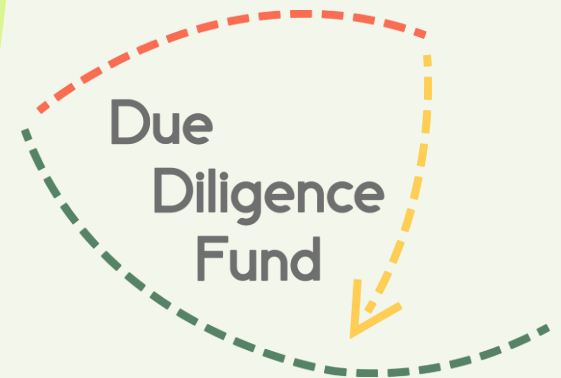
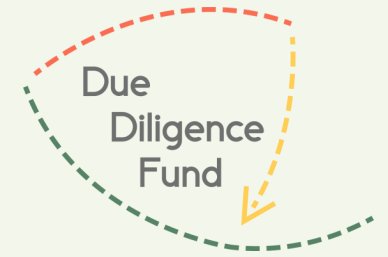


Due Diligence Fund

Q&A for the 5th Call for Proposals



Due Diligence Fund



Goal & Strategy

To support the fulfilment of **human rights and environmental due diligence (HREDD)** in agricultural supply chains by

- piloting **promising, innovative, sector-wide** project ideas
- deriving **good practices, adaptable instruments** and **methods**
- disseminating **lessons learnt**

What we offer

50k€ - 250k€ funding for up to **18 months**

Guidance throughout project development and implementation

Vast **network** to share your lessons learnt

What we are looking for

Project ideas that foster the **implementation of HREDD** with a focus on **primary producers**

Partnerships between **commercial actors from EU+, OECD DAC countries** and/or **public-interest partner**

An **own contribution** of 50% of project volume (with discounts for SMEs)

Who can apply?

Consortia consisting of:

■ *one or more* **Commercial Partner(s) (EU+):**

- ✓ Private sector company registered in **EU, EEA, UK or Switzerland**
- ✓ Financial contribution according to enterprise size (25-100% funding sum)

■ *and either* **Commercial Partner(s) (Local):**

- ✓ Private sector company registered in **a DAC-listed country**

■ *and/or* **Public-Interest Partner(s)**

- ✓ Institution/organization/corporation with public-interest status (no geographic restrictions)

Technical eligibility for commercial partners:

- active in *production, processing, distribution or enabling services* in the agricultural sector
- can **cause, contribute to**, or be **directly linked** to adverse impacts
- have **leverage** over these impacts

Further supporting entities are welcome!

For further eligibility criteria please check our **Terms & Conditions, section I.**

What projects are we looking for?

Project Scope

EU-Relevance

- traded in the EU Single Market

On-site Measures

- in one or more of the OECD DAC-listed countries, involving of those **directly affected** or their legitimate representatives

Due Diligence Logic

- better fulfilment of corporate **HREDD**
- special regard to one or several **central due diligence processes**
- activities designed to **prevent or mitigate** previously identified risks or **strengthen** sectoral or regional due diligence initiatives

Beyond Compliance

- beyond applicable legal obligations, e.g. EUDR, CSDDD or relevant national legislation

Previously Funded Projects

Round 4

Kenya: Macadamia farmers' participation in HRDD: Addressing the living income gap

- Commodity: Macadamia nuts
- Region: Kenya, Tharaka Nithi County
- Target group: 2.000 smallholder farming families, 1 farmer association, 8 companies process nuts and dried fruit
- GIZ Funding: EUR 122.110
- Partner Funding: EUR 120.790
- Project Period: 01/2026 – 03/2027
- Implementing Parties:
Bakka AG (Bakka Products) is a Swiss based company specialized in the marketing of organic products

Funding and own contribution

- Two funding windows:

A) EUR 50.000 to EUR 124.999

B) EUR 125.000 to EUR 250.000 → for projects with higher requirements in terms of *governance*, *scalability*, and *impact*. Includes audit

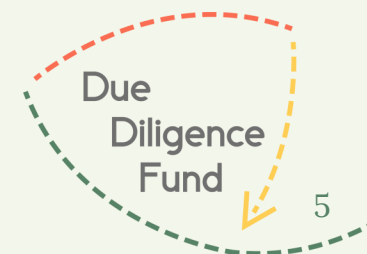
- Level of own contribution (cash and in-kind*):

| Category | Number of employees | Net turnover in EUR per year | Level of own contribution | Example (minimum contribution) |
|----------|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 1 (SME) | up to 249 | up to 50 million | at least 25% of DDF funding | EUR 100.000 DDF funding, EUR 25.000 own funding |
| 2 | up to 1000 | up to 450 million | at least 50% of DDF funding | EUR 100.000 DDF funding, EUR 50.000 own funding |
| 3 | above 1000 | above 450 million | at least 100% of DDF funding | EUR 100.000 DDF funding, EUR 100.000 own funding |

- Required by **Commercial Partners (EU+)**, depends on largest partner

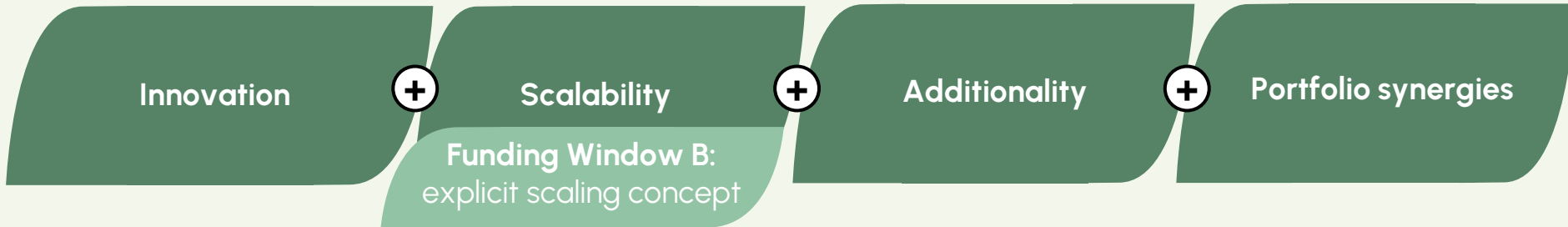
Special provisions apply for e.g. local commercial partners with an affiliation to EU companies (see *Terms & Conditions section 1.3 and 4*)

- Funding recipient:** either Commercial Partner (Local) or Public-Interest Partner

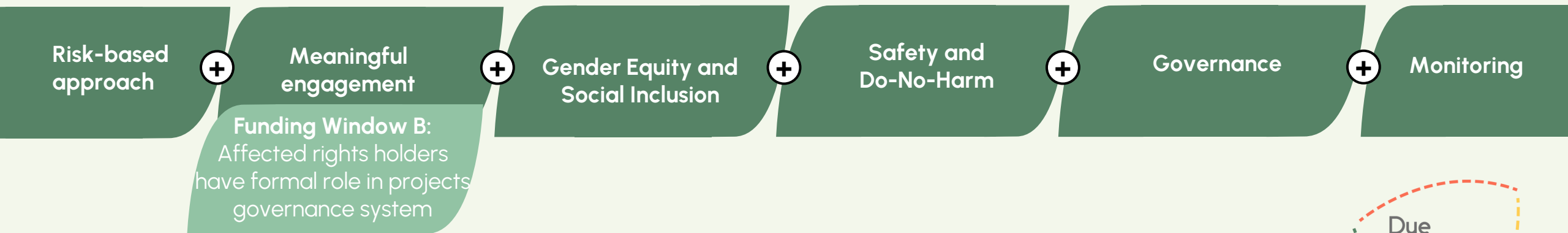


Criteria for project selection

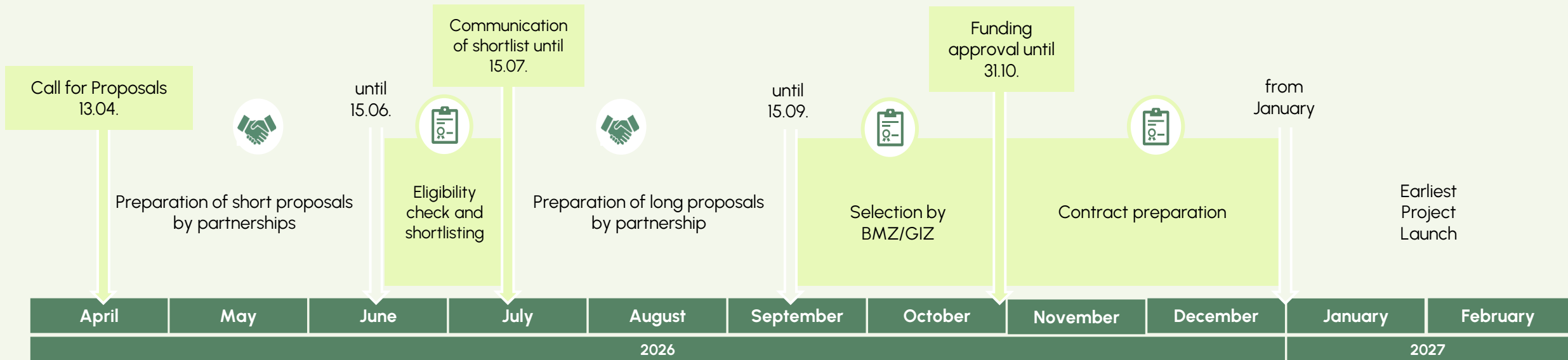
Overarching criteria:



Criteria regarding project design and implementation :



Application timeline



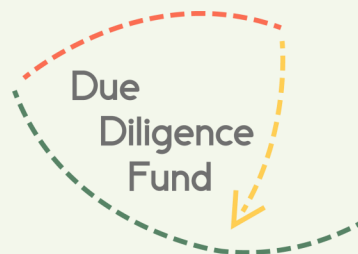
Selection Process by GIZ/BMZ



Partnerships



Do not hesitate to get in touch with us **before June 15**



Next steps



1. Get inspiration

- From our previously [funded projects](#)
- and our [Learning Report](#)



2. Review the essential application documents

- [Terms and Conditions](#)
- Templates Short Proposal



3. Prepare you application

- Check out our FAQs, Checklist and reach out in case of further questions



4. Submit your application

- Submit all documents via email to: ddf@giz.de until **15 June (23:59 CEST)**

