

OFFERR Evaluation criteria

Submitted proposals are reviewed for scientific excellence, impact, and quality of implementation.

Each application is reviewed at least by two independent expert reviewers.

Each complex project application is additionally reviewed by the Science and Innovation Committee of SNETP.

At a minimum, proposals must meet the call requirements (eligibility criteria).

The evaluation criteria are the following:

1. Scientific excellence (30 or 40 % of the total score)¹
 - 1.1. Scientific value and technical pertinence to the call area (state of the art)
 - 1.2. Methodology (credibility of the proposed approach)
 - 1.3. Innovativeness (relation with previous work in the same domain)
 - 1.4. Overall level and comprehensiveness of the proposal
2. Impact (40 or 30 % of the total score)²
 - 2.1. Scientific outcomes
 - 2.2. Impact and added value for end-users (industrial, societal), enhancing innovation capacity and integration of new knowledge
3. Quality and efficiency of implementation (30 % of the total score)
 - 3.1. Applicant team / consortium (complementarity of participants' expertise, capacity of a principal researcher for leading the project)
 - 3.2. Feasibility / resources (within the given time, within the infrastructure)

Each sub-criterion (1.1-1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2) is scored in the range: 1 (poor) – 2 (fair) – 3 (good) – 4 (excellent). The evaluation will be duly justified for each of these sub-criteria.

The main criteria (1, 2, 3) are not scored separately. The score of each main criterion equals the sum of the scores of its sub-criteria.

The threshold to be listed on the Ranked and/or Reserve list is the half of the maximum score for each of the three main criteria (i.e., 8 points for scientific excellence, 4 points for impact and 4 points for implementation).

The total score is calculated as the sum of the weighted scores of the three main criteria (i.e. the maximum score in call areas 1, 2, 3, 5 is calculated as $16*0.3+8*2*0.4+8*2*0.3 = 16.$)

The applications are ranked based on the average of the total scores given by the reviewers.

The evaluation matrix will serve as a basis for a fair, transparent, and efficient selection process.

¹ 30% for call areas 1, 2, 3, 5; 40% for call areas 4, 6, 7

² 40% for call areas 1, 2, 3, 5; 30% for call areas 4, 6, 7 (see the list of call areas in section 4.4 of Terms of Reference)