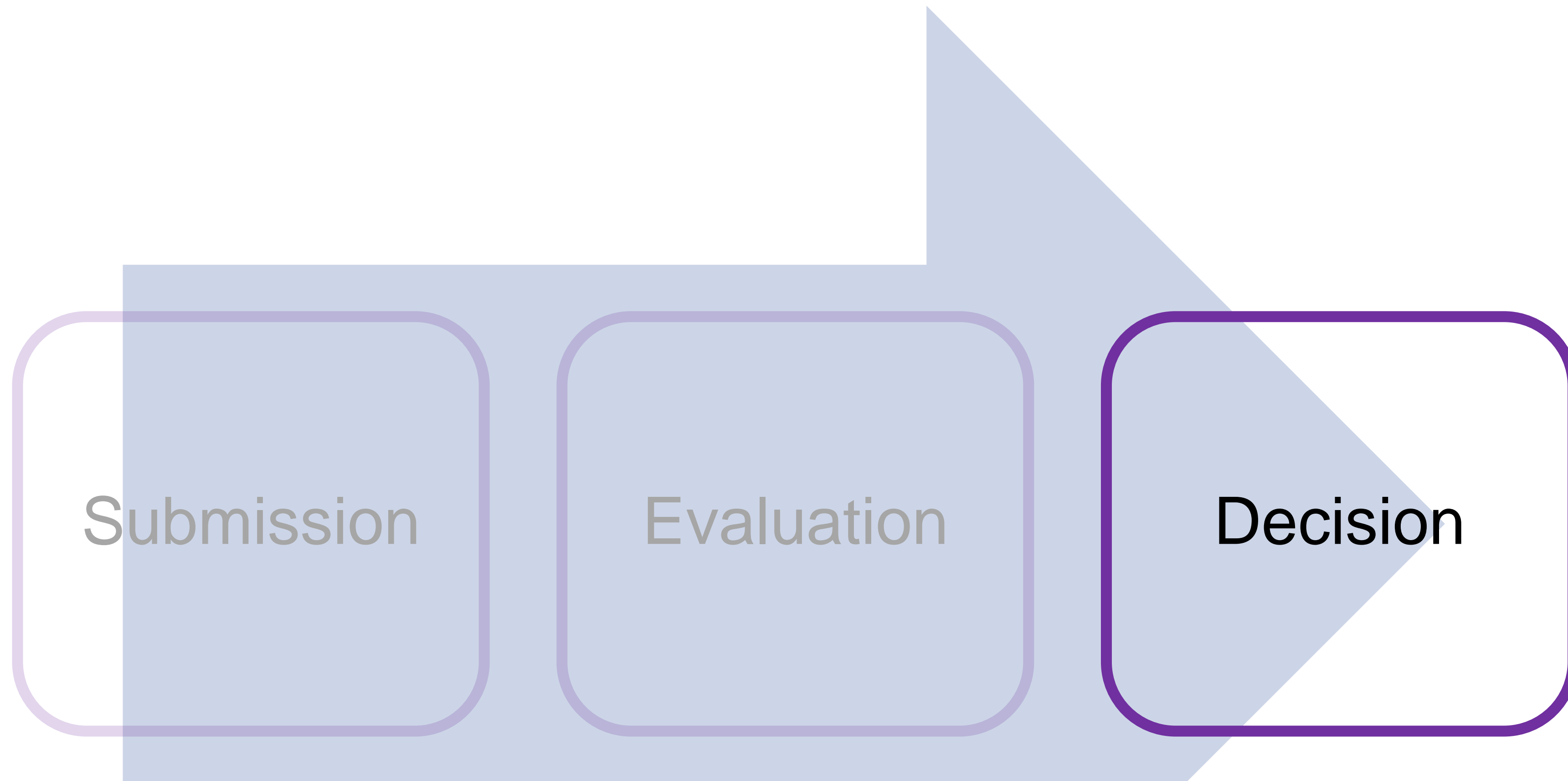
## WHO?/ HOW?

- The **Selection Committee** may grant **additional 10** points to an application if the project is proposing synergy with the Baltic Research programme projects
  - mobility of at least one student and one academic or administrative staff representative to the project partner, which is a higher education institution of the donor state and is involved in the implementation of a project **supported** within **Estonian, Lithuanian and Latvian calls** within the Baltic Research Programme
  - Value added of planned activities for the scholarships project applications and the research project should be reflected
  
- Ranking list and reserve list





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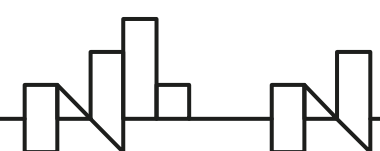
# Decision

## WHO?/ WHAT?/ WHEN?

- **State Education Development Agency**
- **3 types** of the decision:
  - approval of the project proposal
  - approval of the project proposal with a condition
  - decision on rejection of the project proposal

*Nb! If the project application is to be rejected due to insufficient funding the project will be included in the reserve list*

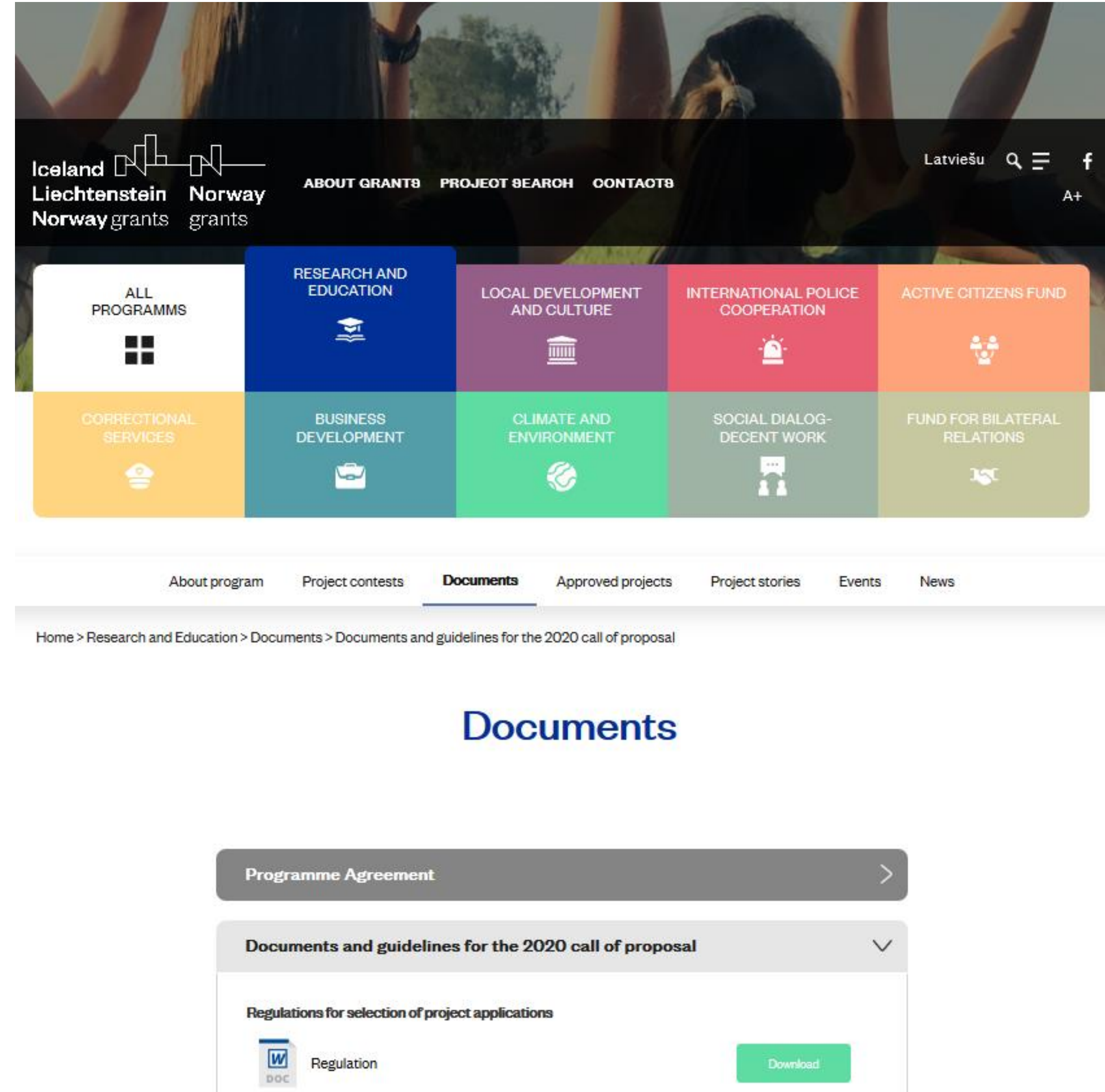
- Final decision max **4 months** after submission deadline



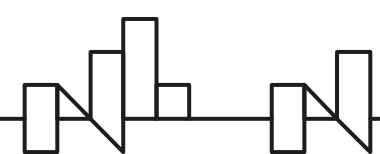
# Important documents

## WHAT?/ WHERE?

- All call documents are available [here](#)
  - Regulations for selection of project applications
  - Regulation on the implementation of the EEA Grants 2014-2021
  - Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers
  - Guidelines for Applicants available
  - Guidelines for Evaluators available
  - Expected outcome indicators, outputs and output indicators
  - Etc.



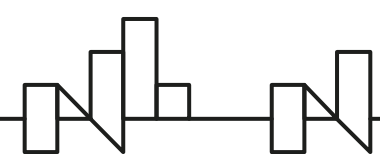
The screenshot displays the EEA Grants website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the text 'Iceland Liechtenstein Norway grants' and 'ABOUT GRANTS PROJECT SEARCH CONTACTS'. Below this is a grid of ten program categories, each with an icon and a title: ALL PROGRAMMS, RESEARCH AND EDUCATION, LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE, INTERNATIONAL POLICE COOPERATION, ACTIVE CITIZENS FUND, CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT, SOCIAL DIALOG-DECENT WORK, and FUND FOR BILATERAL RELATIONS. A secondary navigation bar includes 'About program', 'Project contests', 'Documents', 'Approved projects', 'Project stories', 'Events', and 'News'. The main content area shows a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Research and Education > Documents > Documents and guidelines for the 2020 call of proposal'. The title 'Documents' is prominently displayed. Below the title, there are two expandable sections. The first is 'Programme Agreement' with a right-pointing arrow. The second is 'Documents and guidelines for the 2020 call of proposal' with a downward-pointing arrow. Under the second section, there is a sub-section titled 'Regulations for selection of project applications'. It contains a document icon labeled 'Regulation' and a green 'Download' button.



# Consultations

## WHAT?/ WHEN?

- **Questions:** [herberts.bucenieks@viaa.gov.lv](mailto:herberts.bucenieks@viaa.gov.lv), [laura.gulbe@viaa.gov.lv](mailto:laura.gulbe@viaa.gov.lv) or [info@viaa.gov.lv](mailto:info@viaa.gov.lv)
- Questions and answers will also be published on the FAQ section [here](#)



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