



Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding

# Romanian Research Programme

EEA & Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021

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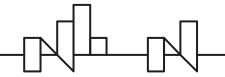
**Programme Coordinator** 

12th of June 2018 – Info-Day

Bucharest

- 1. Research Programme Generalities
- 2. Calls for proposals Open calls now!!!
- 3. EEA Grants Call for proposals 2018 –
  Collaborative Research Projects
  (guidelines)





# Research Programme

✓ Scope: Enhance research-based knowledge development

#### Generalities

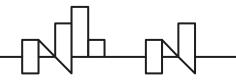
✓ Starting date: January 2018

Last date of eligibility: 31st of December 2024

(for projects, the last date for expenditures: 30th of April 2024)

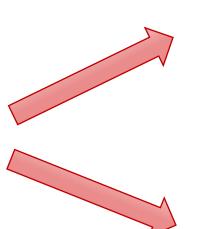
- ✓ Budget: 47.058.824 Euro
- ✓ DPPs: Research Council of Norway (RCN)

  Icelandic Centre for Research (RANNIS)



Enhanced performance of

Romanian research internationally



2 Calls for proposals for

Collaborative Research Projects

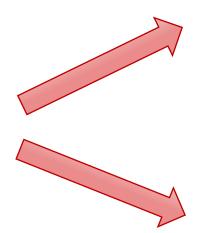
Small Grant Scheme (SGS-ERC)

#### Outcomes

Enhanced collaboration between

Romanian and Donors States entities

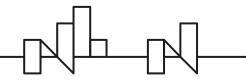
involved in the programme



Calls for Mobility Grants

Workshops of common interest on

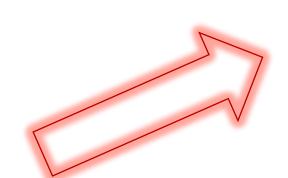
thematic areas



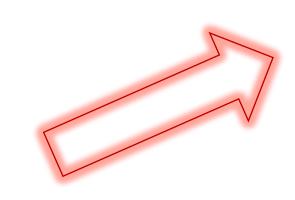


- ✓ No of joint articles submitted to peer-reviewed publications
- ✓ No of jointly registered applications for IPP
- ✓ No of joint applications for further funding
- ✓ No of jobs created
- ✓ No of bilateral institutional partnerships between DS and RO entities
- ✓ No of ERC applications sent by candidates supported by SGS
- ✓ No of researchers supported
- ✓ No of (pro) Roma organisations involved in projects



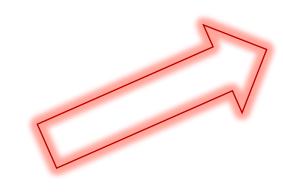


The key topic "Carbon capture and storage" (mandatory NO FM)

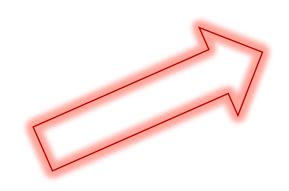


No less than 10% of the total eligible expenditures of the Programme shall be dedicated to projects falling primarily within key topic "Roma inclusion and empowerment"

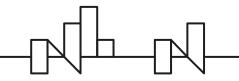
# Special concerns



The projects addressed gender studies and social inclusion studies should be reflected in the final list of projects receiving funding



Synergies with the Programmes: ex. "Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeships and Youth Entrepreneurship"





Call for proposals for CRP under EEA FM

Call timing: 2018

Call budget: 16.312.500 Euro

Call for proposals for CRP under NO FM

Call timing: 2019

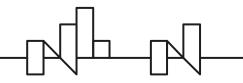
Call budget: 24.687.500 Euro

SGS (ERC)

launched under NO FM

Call timing: 2018 and 2019

Call budget: 2.500.000 Euro



# Open Calls now!!!

Call for proposals for Collaborative Research Projects under EEA FM

https://uefiscdi.ro/eea-grants-proiectecolaborative-de-cercetare

https://uefiscdi.ro/eea-grants-collaborative-research-projects

EEA Call for Mobility Grants (Fund for Bilateral Relations)

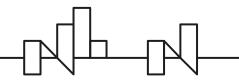
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Brokerage platform

https://eea.brokerage.uefiscdi-direct.ro



# EEA Grants Call for proposals 2018 (CRP)

- ✓ Launching date: 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2018
- ✓ Min/Max grant: 500.000 / 1.500.000 Euro

- Deadline for submission: 1st of October 2018
  - ✓ Max duration of a project: 48 months
- √ basic and applied research activities
- ✓ 6 thematic areas + associated key topics: energy (5); environment (5); health (4); social sciences and humanities including gender studies and social inclusion studies (6); ICT (3); biotechnology (4)

Note: the project proposal could cover up to 3 key topics; the main key topic must be under the main thematic area and other possible 2 key topics could be from other thematic areas

# Eligibility of PP, pp and PI

## ✓ Project Promoter (PP):

Research organizations, as defined in the Community Framework for State Aid for RDI (2014/C 198/01), established in RO

## ✓ Project Partners (pp):

Research organizations and companies (SMS and large enterprises) established in RO and NO, IS and LI (at least one from DS)

\* PP public institutions have the obligation to make public the intention to establish a partnership with private entities (from Romania and Donor States)

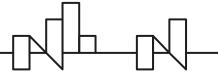
# ✓ Principal Investigator (PI):

Project coordinator

PhD in the field of the project

Employed full time in the RO PP

PI for one single proposal



#### **Documents**

Iceland Liechtenstein Norway Norway grants grants

Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development

The EEA Grants CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2018 - Collaborative Research Projects

**Call Document** 

The Call Document is based on Guideline for Research Programmes - Rules for the establishment and implementation of programmes falling under the Programme Area "Research" and the "Regulation on the implementation of the European Economic Area (EEA) Financial Mechanism 2014-2021".

The Romanian - EEA Research Programme

2014 - 2021

Guide for Applicants

Licotenstein in Norway grants

For financing the RD projects within the Programme (RO 02) financed through EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 and Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021

State aid scheme

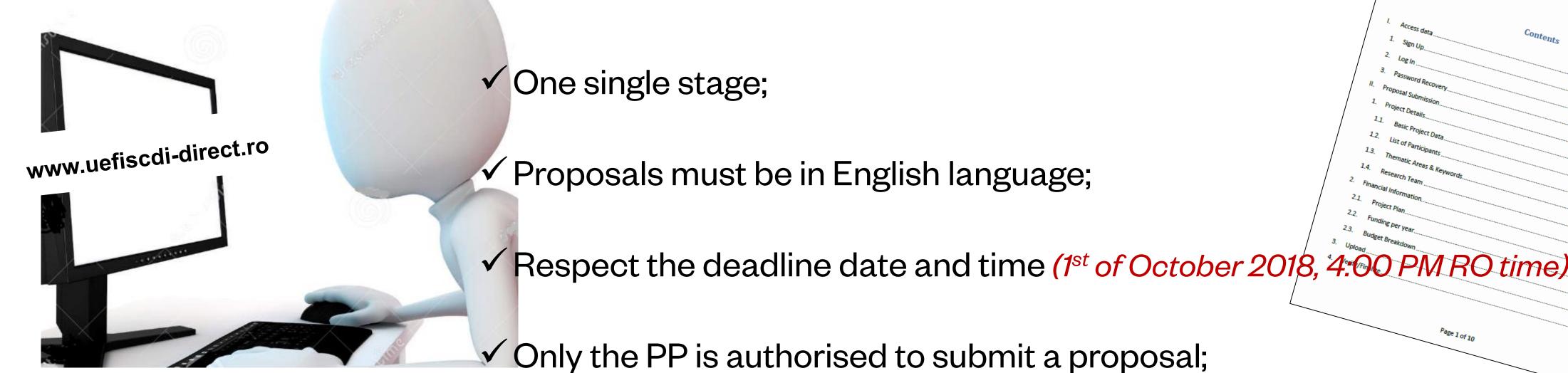
- Scope of application
- 2. Obiectives
- 3. Legal framework
- 4. Administration
- 5. Definitions
- Beneficiaries
- Conditions and criteria
- 8. Duration of the State aid scheme
- 9. Budget of the State aid scheme
- 10. Eligibility
- 11. State aid intensity
- 12. Eligible costs (expenditures)
- 13. Cumulation
- 14. Incentive effect
- 15. Monitoring and reporting

The Romanian - EEA Research Programme 2014 - 2021 Guide for Evaluators

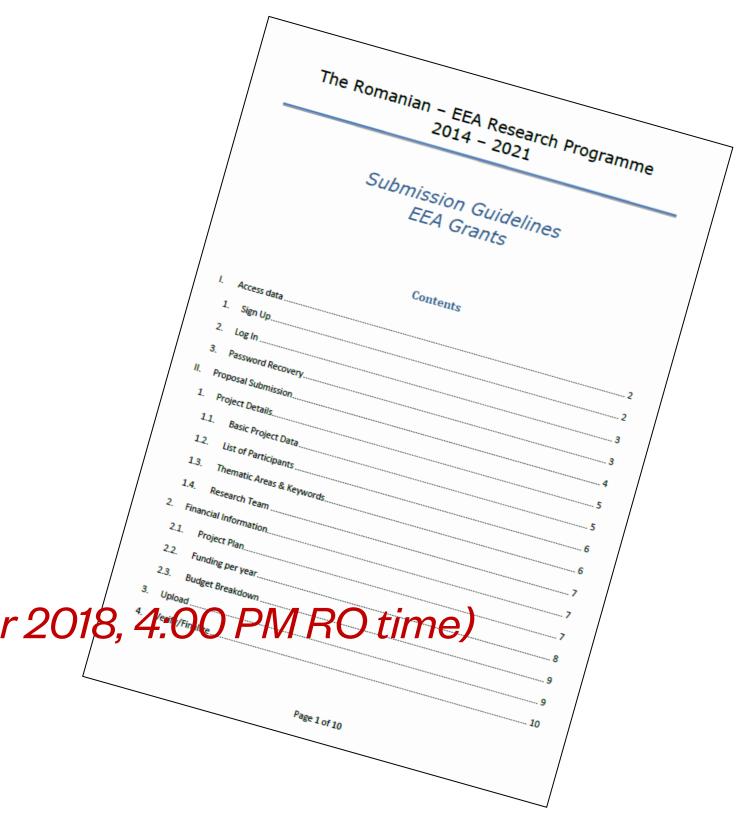
Other useful documents related the Research Programme

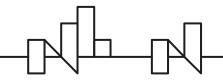
https://uefiscdi.ro/eea-norway-grants

#### Submission of proposals



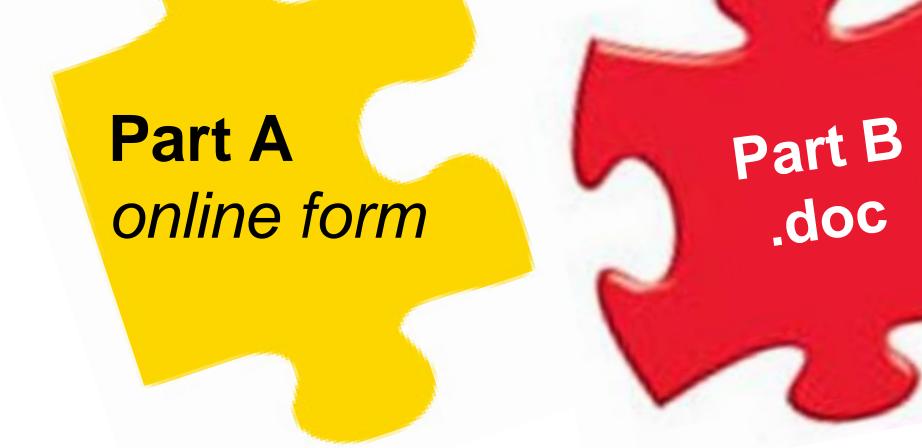
- ✓ Online submission system only: <u>www.uefiscdi-direct.ro</u> (NO paper support, email/fax);
- ✓ Acknowledgement of receipt:
  - proposal title, acronym and unique proposal identifier (proposal number)
  - name of the Programme and/or thematic area and call identifier
  - date and time of receipt





# Project application

www.uefiscdi-direct.ro

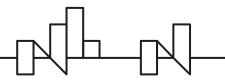






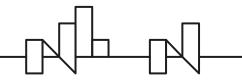








- ✓ Respect the deadline date and time
- ✓ Online submission system only: <u>www.uefiscdi-direct.ro</u>
- ✓ Minimum conditions: eligible partners, proposals in English language
- ✓ Completeness of proposal
- ✓ The content in relation with the scope of the call/research programme\*
- ✓ Appeals within 3 working days from the date of publication of the eligibility results



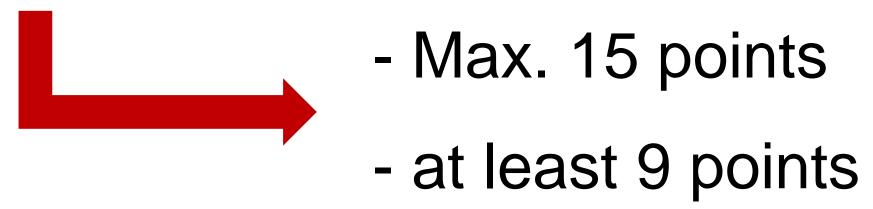
#### Evaluation - criteria

Relevance in relation to the objectives and priorities of the call/research programme - Yes/No Criterion 0:

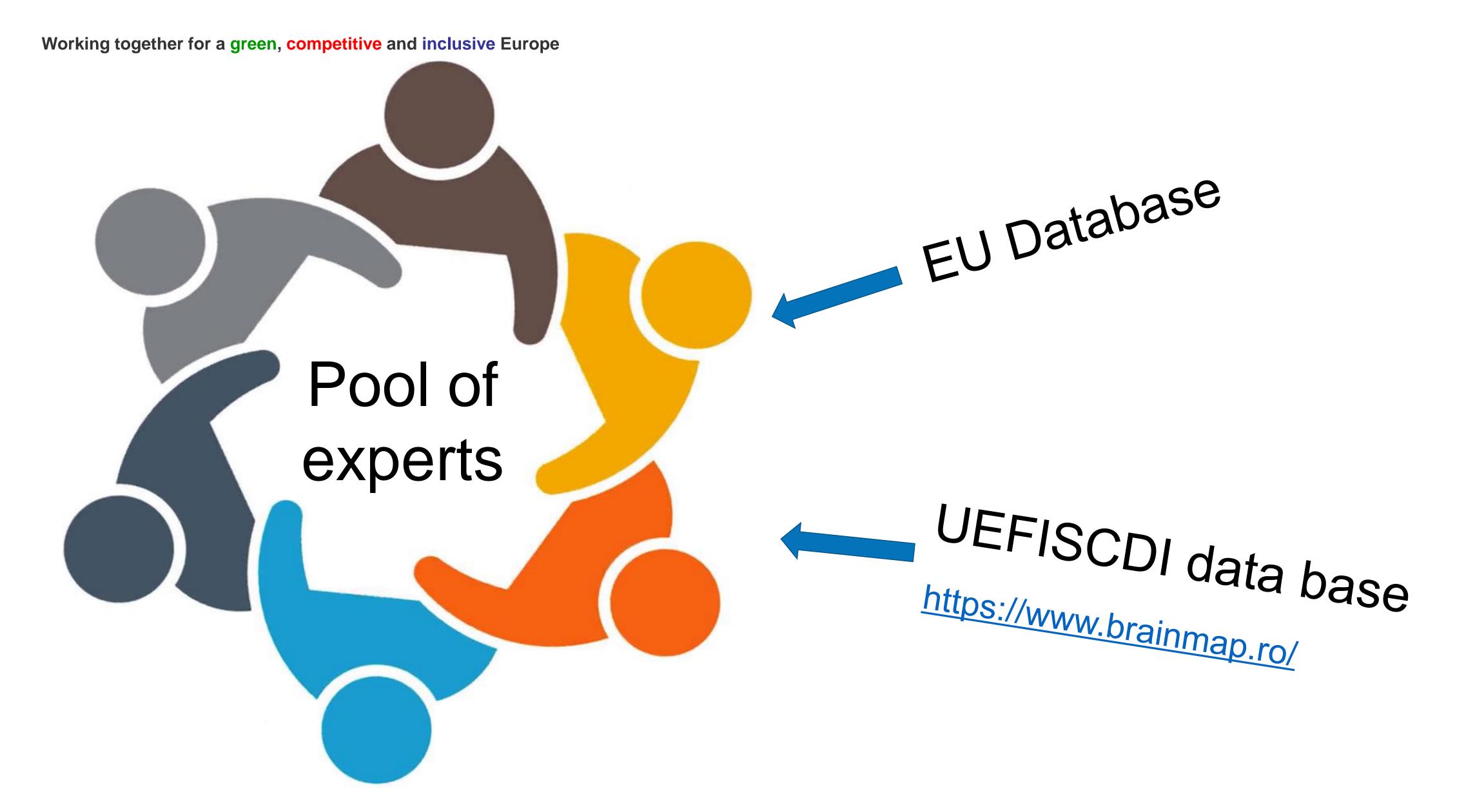
Scientific and/or technical excellence - max. 5 points Criterion 1:

Quality and efficiency of the implementation and management, including quality and implementation Criterion 2: capacity of the applicants and contribution to capacity and competence building – max. 5 points

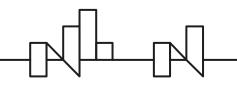
Criterion 3: Potential impact through the development, dissemination and use of project results - max. 5 points



C 2: 3/5 C 3: 3/5



! Outside RO, NO, IS and LI



#### **Individual Evaluation**



- on-line
- at least3 individual experts
- scores/criterion
- arguments
- Individual Evaluation Report





- common point
- rapporteur
- Consensus Report
- vote: agree/disagree



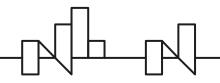


- final report/project
- different lists of proposals
- & panel reccomendations

Panel Report

Additional expert





#### Award of project grants

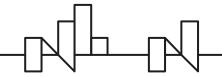


#### PO:

- Prepares 7 preliminary ranking lists
- Suggests grant amount/proposal
- Provides access to documents for PC

#### PC:

- Decides about the final ranking order
- Criteria for ranking applied if case:
  - ✓ Bilateral cooperation
  - ✓ Gender balance in the project
  - √ Young researchers
- Recommends for funding
- Prepares possible reserve list



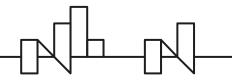
#### Appeals

- in 3 workdays from the date of publication of final results
- Experts comments and scores are not subject to appeals
- Conflicts of interest and errors in administrative procedure, YES

Negotiation (see Guideline for applicants)

#### Contracting (see Guideline for applicants)

- Partnership Agreement (between PP and pps, in ENG) not yet
- Project Contract (between PO and PP, bilingv) not yet





✓ Currency used for the proposal submission: EURO

✓ Grant contract in RON

\*the value in RON is determined by using the official EC exchange rate from the date (month) of the contract (InforEuro)

Eligible expenditures

✓ Direct expenditures

- Staff costs
- Travel costs

\*real costs for travel, accommodation, medical insurances and conference fees; subsistence allowances – national rules

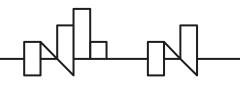
- Equipment
- Consumables and supplies
- Other costs

\*subcontract specific services (no more than 15% of the total project budget); applicable rules for public procurement

✓ Indirect costs (overheads)
\*appl

\*applying a flat rate of 25% of total direct eligible costs, excluding direct eligible costs for subcontracting...

\* could include salaries for administrative staff which are not part of staff costs

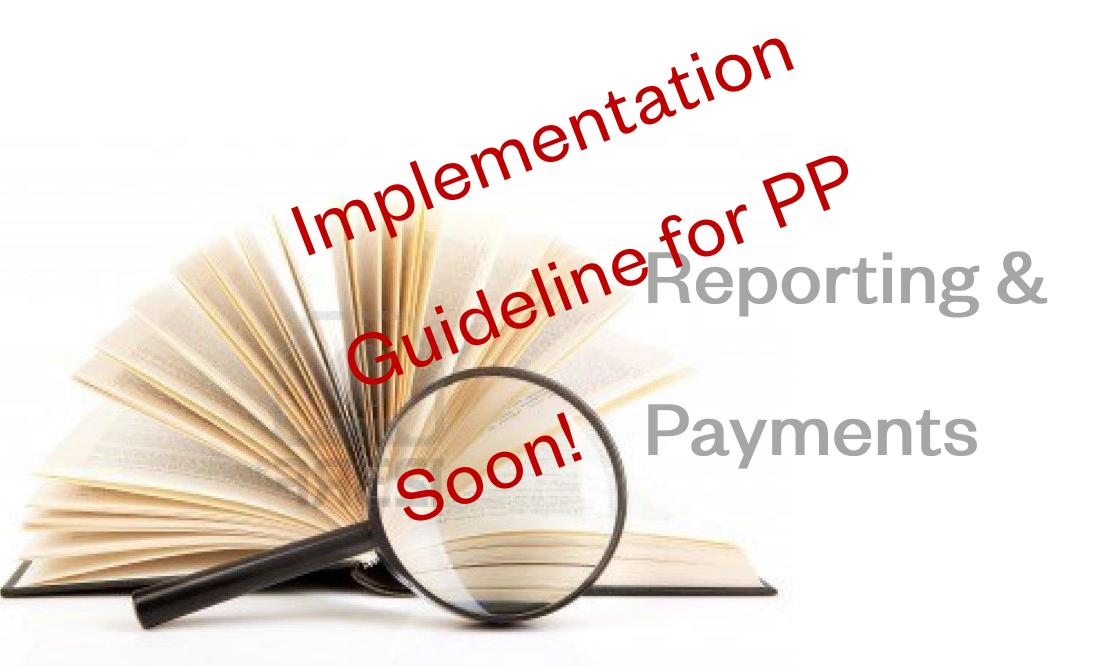


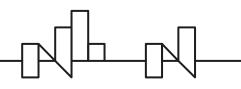


(see Guideline for applicants)

### Reporting & Payments

\*proof of expenditures shall not be submitted by PP or pp where the total programme grant is less than 325.000 Euro!







# Thank you!

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