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Horizon Europe

Life Sciences

New opportunities for widening countries

Recommendations to the applicants from the expert evaluators

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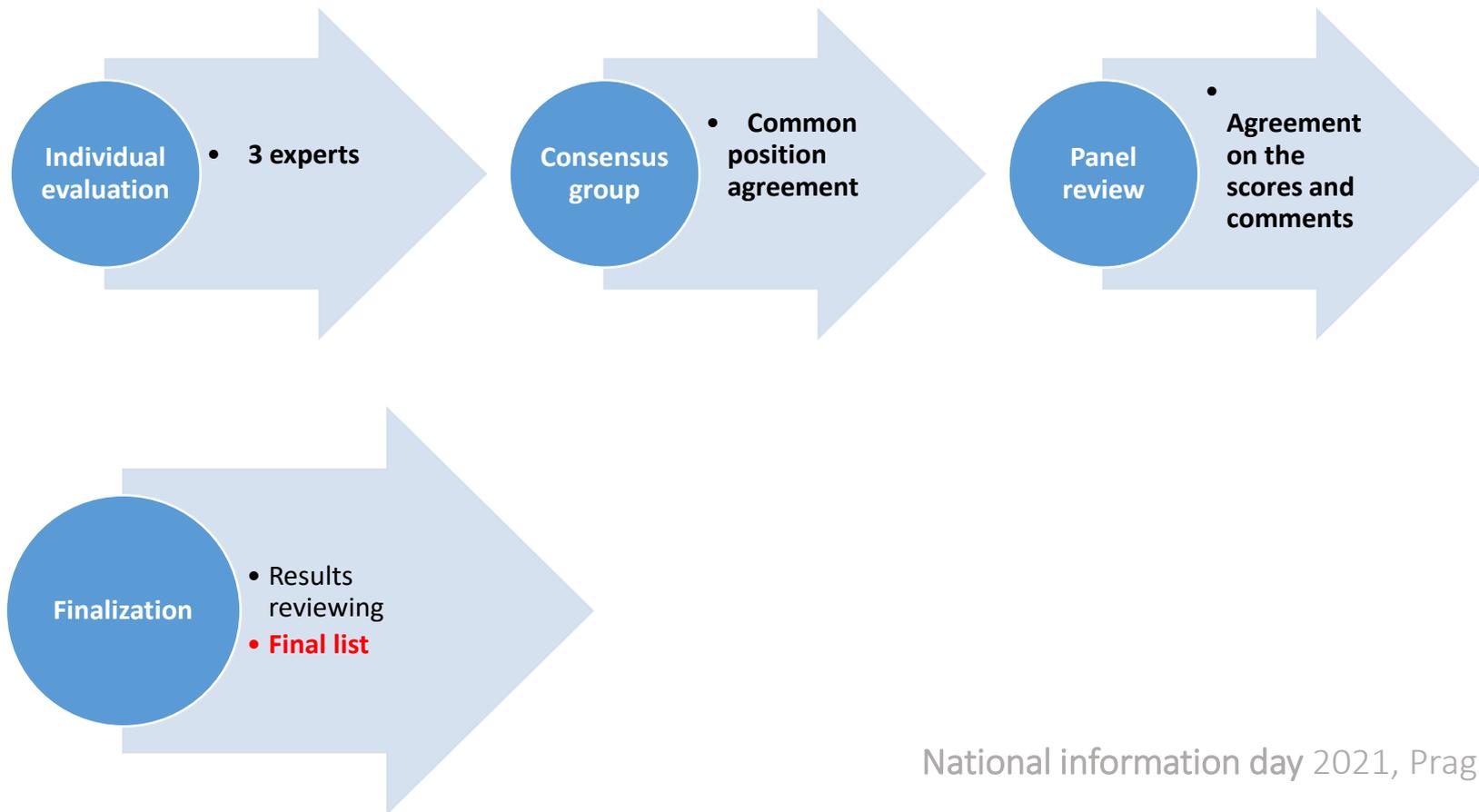


was designed to

- **remove barriers** to innovation,
- establish **fairer conditions** with international partners,
- **enhance the impact** of research and innovation,
- **support better dissemination** of excellent knowledge and technology.

Standard evaluation process

Involvement of experts in the evaluation process



Good practices & common mistakes from the evaluator perspective

Excellence / Strengths

Project

- Well balanced with **the project capabilities**
- Objectives **clearly described** + logically planned and **refer to the scope of the call**

Innovative methods/technology

- **Ambitious, realistic and comprehensive** proposal
- **New** methods/technology
- **Replicability** of the results

Ambition of the project

- **Engagement of different regions**
- **Follow-up activities**/plans
- Well justified + proofed by **references**

Good practices & common mistakes from the evaluator perspective

Excellence / Weaknesses

Project

- **Inconsistent** with the scope
- **Unrealistic** (overly or unambitious) **goals**
- **Limited** trans-disciplinarity

Innovative methods/technology

- **Described in rather general or insufficient ways**
- Proposed approach is **not in line with ambitions of the project**

Ambition of the project

- **Over ambitious targets** at the limited time scale
- The ambitions of the project are **difficult to assess**
- **limited** or not **beyond the state-of-the-art**

Good practices & common mistakes from the evaluator perspective

Impact / Strengths

Expected impacts

- Well outlined
- Proposed **measures for exploitation, dissemination and communication** of the project results are extensive and **adequate**

Potential

- High potential to enable **new knowledge integration and transfer**
- High potential to enhance **innovation capacity**

IPR

- Properly addressed, with a convincing description and **IPR strategy**

Good practices & common mistakes from the evaluator perspective

Impact / Weaknesses

Expected impacts

- Impact **after** the project: **questionable**
- Limited generation of **new** knowledge
- Limited engagement of **stakeholders**

Potential

- **Quantification of impacts** insufficiently justified
- **Impact measurement** missing/insufficient
- Impact addressed in very **narrow scale**

IPR

- **Lack of detailed IPR management**

Good practices & common mistakes from the evaluator perspective

Implementation / Strengths

Consortium

- Good **balanced** between expertise
- **Complementarity** between the participants
- **Experienced** coordinator

Management of the project

- **Focused**, transparent
- Work plan + WPs: **coherent and complementary**
- Expected **deliverables**: presented in a detail

Budget

- **Justified** + detailed
- Resources: planned + **properly** distributed

Good practices & common mistakes from the evaluator perspective

Implementation / Weaknesses

Consortium

- Poorly **ballanced** between expertise
- **Lack of complementarity** between the participants
- **Unexperienced** coordinator

Management of the project

- **Risk management**: inadequately addressed
- Work Plan + WPs: **mistakes**, e.g. too complicated, overlaps, missing interconnections between WPs
- Milestones + deliverables not **aligned** with WP

Budget

- Not in **accordance** with ambitions of the project
- Not ballanced or **overestimated**

Real example of an applicant's proposal **NOT supported** by an evaluator

SWOT analysis

Common mistakes :

- general inconclusive description
- general phrases
- missing or insufficient justification
- editorial errors

D1.1 SWOT analysis

Section 1.1 describes and sufficiently describes the weaknesses.

Section 1.3 **does not describe the strengths to the extent necessary, no justification is provided.**

Formal inconsistency identified:

The first sentence erroneously refers to section 1.2, instead of section 1.4.

Hints & Ticks

- **analyse** the call text in depth beforehand
- ensure that **your project is exactly aligned** with the objectives of the programme and the specificities of the topic
- do not recycle old projects but **propose innovations and novelties** by exploiting their results and synergies with existing projects
- define objectives **clearly**
- **be ambitious, but stay realistic**
- choose **appropriate** methodology

Be aware of

- general **inconclusive description**
- general **phrases**
- missing or insufficient **justification**
- editorial/or other **errors**

Thank you for your attention

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