

Building and writing a competitive Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Network (ITN) project proposal

Module 2 Evaluation Criteria and Process

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“Don’t tell them we failed. Tell them we decided to temporarily postpone our success.”

What are the ETN evaluation criteria?

Award Criterion	Threshold	Weight	Priority if ex-aequo
Excellence	n/a	50%	1
Impact	n/a	30%	2
Implementation	n/a	20%	3
Total	70%		

Scoring in 3 criteria!!!

What is Excellence about?

Brussels English	Plain English
Quality, innovative aspects and credibility of the research programme (including inter/multidisciplinary and intersectoral aspects).	Your project should be innovative; responding to a concrete (industrial) challenge; with social impact for EU citizens; should relate disciplines in a complementary way.
Quality and innovative aspects of the training programme (including transferable skills, inter/multidisciplinary and intersectoral aspects).	The training programme should be coherent including technological, business and entrepreneurship skills; it should provide the ESRs a good opportunity to get a job.
Quality of the supervision.	ESRs should count with qualified supervisors; supervision should implement ways to be measured and evaluated.
Quality of the proposed interaction between the participating organisations.	The consortium should act co-ordinately and not working in silos. Secondments should have a reason why. Industry and academia should act complementarily.



What is Impact about?

Brussels English

Enhancing research- and innovation-related human resources, skills, and working conditions to realise the potential of individuals and to provide new career perspectives.

Contribution to structuring doctoral/early-stage research training at the European level and to strengthening European innovation capacity, including the potential for:

meaningful contribution of the non-academic sector to the doctoral/research training, as appropriate to the implementation mode and research field.

Effectiveness of the proposed measures for communication and dissemination of results.

Plain English

The overall project and specially each of the ESRs' individual projects and training should not have only a PhD as a goal. They should enhance their skills and opportunities for the job market.

Academic training is important but as well providing training that future industrial professional will need and industry will demand. As well provide skills and training for future entrepreneurs. Industrial partners should not play a decorative role in the project.

Make sure that you elaborate a concrete and measurable dissemination plan reaching all audiences, from specialists to general public. Explain with concrete examples, figures and cases how the results will be exploited.

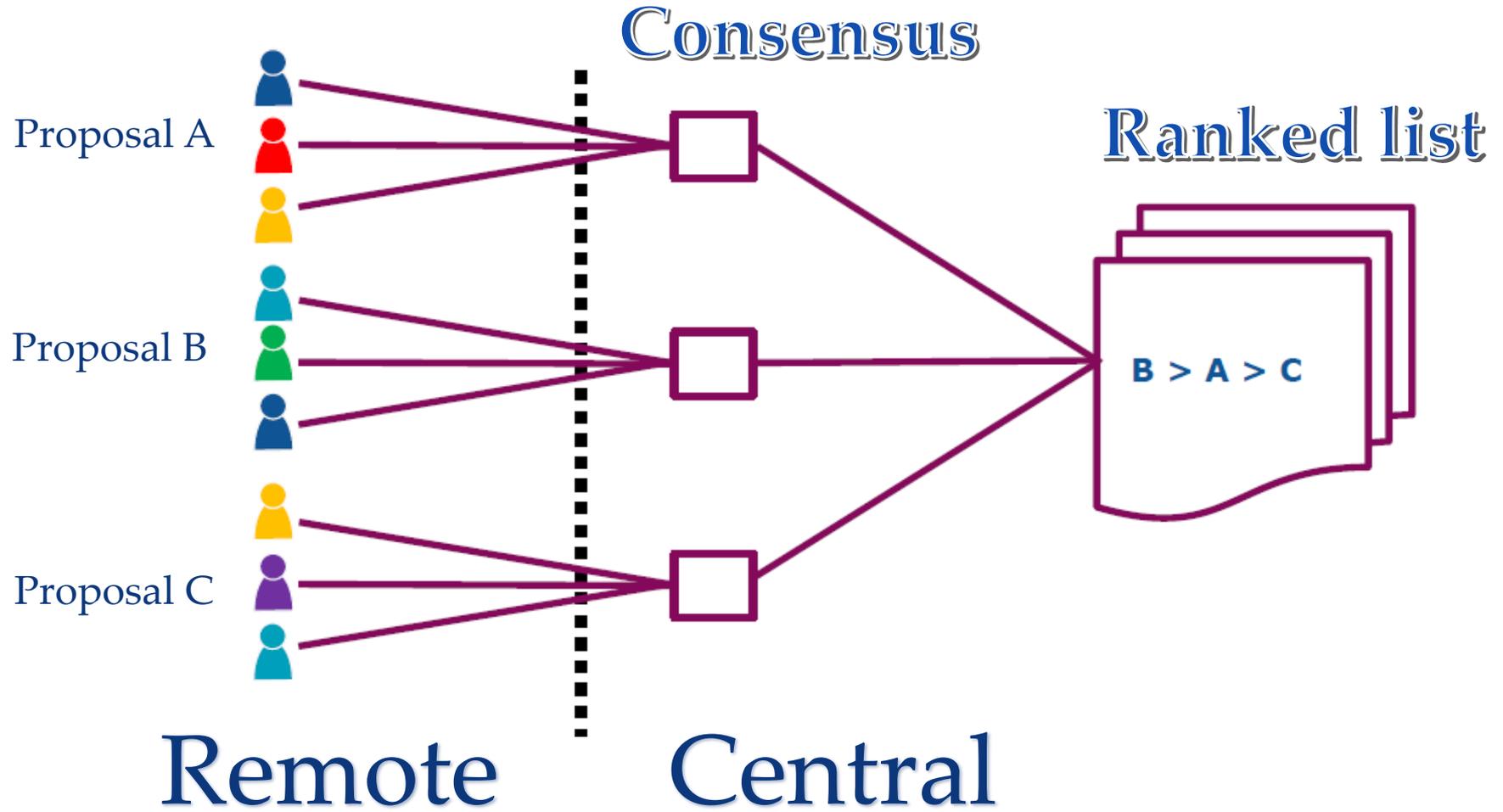


What is Implementation about?

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Overall coherence and effectiveness of the work plan, including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources.	The Work Packages must have an articulate structure as well as the individual projects of the ESRs; both should be coherent. Allocation of ESRs and secondments should follow the logic of the project.
Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including quality management and risk management.	Every project requires its own management structure: don't copy/paste from others. Be simple in the management structure so it allows clear reporting lines, agile decision taking and clear responsibilities in case of conflict. Define well the risks and a clear and precise mitigation strategy. Consider technical and non-technical risks.
Appropriateness of the infrastructure of the participating organisations.	Make sure that each partner has the capacity and resources to recruit, host and/or train the ESRs allocated to it.
Competences, experience and complementarity of the participating organisations and their commitment to the programme.	The overall consortium should have complementary skills and resources both from the technical point of view and the training of non-technical aspects. Only then the ESRs will fully benefit from the project.



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Evaluation Panels

- Chemistry (CHE)
- Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)
- Economic Sciences (ECO)
- Information Science and Engineering (ENG)
- Environment and Geosciences (ENV)
- Life Sciences (LIF)
- Mathematics (MAT)
- Physics (PHY)

ETN: 1 rank list per scientific panel



Thanks for your attention



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