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THE NEXT EU RESEARCH & INNOVATION PROGRAMME (2021 – 2027)

Stakeholder workshop: Shaping how Horizon Europe is implemented

Session Title:

Proposal submission, evaluation and selection

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Main aspects covered

- Experts
- Evaluation sequence
- Evaluation criteria
- Proposals
- Feedback

Experts

- The best and most appropriate:
  - Reduce the administrative burden in the registration
  - Based on excellence background

- Under-represented profiles:
  - Multidisciplinarity expertise

- Remuneration:
  - Mixed opinions (overall consensus on increasing it)

- Workload:
  - Link with two-step evaluation process and the length and type of proposals

Evaluation sequence

- Overall consensus on the current process
  - Physical consensus meetings necessary
  - Missions – (two-step process) based on excellence firstly, and portfolio considerations secondly
- Advisory Boards to determine potential experts (e.g. ERC)

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Evaluation criteria

- General considerations:
  - Clearer differentiation of criteria between RIA and IA. E.g Removing general comments in the calls and adapting language towards what is really needed

- Impact
  - Pathways to impact to be better highlighted (short, mid and long-term)
  - More flexibility regarding TRLs

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Proposals

- Two-stage evaluation vs. Two-stage submission
  - Length: mixed opinions on it (10 vs. 70 pages?)
  - Evaluating Excellence first and implementation after

- Reducing costs of preparing a proposal, or the need to use consultancy services

Feedback

- More detailed and consistent feedback. Applicants Vs. experts:
  - E.g. Clear, assertive, non-contestable language

- Info from individual evaluators (e.g. ERC)

- Redress: when is it appropriate?

Thank you!

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QUESTIONS & COMMENTS AFTER THE WORKSHOP:

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