

ELE2 – FSTP – SRIA Contribution Projects Open Call Call Documentation – Annex 4 – Evaluation Criteria

Eligibility Criteria

Formal Requirements

| Criterion | Evaluation | |
|-----------------------|---|----------|
| Language | Proposal is in English in all required parts. | Yes / No |
| Submission | Proposal delivered on time. | Yes / No |
| Declaration on Honour | Declaration on Honour is signed. | Yes / No |
| Legal Status | Applicant is a research organisation or NGO or incorporated association or company. | Yes / No |
| Country | Applicant is legally established in EU Member State. | Yes / No |
| Number of Proposals | Maximum of 10 proposals per applicant, maximum one for each topic 1-10. | Yes / No |
| Conflict of Interest | No conflict of interest. | Yes / No |

Formal requirements check is the first step in the evaluation process. It will be checked prior to further evaluation. If one of the formal requirements is not fulfilled, the proposal is rejected. Formal requirements are described in full detail in the call documentation.

Eligibility criteria

| Criterion | Evaluation | |
|--------------------|--|----------|
| Uniqueness | No similar project or technology exists. | Yes / No |
| Relevance for SRIA | Match of the actual proposal to the selected topic 1-10. | Yes / No |

Eligibility criteria are checked by two evaluators. If the evaluation of these criteria differ, the FSTP Project Board will decide. If one of the eligibility criteria is not fulfilled, the proposal is rejected.

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Evaluation Criteria

| Criterion | Evaluation | Weight | Points |
|------------------------------|--|--------|--------------------------|
| Objective fit | Will the project contribute in a significant way to the overall success and uptake of the strategic agenda? | 5 | 0 / 3 / 7 / 10 points |
| Feasibility | Are the planned activities feasible and will they lead to the fulfilment of the project outputs? | 2 | 0 / 3 / 7 / 10 points |
| Innovativeness | Is the proposed technical approach innovative (for projects based on innovative technical solutions) or is the proposed contribution to the SRIA innovative (for projects based on innovative approach to the SRIA)? | 2 | 0 / 3 / 7 / 10 points |
| Impact | Is the desired impact and benefit of the project relevant for ELE 2 project objectives? | 3 | 0 / 3 / 7 / 10 points |
| Budget adequacy ¹ | Does the budget correspond to all planned activities and outputs? ² | 1 | 0 / 3 / 7 / 10 points |
| | Is the budget well explained and justified? | | |

| Rating Scale – Criteria fulfilment | | |
|------------------------------------|---|--|
| 0 points | Not at all | |
| | The proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information. | |
| 3 points | Limited | |
| | The criterion is inadequately addressed or there are significant weaknesses. | |
| 7 points | Good | |
| | The proposal addresses the criterion well, but some shortcomings are present. | |
| 10 points | Excellent | |
| | The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion, any shortcomings are minor. | |

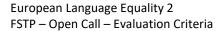
All project proposals are evaluated independently by two FSTP Project Board members (evaluators). Each evaluator will evaluate all individual criteria and assign points. The points from both evaluators are then summed up by criterion. Points by criterion are then multiplied by the criterion's weight and summed up in order to get the proposal's overall score.

Example: Proposal XY gets from each evaluator full points in all criteria (10 * 2 = 20 points per criterion). The points by criteria are then multiplied by the criterion's weight (objective fit: 20 points * 5, feasibility: 20 points * 2, innovativeness: 20 points * 2, impact: 20 points * 3, budget adequacy: 20 points * 1,). The overall score of proposal XY after the evaluation from experts is 260 points.

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¹ The FSTP Project Board will separately check if the budget fulfils all the budget requirements set out in the Call documentation.

² Evaluators can propose budget changes. ELE 2





The FSTP Project Board can change the total number of points assigned to a proposal in the range of at most 40 points (up or down) of all the points the proposal received from the evaluators.

The total overall score of an individual proposal is 300 points: maximum 260 points from evaluators + maximum 40 points from FSTP Project Board.

For each topic 1-10 the FSTP Project Board will select one proposal which scores the most points from all proposals submitted to this given topic (if there is no proposal submitted to the given topic or the proposal with the most points in given topic received less than 182 points, no proposal will be selected for this topic). The FSTP Project Board will then rank these (maximum 10) selected proposals in descending order and decide how many projects will be accepted for funding. If all of these selected proposals are accepted for funding other proposals (ranked in descending order) can be selected for funding up to the remaining budget.

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