Short-**listing of potential awardees.** Under this option, the responsible National Agency screens projects that meet the eligibility and selection criteria and have received a sufficiently high quality score on their final project report. Subsequently, the National Agency contacts the short-listed projects to collect an expression of their interest to take part in the EITA selection, based on the award criteria and further elements (provision of targeted information, particular outputs and promotional materials, etc.). The definitive list of projects to be awarded with EITA in the respective categories is drawn by the National Agency based on both the preliminary and additional information received.

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