

# Commentary on candidate 2 evidence

**Project title:** Lithuania's transition from closed to open economy and FDI impact on its economic growth after the collapse of the Soviet Union

## Project proposal

The project outline is expansive and described clearly the two areas that the candidate planned to look at and how they will go about it in a clear and methodical manner. They included how connections will be made between subject knowledge and the wider world. The candidate's enthusiasm for the project is already evident.

The candidate identified who they think will be interested in seeing the results from the project, and clearly explained why they have chosen to carry out this project, considering personal interest, future plans and links to their other subjects.

The expansion of all of the broad contexts has been carried out, and although not all need to be considered, each statement is completely relevant.

The candidate provided evidence of a range of learning environments being considered in the development of the project. Subject knowledge has been well documented and this will clearly be used and expanded upon in carrying out the project.

The skills section has been completed in detail and is all relevant to the project and what the candidate hopes to gain from completing it. The feedback given by the assessor, although brief, was very positive and encouraging.

In the assessor's report, the assessor awarded all C and A grade criteria. The assessor's comments in the assessor report are general and could have linked in more detail as to how the evidence was obtained for awarding all grading criteria.

## Project plan

The timescales were given in a Gantt chart which is sufficiently detailed and is included as a separate document. The candidate included each stage of the project, clearly identified where each had to be completed before the next stage could begin and where stages overlapped.

The candidate completed the planning section, linking in with the Gantt chart and explained how the project will be carried out. The planned resources and research methods have been identified and how these will be used has been documented.

The candidate planned to present to different groups, all of which are relevant and will develop the skills of the candidate. They have stated the use of PowerPoint for this project but other methods of presentation could also have been considered.

Only two dependencies were identified, however these were supported by the timescales in the Gantt chart and planning section. Contingencies were all relevant to the project and took into consideration the needs of the companies to be contacted.

In the assessor's report, the assessor awarded all C and A grade criteria with supporting comments.

## Presentation of project findings/product

The candidate created a poster instead of the planned presentation, as they recognised that a visual presentation would help the audience. The candidate still carried out the presentation using a PowerPoint. They clearly explained the reason for these methods.

The candidate used the template guidance and the assessor report to help them structure the report on the presentation of project findings/product. The assessor comments in the assessor report, while extensive, could have supported the awarding of each of the criteria.

In the assessor's report, the assessor awarded all of the C and A grade criteria with supporting comments.

## Evaluation of the project

The candidate carried out an honest and incisive evaluation, addressing strengths and weaknesses of the project. The candidate carefully considered the effectiveness of communication throughout the project, using methods such as telephone, email and questionnaires, and evaluated these as the project developed.

All of the C and A grade criteria have been awarded with supporting comments in the assessor report.

## Self-evaluation

The candidate carried out an insightful and balanced self-evaluation linking back to the broad contexts from the proposal. Each section was well considered and they have used the italicised guidance to help them keep their input relevant. Their personal skills development has been evaluated well and it is clear that the candidate gained a great deal from carrying out this project.

All of the C and A grade criteria have been awarded with supporting comments in the assessor report.

## Overview

This is a good example of a truly interdisciplinary project. The candidate made good use of the assistance provided within the template when inputting information. The assessor comments throughout were very useful in providing insight into the process the candidate followed and in some sections providing justification for awarding criteria. This project is a strong A grade.