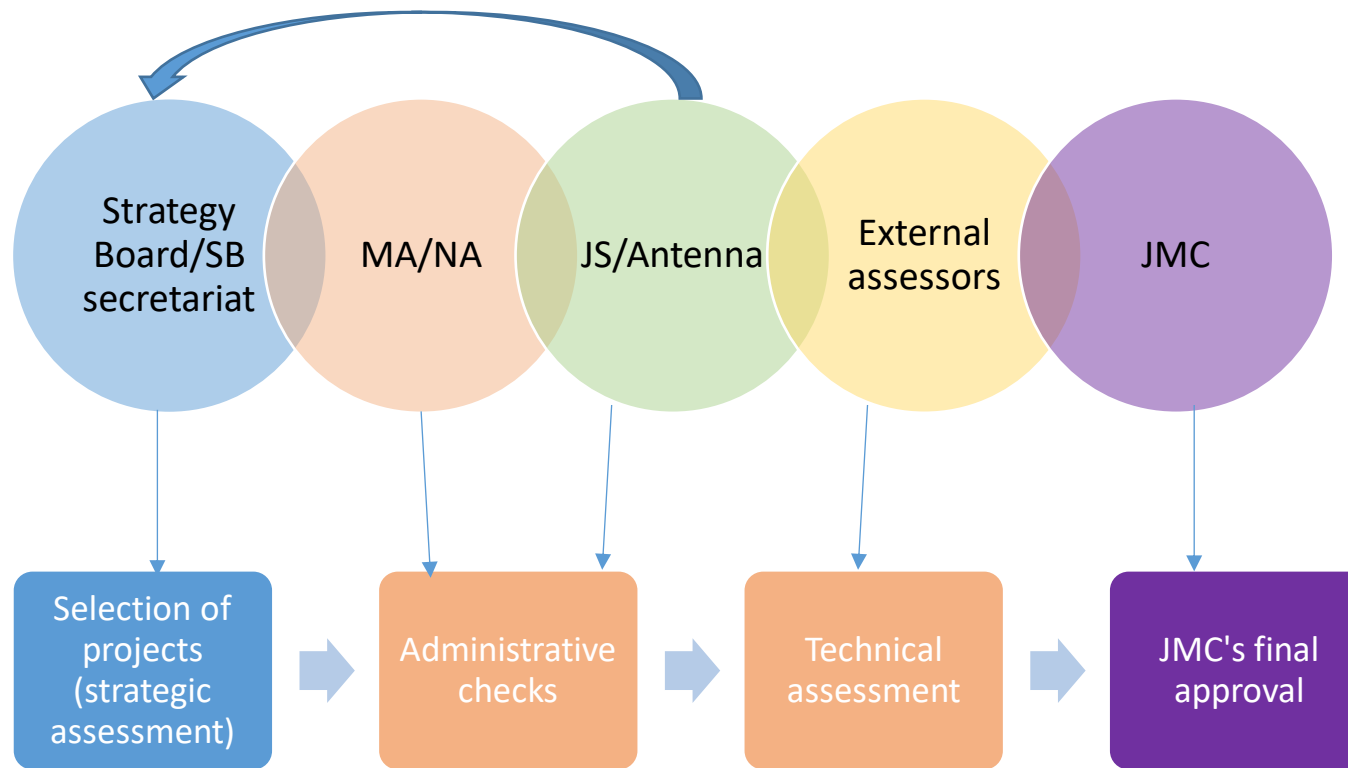**A DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR ORGANIZATION OF THE SELECTION PROCESS OF PO5 PROJECTS**

(CBC IPA Bulgaria-Serbia, CBC IPA Bulgaria-North Macedonia, CBC IPA Bulgaria-Turkey)

PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

- Strategy Board/SB secretariat
- MA/NA
- JS/Antenna
- External assessors
- JMC

- Selection of projects (strategic assessment)
- Administrative checks
- Technical assessment
- JMC's final approval

OVERALL STRUCTURE OF THE SELECTION PROCESS

Strategic assessment

- The SB Secretariat (made up of JS and other programme bodies staff) carry out strategic assessment against a grid of few strategic criteria that are different from the technical assessment criteria. The idea is to have more strategic criteria to avoid concentration of proposals scored equally;
- Ranking list of scored projects in descendent order is produced until the budget is exhausted (incl. 50% back up projects);
- SB members give coefiecient (among three options, for instance 0.5, 0.75, 1.0) againts the criterion "Contribution to TS objectives" to proposals from the strategic ranking list;
- Ranking list of selected projects for funding is produced
- Complaint procedure is open

Admin checks

- While complaint procedure on the results of the strategic assessment ongoes, the Assessment working group (made up of MA/NA/JS staff + external experts) does all administrative checks of only those proposals who are on the SB ranking list of selected projects;
- Updated ranking list of selected projects for funding is produced

Tech assessment

- The external assessors do the technical assessment of proposals, in a 'yes/no' evaluation grid, from the updated ranking list of selected projects for funding
- The Assessment Working Group does the budget optimisation, state aid check, on-the spot visit etc.
- A final ranking list of selected projects for funding is produced (ranking by output idicators);
- Complaint procedure is open

JMC

- JMC agrees and approves the final ranking list of selected projects