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Education, Research, Development  
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# Romanian Research Programme

EEA & Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021

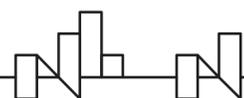
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**Bucharest**

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# Research Programme Generalities

✓ Scope: Enhance research-based knowledge development

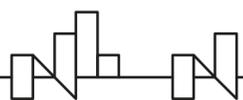
✓ Starting date: January 2018

Last date of eligibility: 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2024

*(for projects, the last date for expenditures: 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2024)*

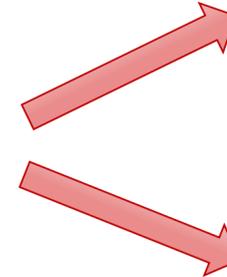
✓ Budget: 47.058.824 Euro

✓ DPPs: Research Council of Norway (RCN)  
Icelandic Centre for Research (RANNIS)



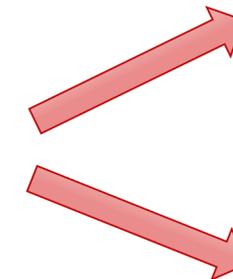
## Outcomes

Enhanced performance of  
Romanian research internationally

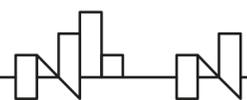


2 Calls for proposals for  
Collaborative Research Projects  
Small Grant Scheme (SGS-ERC)

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



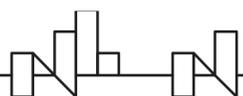
Calls for Mobility Grants  
Workshops of common interest  
on thematic areas



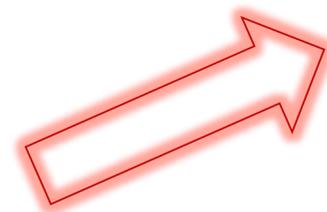
## Indicators



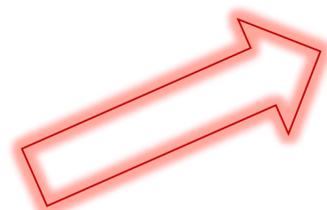
- ✓ No of peer-reviewed scientific publications submitted  
(disaggregated by type of scientific publication)
- ✓ No of joint, peer-reviewed scientific publications submitted  
(disaggregated by type of scientific publication)
- ✓ No of jointly registered applications for IPP
- ✓ No of joint applications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



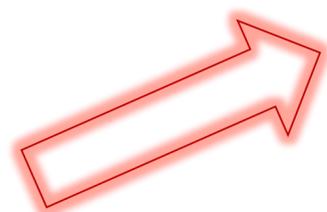
## Special concerns



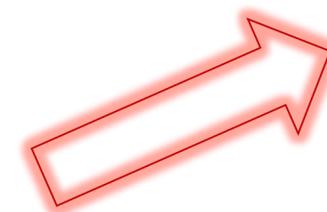
The key topic “Carbon capture and storage” (mandatory NO FM)



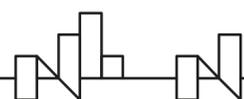
No less than 10% of the total eligible expenditures of the Programme shall be dedicated to projects falling primarily within key topic “Roma inclusion and empowerment”

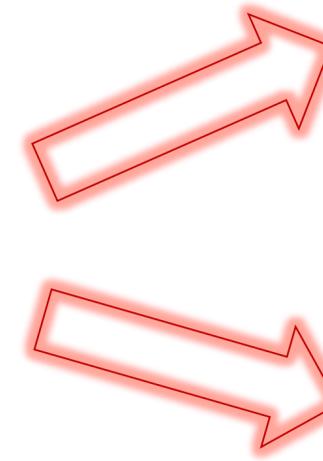


The projects addressed gender studies and social inclusion studies should be reflected in the final list of projects receiving funding



Synergies with the Programmes: ex. “Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeships and Youth Entrepreneurship”, “Business development, Innovation and SMEs Programme”





**Call timing: 2019**

**Call budget:**

**24.687.500 Euros**

**Call for proposals for CRP  
under NO FM  
OPENED NOW!!!!**

**SGS (ERC)**

launched under NO FM

**Call timing: 2019 and 2020**

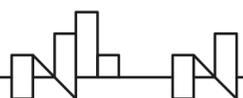
**Call budget: 2.500.000 Euros**

Call for proposals for  
CRP under EEA FM  
**CALL CLOSED!**

**Call timing: 2018**

**Call budget: 16.312.500 Euros**

273 eligible submitted proposals; 11 funded projects



# Open Calls now!!!

Call for proposals for Collaborative  
Research Projects under **NO FM**

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

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

Call for Mobility Grants  
(Fund for Bilateral Relations)

<https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/eea-proiecte-de-mobilitati>

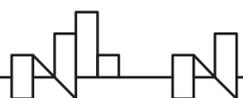
<https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/eea-mobility-grants>



Brokerage platform

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

[Partner Search Database for EEA and Norway Grants](#)



# NO Grants

## Call for proposals 2019 (CRPs)

Launching date: **10<sup>th</sup> of September 2019**

Min/Max grant: **500.000 / 1.200.000 Euro**

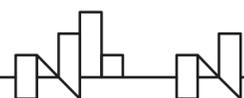
Max duration of a project: **36 months**



Deadline for submission  
**16<sup>th</sup> of December 2019**

- ✓ 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 **(at least one from NO)**

*\* PP public institutions have the obligation to make public the intention to establish a partnership with private entities (from Romania and NO)*

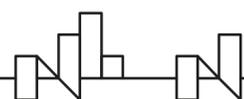
### ✓ Principal Investigator (PI):

Project coordinator

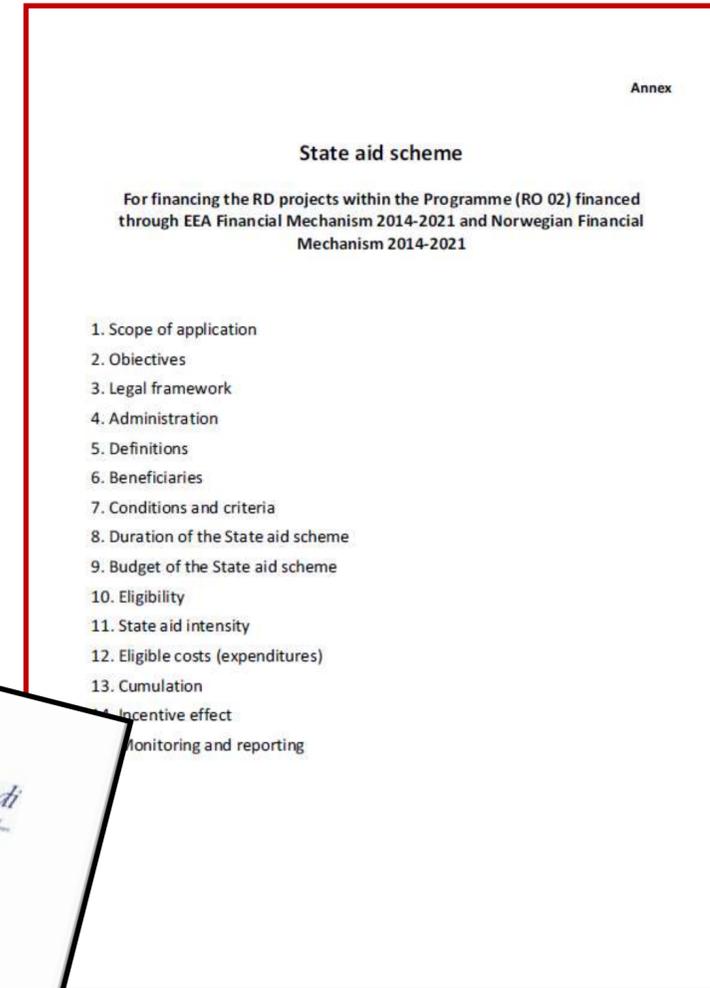
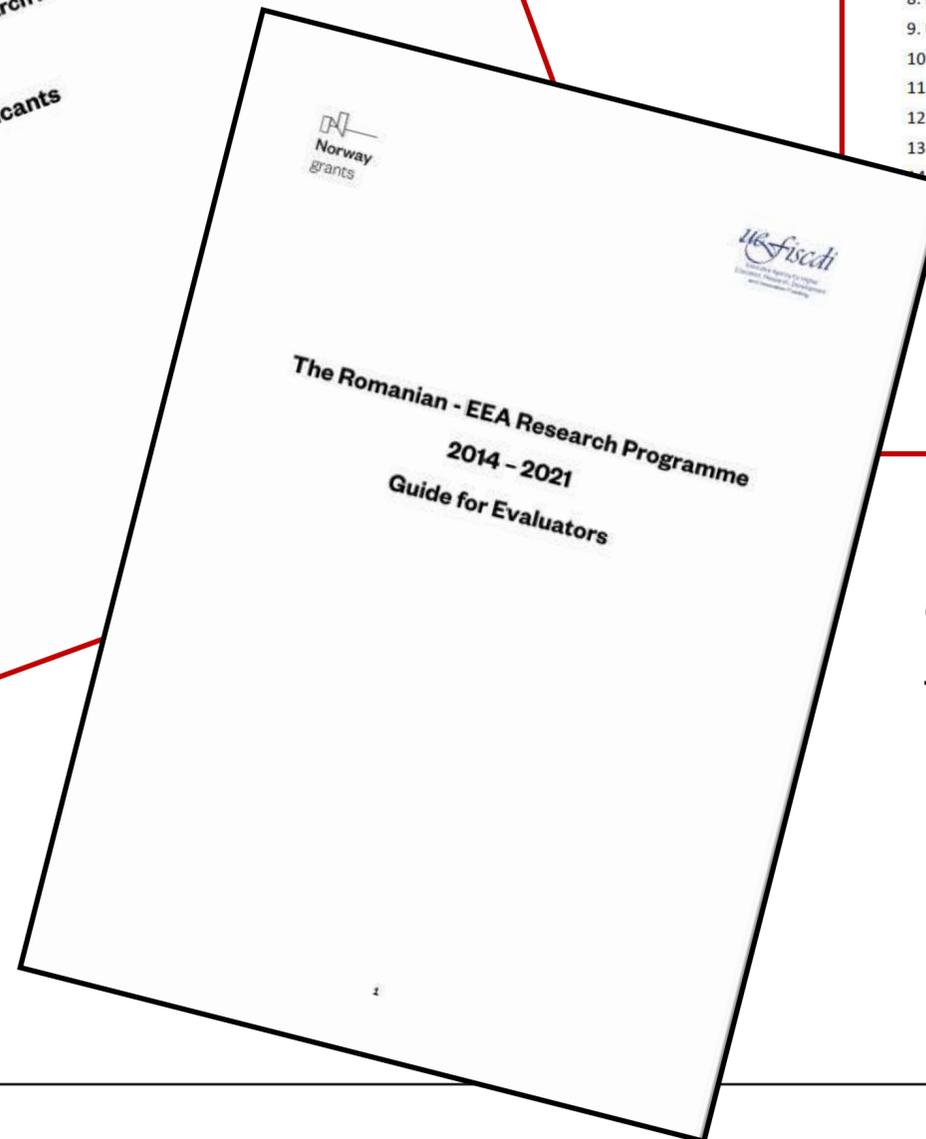
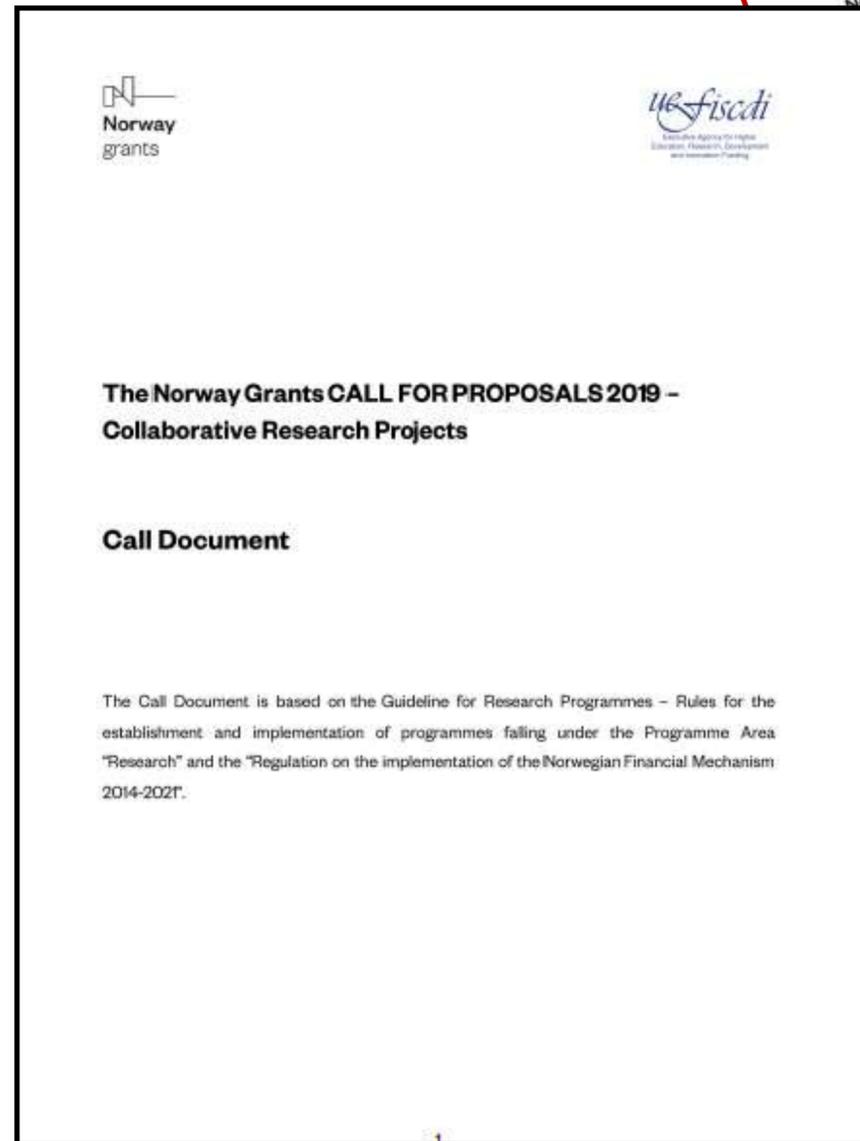
PhD in the field of the project

Employed full time in the RO PP

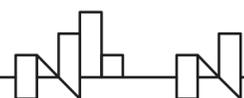
PI for one single proposal



# Documents



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



# Submission of proposals

✓ One single stage

✓ Proposals must be in English language

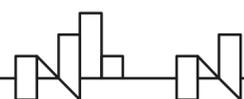
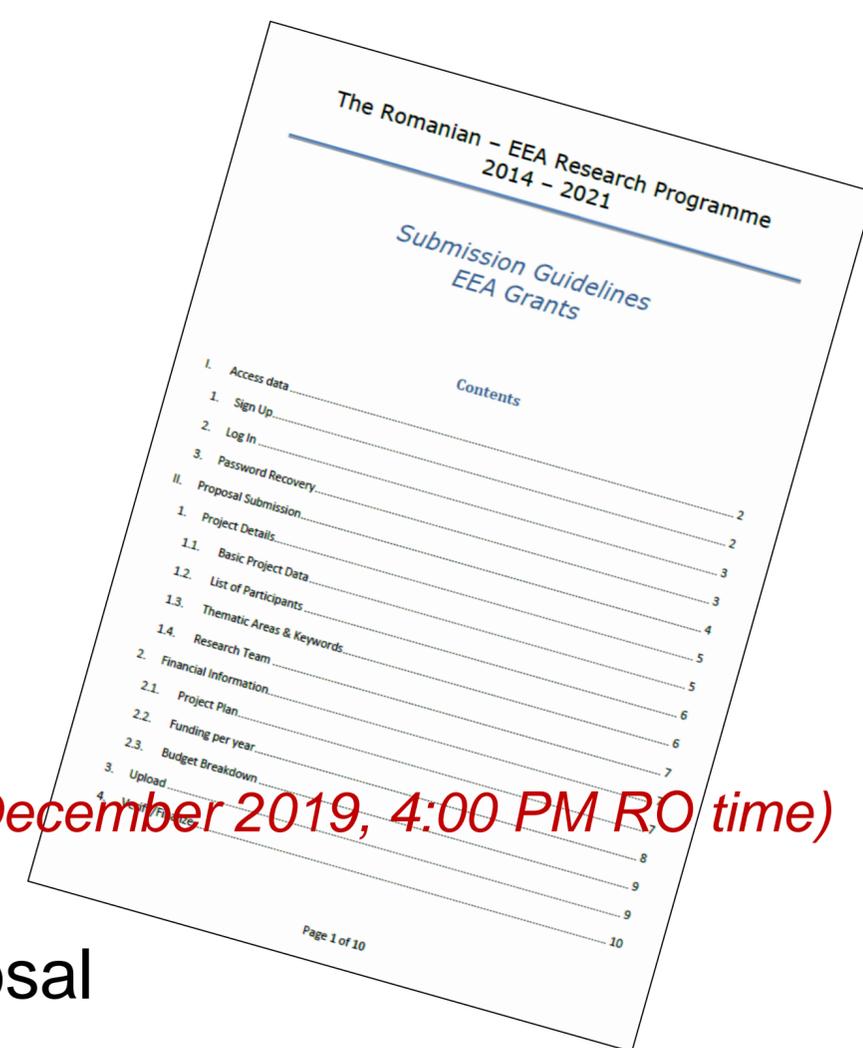
✓ Respect the deadline date and time (*16<sup>th</sup> of December 2019, 4:00 PM RO time*)

✓ Only the PP is authorised to submit a proposal

✓ Online submission system only: [www.uefiscdi-direct.ro](http://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

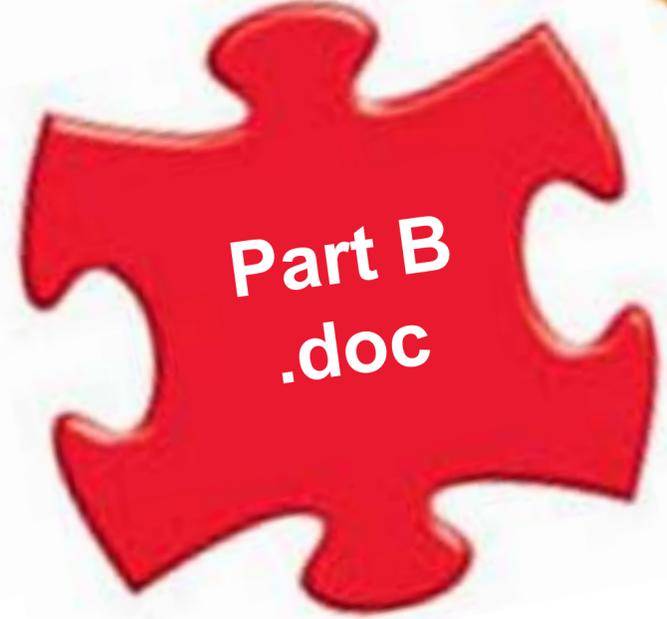


# Project application

[www.uefiscdi-direct.ro](http://www.uefiscdi-direct.ro)



**Part A**  
*online form*



**Part B**  
*.doc*



**State Aid**  
**declarations**



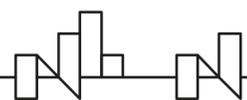
**Ethical**  
**issues**  
**table**



**Other**  
**documents**



**VAT**  
**Declaration**





## Eligibility check

- ✓ Respect the deadline date and time
- ✓ Online submission system only: [www.uefiscdi-direct.ro](http://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 – weight of 50%; 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*  
– *weight of 20%; max. 5 points*

Criterion 3: *Potential impact through the development, dissemination and use of project results*  
– *weight of 30%; max. 5 points*



- Max. 15 points

- at least 9 points



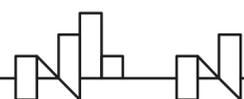
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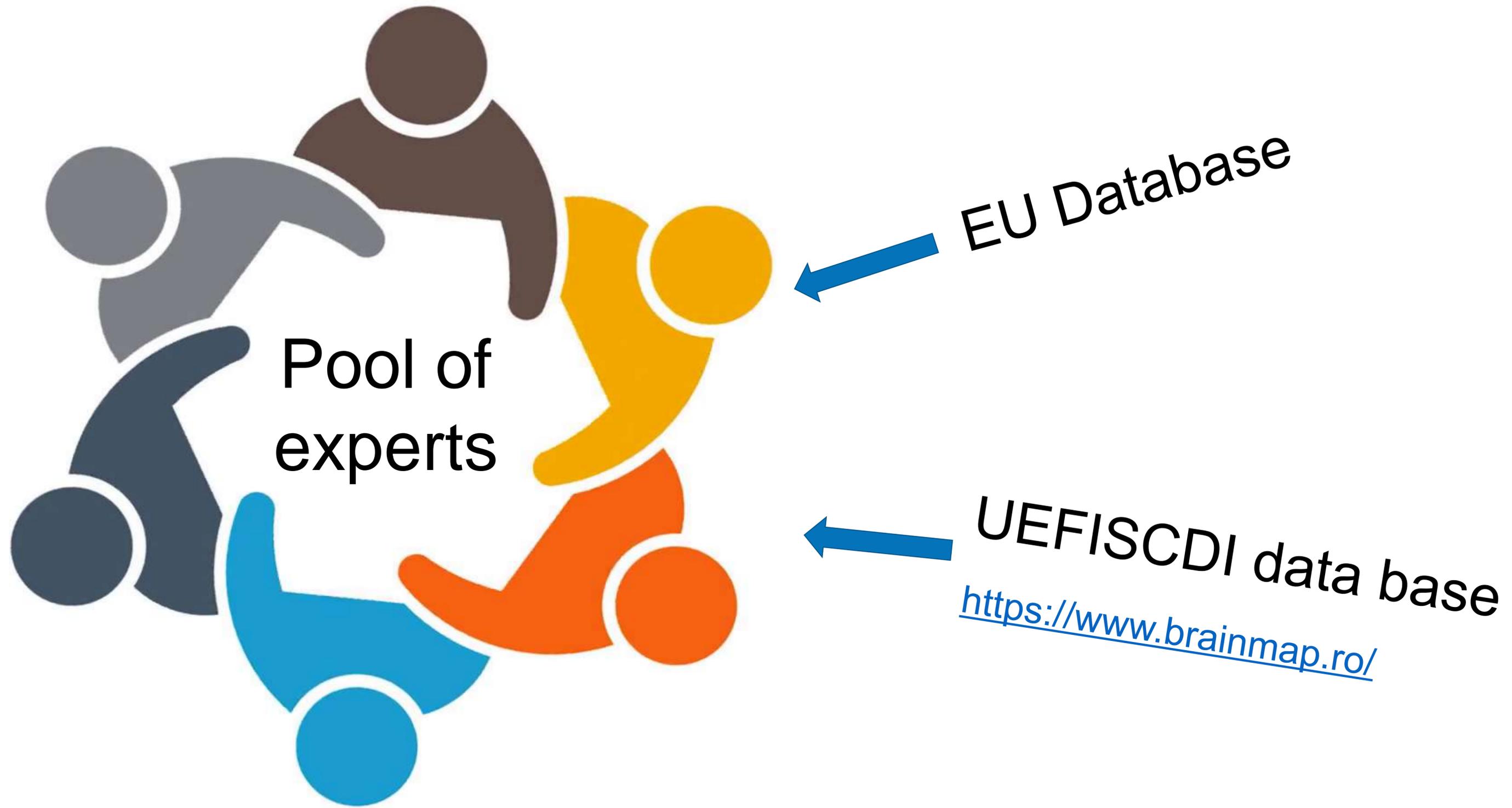
C 0: YES

C 1: 3/5

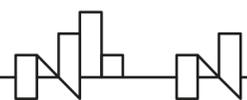
C 2: 3/5

C 3: 3/5





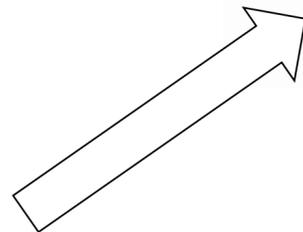
*! Outside RO, NO, IS and LI*



## Individual Evaluation



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

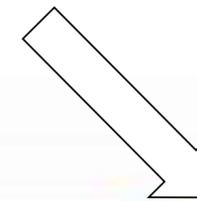
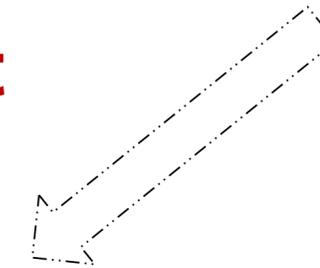


## Consensus Assessment



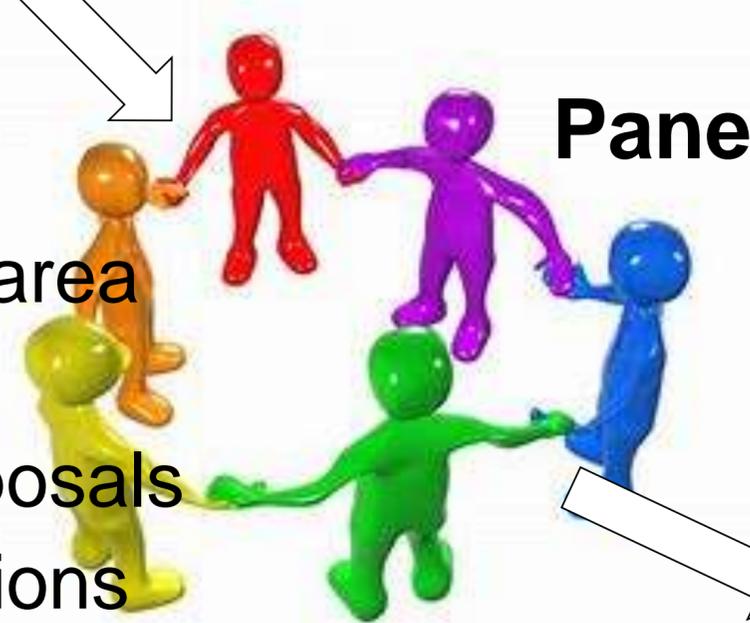
- forum on-line
- common point
- rapporteur
- **Consensus Report**
- vote: agree/disagree

Additional expert

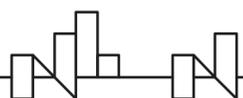
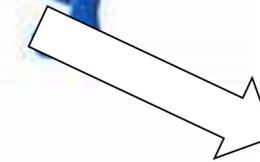


## Panel review

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



**Programme Committee**



# Award of project grants

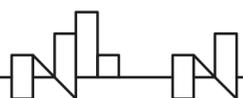
PO:

- 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



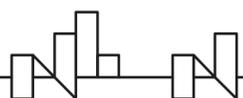
## Appeals

- 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) – DESCAs model
- Project Contract (between PO and PP, bilingual)





- ✓ 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

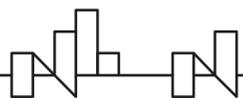
- Staff costs
- Travel costs
- Equipment
- Consumables and supplies
- Other costs

*\*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*

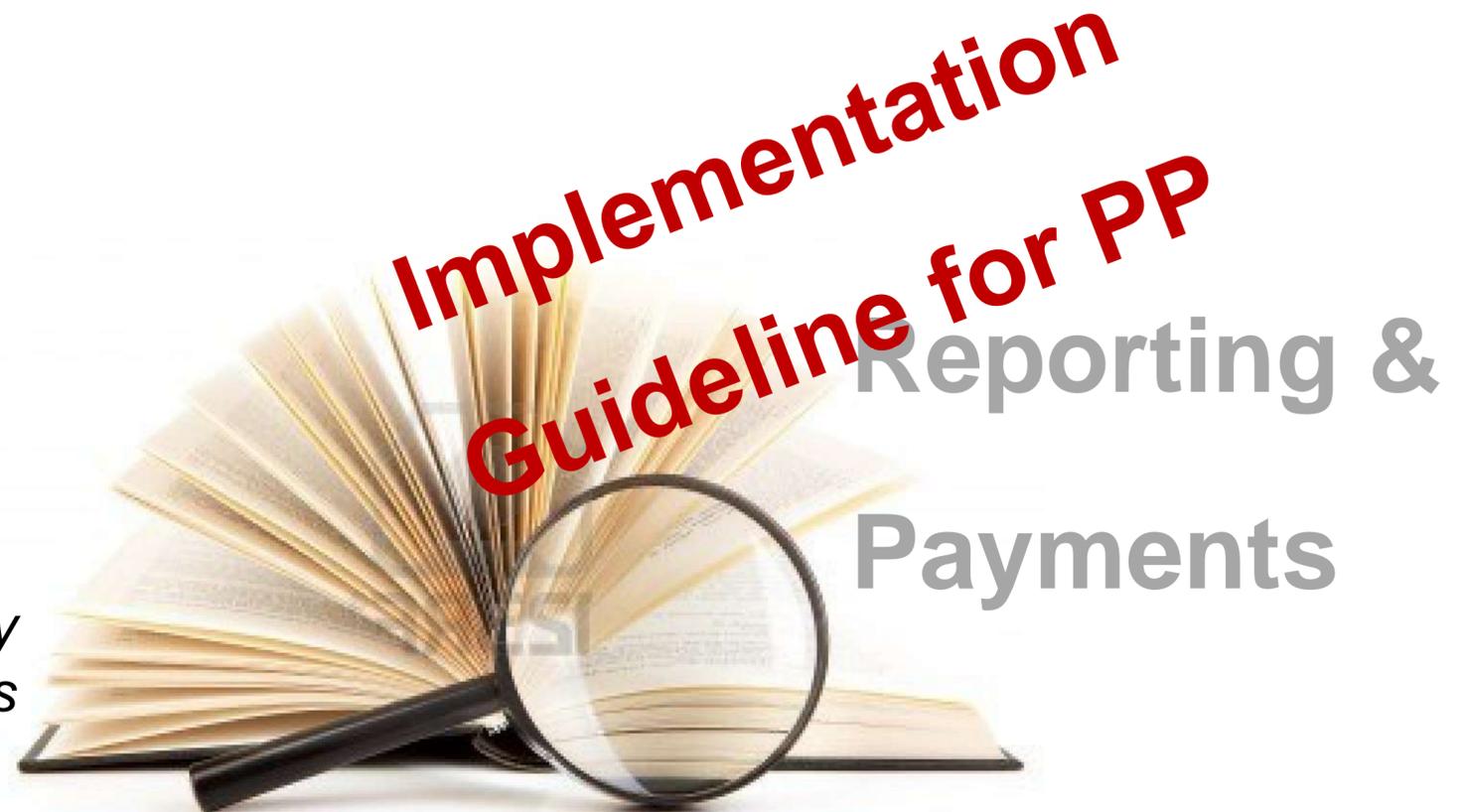


## !!! Excluded costs

*(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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Info Days  
Collaborative Research Projects



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