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Romanian Research Programme

EEA & Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021

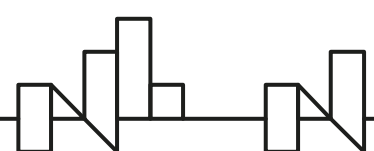
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Programme Coordinator

20th of June 2018 – CCS workshop
Bucharest

1. Research Programme – Generalities

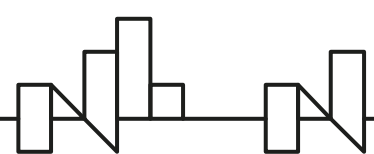
2. Open calls now!!!

3. EEA Grants Call for proposals 2018 –
Collaborative Research Projects
(guidelines)



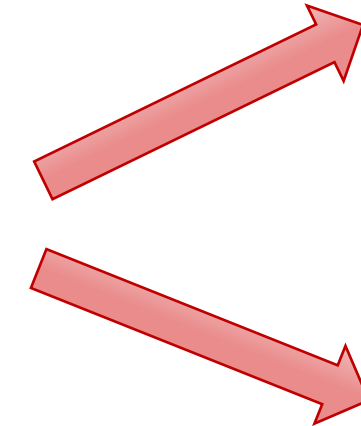
Research Programme *Generalities*

- ✓ RO is the 1st BS that signed with DS the MoU for implementation of EEA and Norwegian FM 2014-2021
- ✓ Scope: Enhance research-based knowledge development
- ✓ 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)
- ✓ NFP: Ministry of European Funds
- ✓ PC: Programme Committee



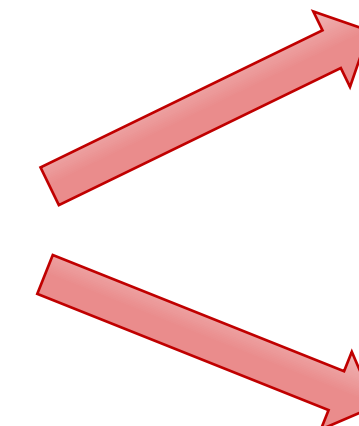
Outcomes

Enhanced performance of
Romanian research internationally

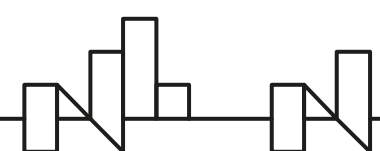


2 Calls for proposals for
Collaborative Research Projects
Small Grant Scheme (SGS-ERC)

Enhanced collaboration between
Romanian and Donors States entities
involved in the programme



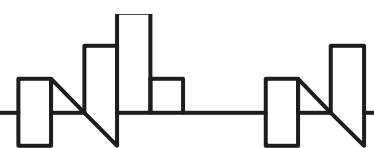
Calls for Mobility Grants
Workshops of common interest on
thematic areas



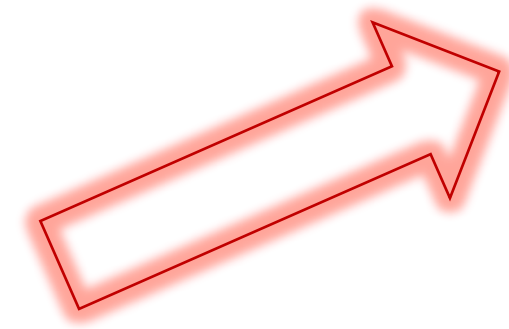
Indicators



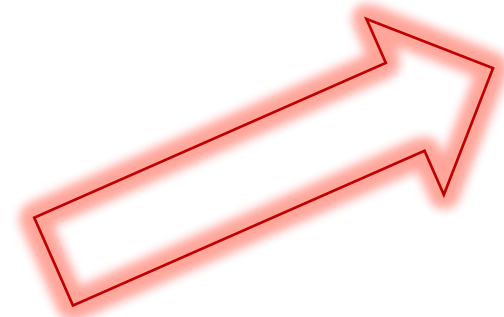
- ✓ No of articles submitted to peer-reviewed publications
- ✓ No of joint articles submitted to peer-reviewed publications
- ✓ No of jointly registered applications for IPP
- ✓ No of joint applications for further funding
- ✓ No of jobs created
- ✓ No of bilateral institutional partnerships between 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



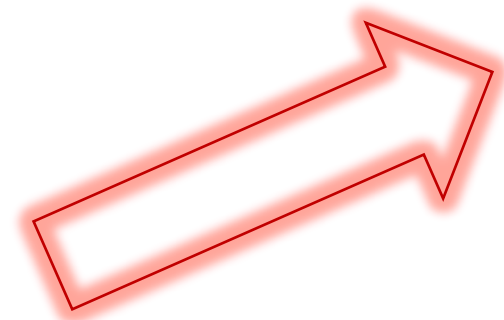
Special concerns



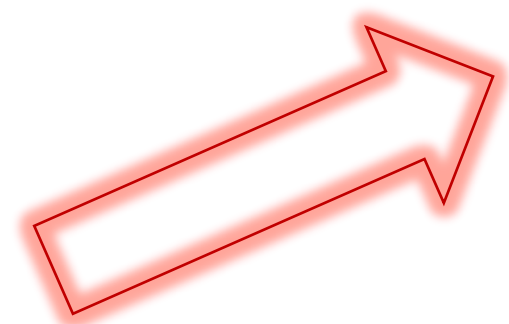
The key topic “Carbon capture and storage” (mandatory NO FM)



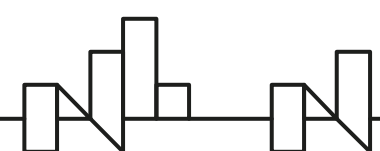
No less than 10% of the total eligible expenditures of the Programme shall be dedicated to projects falling primarily within key topic “Roma inclusion and empowerment”



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. “Business”, “Energy” and “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

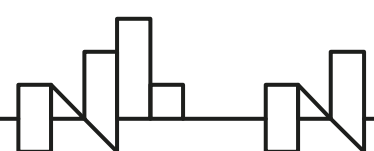
Call timing: 2019

Call budget: 24.687.500 Euro

SGS (ERC)
launched under NO FM

Call timing: 2018 and 2019

Call budget: 2.500.000 Euro



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Call for proposals for Collaborative
Research Projects under **EEA FM**

<https://uefiscdi.ro/eea-grants-proiecte-colaborative-de-cercetare>

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

EEA Call for Mobility Grants
(Fund for Bilateral Relations)

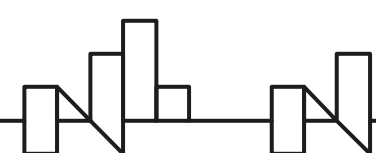
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Brokerage platform

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



Documents

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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”.

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

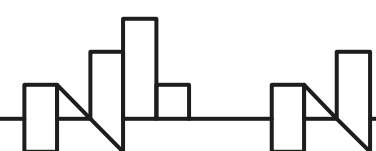
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State aid scheme

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

1. Scope of application
2. Objectives
3. Legal framework
4. Administration
5. Definitions
6. Beneficiaries
7. 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

Other useful documents related the Research Programme
<https://uefiscdi.ro/eea-norway-grants>



EEA Grants

Call for proposals 2018 (CRP)

✓ Launching date: **18th of April 2018**

✓ Min/Max grant: 500.000 / 1.500.000 Euro



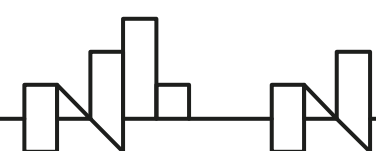
Deadline for submission: **1st of October 2018**

✓ Max duration of a project: 48 months

✓ basic and applied research activities

✓ 6 thematic areas + associated key topics: energy (5* including CCS); 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)*

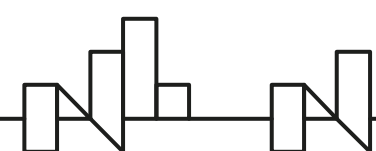
✓ Principal Investigator (PI):

Project coordinator

PhD in the field of the project

Employed full time in the RO PP

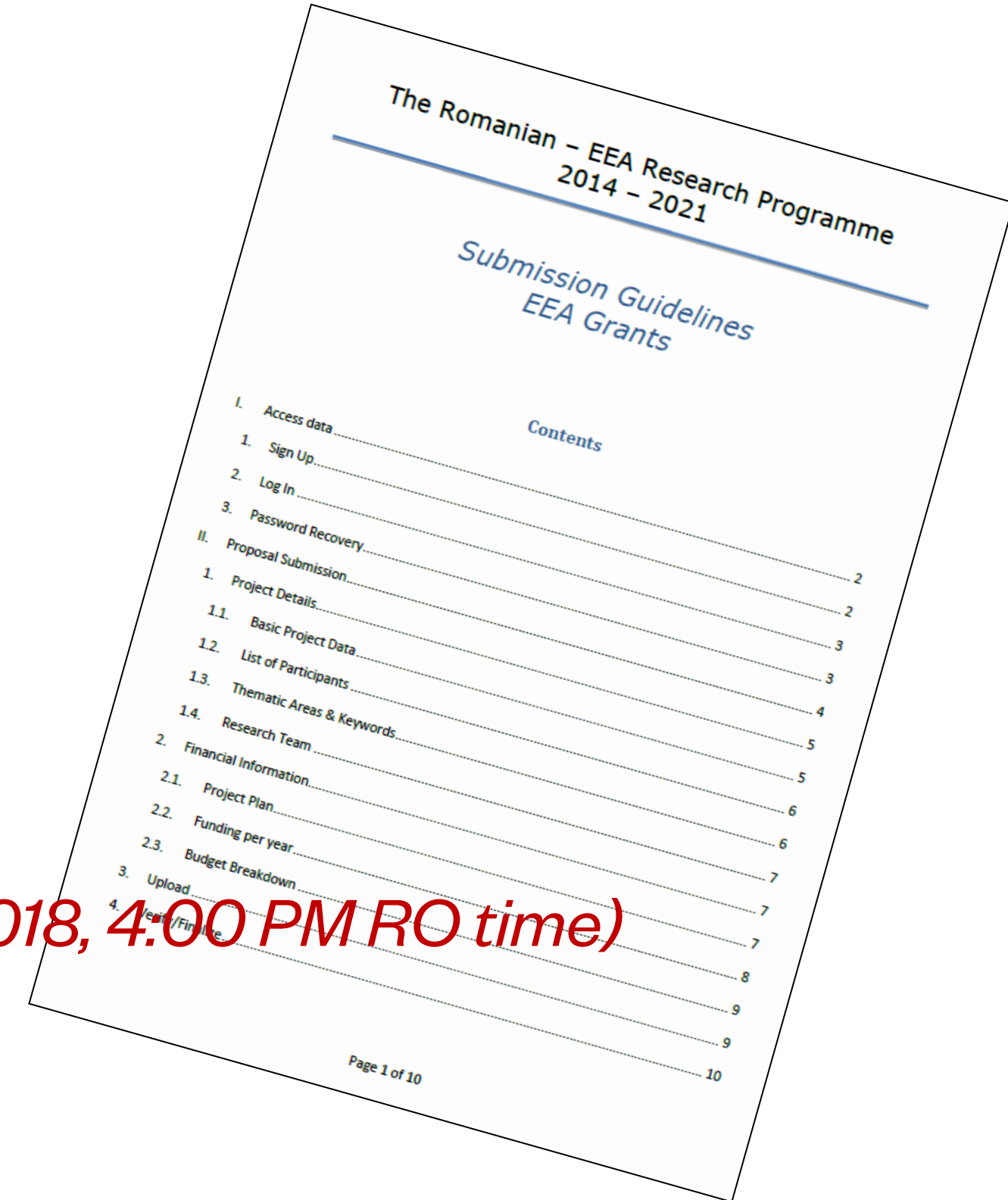
PI for one single proposal



Submission of proposals



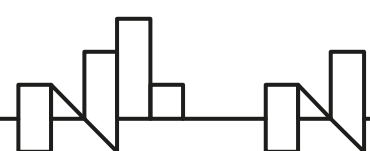
- ✓ One single stage;
- ✓ Proposals must be in English language;
- ✓ Respect the deadline date and time (*1st of October 2018, 4:00 PM RO time*);
- ✓ Only the PP is authorised to submit a proposal;



✓ Online submission system only: www.uefiscdi-direct.ro (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

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Part A
online form



Part B
.doc



State Aid
declarations



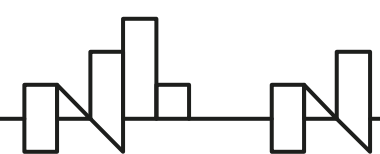
Ethical
issues
table



Other
documents



VAT
Declaration





- ✓ Respect the deadline date and time
- ✓ Online submission system only: www.uefiscdi-direct.ro
- ✓ 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

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

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

Criterion 2: Quality and efficiency of the implementation and management, including quality and implementation 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



- Max. 15 points

- at least 9 points



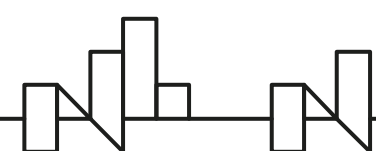
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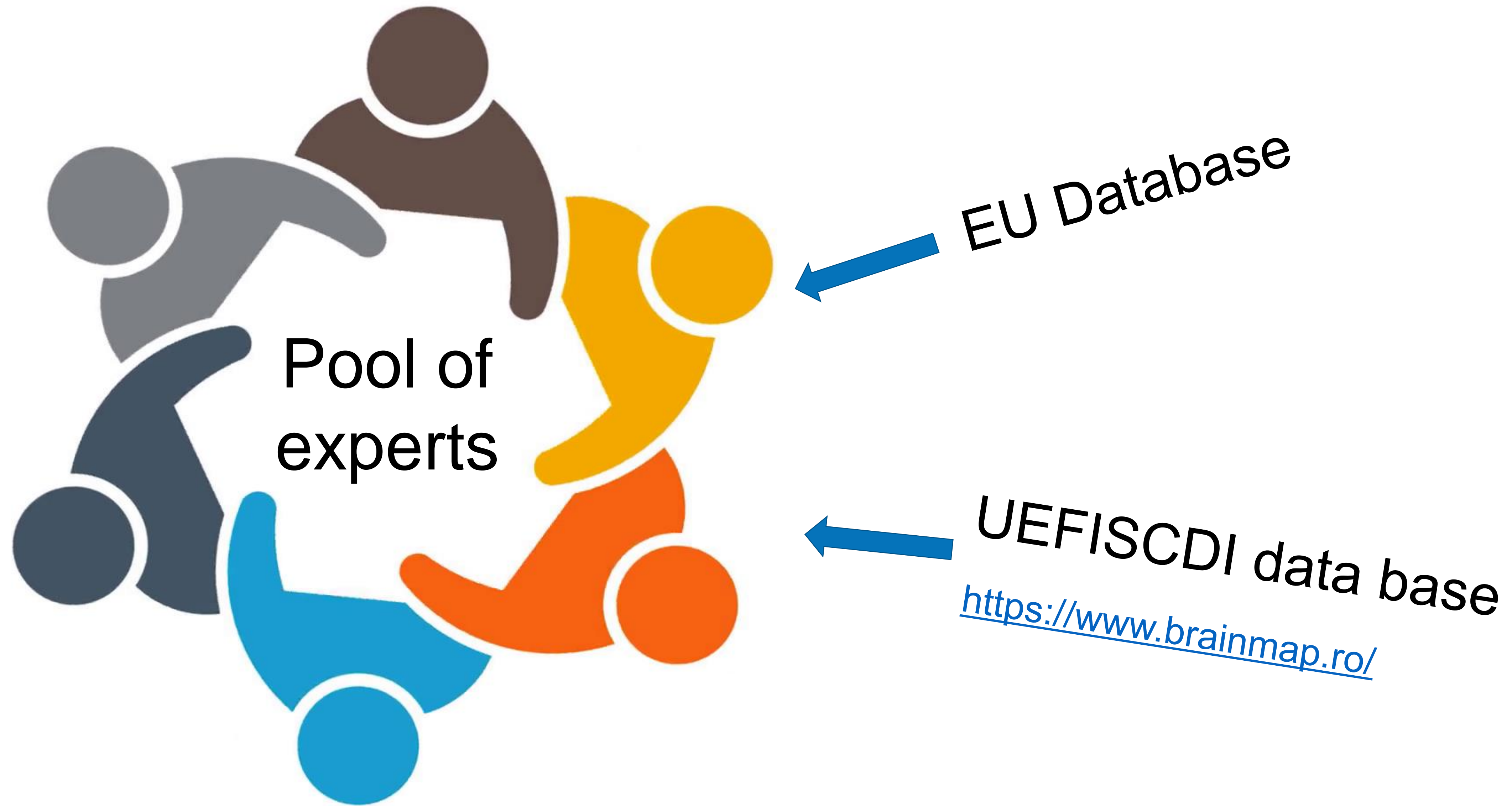
C 0: YES

C 1: 3/5

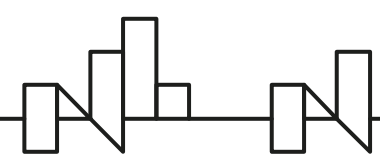
C 2: 3/5

C 3: 3/5





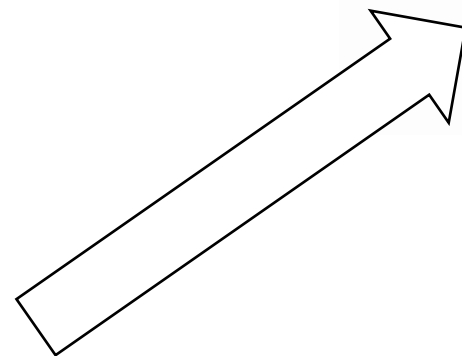
! Outside RO, NO, IS and LI



Individual Evaluation



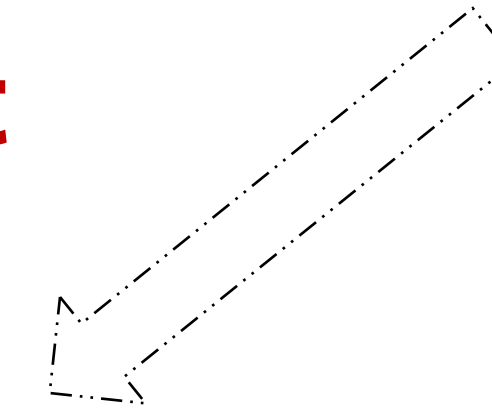
- on-line
- at least 3 individual experts
- scores/criterion
- arguments
- **Individual Evaluation Report**



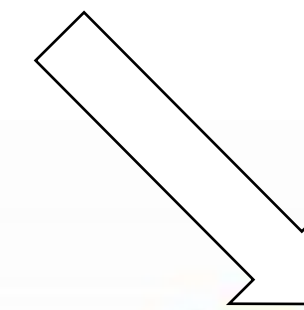
Consensus Assessment



- forum on-line
- common point
- rapporteur
- **Consensus Report**
- vote: agree/disagree

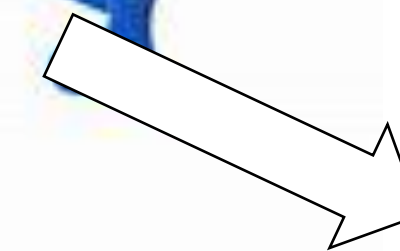
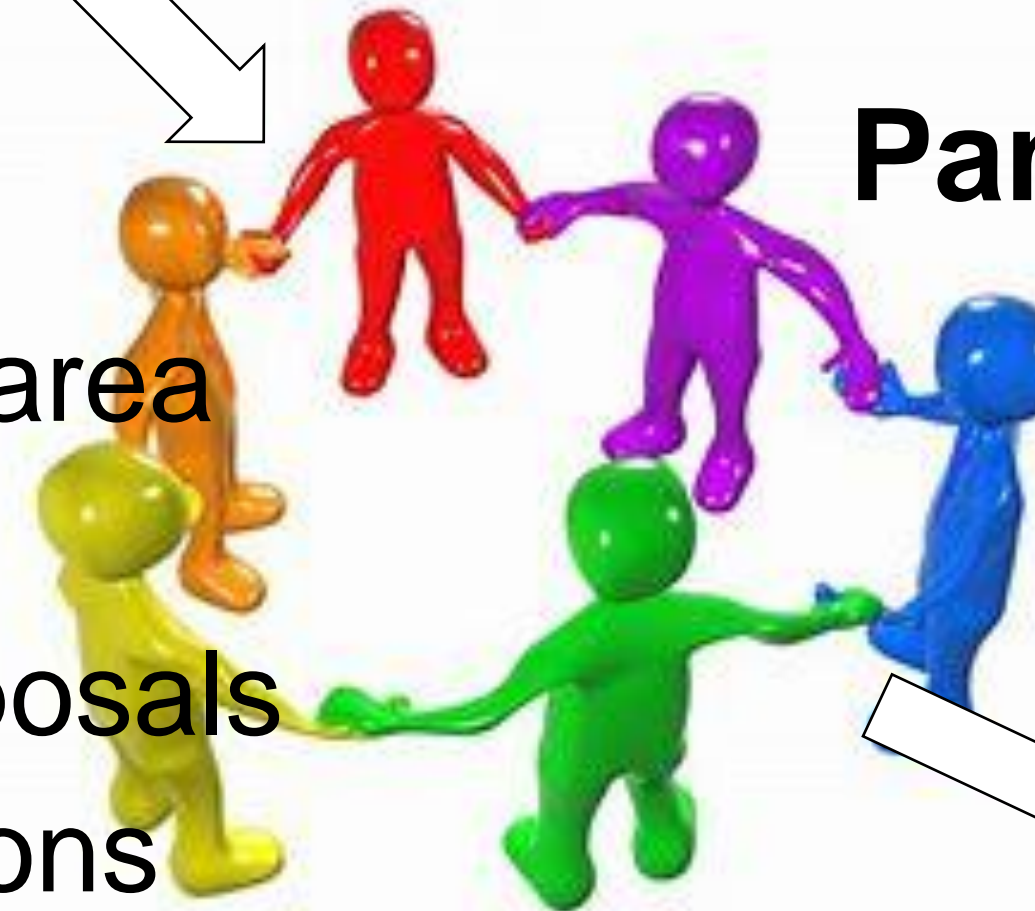


Additional expert

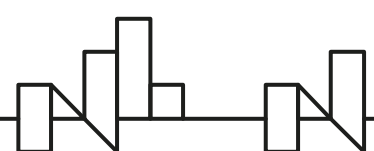


Panel review

- one panel/thematic area
- final report/project
- different lists of proposals & panel recommendations
- **Panel Report**



Programme Committee



Award of project grants

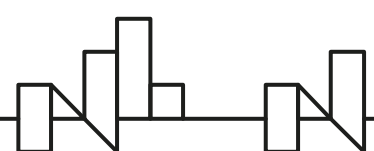
PO:

- 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



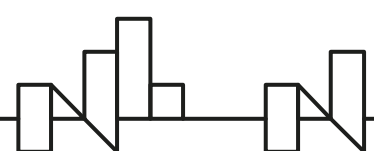
Appeals

- 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

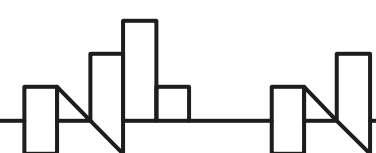




✓ Currency used for the proposal submission: EURO

✓ 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*

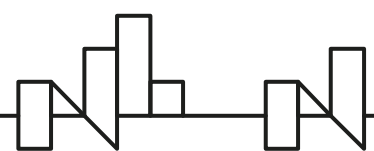
- Equipment
- Consumables and supplies
- Other costs

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

✓ Indirect costs (overheads)

**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*



!!! Excluded 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!*





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Thank you!

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