

## **Criteria for the approval of construction projects**

The following **development policy and economic criteria** are applied when assessing the eligibility of applications for construction projects:

1. **The project is part of a medium to long-term funding concept.**  
In principle, however, only one-off construction projects that are not part of a concept can be financed.
2. **The project cannot be financed by other donors.**  
A check of the personal contribution is required.
3. **The project is a prerequisite for the successful work of a partner.**  
The necessity of the construction measure for the required project work must be described (e.g. in the health sector, craft training, etc.).  
Curative, but often also preventative health and training work, for example, can only be carried out in stable buildings.
4. **It must be possible to ensure the maintenance of the new construction project, but also of the existing buildings** (annual budget for building maintenance, running costs, depreciation).
5. **The right of ownership and disposal of the land must be ensured** (e.g. by means of legal cadastral and/or land register extracts or similar documents).
6. **It must be possible to guarantee that the property will be used for 10 years.**  
For example, the building may not be rededicated as a church. For projects with a grant amount of less than EUR50,000, the utilisation commitment must not be 10 but only 5 years.
7. **The project is suitable for reducing the partner's running costs.**  
In the case of new construction projects and property purchases, a comparative calculation must always be submitted showing the economic viability of the new construction project or property purchase compared to a possible rental property. For income-generating construction projects (guest houses, conference centres, seminar rooms, etc.), a profitability calculation must be submitted. BfdW provides a calculation table/economic efficiency sheet as an aid for this purpose.

8. **The project is part of the partner's institutional sustainability strategy.**

Proceed as described under point 7.

9. **The building is part of a strategy to generate own funds.**

Proceed as described under point 7.

In addition to these development policy and economic assessment criteria, further **construction** criteria apply:

10. **The concept and functionality of the design must sensibly incorporate the intended use.**

This requires clear space requirements planning. The operational programme must justify the building. The local requirements for the minimum standard in accordance with the generally applicable rules of technology must be taken into account. For fire protection, occupational health and safety and accessibility, the principle of higher quality must be applied while maintaining proportionality. Furthermore, care must be taken to utilise the site as ecologically as possible (preservation of existing vegetation, replanting and reforestation where necessary, low surface sealing).

11. **The construction costs must be proportionate to the utilisation.**

There should be no prestige buildings.

12. **The construction and selected building materials should ensure the greatest possible durability and be achieved using local materials.**

13. **Professional planning, awarding, realisation and monitoring of the construction project as well as regular reporting must be ensured by the executing agency.**

Preliminary work, such as planning costs, can be billed via the project. (cost group 5/additional costs)

14. **The building should be adapted to the climatic conditions; energy-efficient and climate-adapted construction should be taken into account.**

Renewable energies and sustainable building technology should be used (water management, rainwater utilisation, photovoltaics, natural air conditioning, etc.).

15. **Whenever possible, the construction project should strengthen the local or regional economy.**

Opportunities to qualify local tradespeople should be explored, for example by training young, disadvantaged people as tradespeople as part of the construction project.