Criterion	Statement	Indicators
Impartiality	***"The issue does not privilege a specific demographic group, nationality, or attitude, without scientific justification."***	1. Affects/involves majority of Member States (MS) of the European Union (EU) 2. Strengthens capacity building and/or networking on EU level 3. Reduces inequities or variations in public health practice among MS
Resources	***"It makes (economic) sense to address this issue at the EU level and to focus available resources (funds, staff, and expertise) on this."***	1. Saves MS resources when coordinated/performed at EU level 2. Aims to provide more cost-effective intervention than existing ones 3. Benefits relative to investments
Impact	***"This issue has a relevant positive (short- or long-term) health impact on one or more specific populations."***	1. Applicability 2. Preventive potential to decrease disease, disability or death 3. Addresses knowledge and/or methodological gap
Significance	***"This is a priority issue for Europe that needs to be addressed by ECDC within the next 1-3 years, and will not be addressed at the national level."***	1. Emerging or escalating public health issue on EU level 2. Burden of disease/relevance to public health 3. High demand as expressed by stakeholders/high risk perception

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I	1	**Affects/involves majority of MS**	Not of any concern for my country, neither directly nor indirectly	Partly or indirectly of concern for my country	Of straight concern for my country
	2	**Strengthens capacity building and/or networking in MS**	Does not develop or support relevant capacities or networks	Probably develops or supports relevant capacities or networks	Cleary develops relevant capacities or network
	3	**Reducing inequities or variations in public health practice among MS**	Variations or inequities among MS are unlikely or not addressed by the project	Variations or inequities are probable and addressed by the project	Variations or inequities are definitely present and addressed by the project
R	4	**Saves MS resources when coordinated/performed at the EU level**	Our decision whether to spend any money and time on this issues is independent of ECDC's activities	ECDC's activities will probably save money and time spend on this issue	ECDC's activities will definitely save money and time spend on this issue
	5	**Aims to provide more cost-effective intervention than existing ones**	Project does not address cost-effectiveness issues	Project does partly address cost-effectiveness issues	Project does address cost-effectiveness issues
	6	**Benefits relative to investments**	Investments are unjustly high when compared to foreseen benefits	Investments are adequate when compared to foreseen benefits	Investments are excellent when compared to foreseen benefits
I	7	**Applicability**	Unlikely to be translated into PH policy or intervention	Will probably influence/guide PH policy or intervention	Will most likely influence/guide PH policy or intervention
	8	**Preventive potential to decrease disease, disability, or death**	Low preventive potential or the project does not support prevention methods/guidance	Moderate preventive potential or the project fairly support prevention methods/ guidance	High preventive potential or the project clearly supports prevention methods/guidance
	9	**Addresses knowledge and/or methodological gap**	Strategies are well-established; no need for significant modification/improvement	Strategies are partially established, and the project will foster modifications/improvements	Strategies are not or weakly established, and the project will foster modifications/improvements
S	10	**Emerging or escalating public health issue on EU level**	This public health topic is not emerging/escalating/of growing importance	This public health topic is likely emerging/escalating/of growing importance	This public health topic is clearly emerging/escalating/of growing importance
	11	**Burden of disease/relevance to PH**	Low burden/public health relevance	Moderate burden/public health relevance	High burden/public health relevance
	12	**High demand as expressed by stakeholders/high risk perception**	Risk perception by general public is low and it is not high on political agenda	Risk perception by general public is moderate and informal political expectations/agenda is present	Risk perception by general public is high or it is explicitly high on political agenda