

Generalised Feedback for successful applicants after the first stage of call:

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Introduction

The evaluation of first stage proposals has been completed. The coordinators of proposals who failed to pass to the second stage have been informed in writing, and have each received an Evaluation Summary Report (ESR) setting out scores and comments.

The 'Flash info' published on the Participant Portal under the 'Topic conditions and documents' section shows the key statistics related to this call, including number of proposals submitted, the number evaluated, and the number passing the thresholds and thus invited to the second stage.

For successful first stage applicants, it is important to uphold the principle of equal treatment. Therefore, instead of an ESR, this generalised feedback is provided now to all applicants invited to submit a full proposal at the second stage. The first stage proposals were 'short outline proposals'. As successful first stage applicants, you are now invited to submit a 'full proposal' for the second stage. The full proposal must be consistent with the 'short outline proposal' and may not differ substantially. In the first stage the proposals were evaluated against the 'Excellence' criteria and part of the 'Impact' criteria. In the second stage they will be evaluated against 'Excellence', 'Impact' and 'Quality and efficiency of the implementation' criteria.

At the second stage you have a chance to develop a full proposal that should convince the second stage evaluators.

Summary of proposals quality:

Overall, the proposals selected for the second stage were of very good quality: the individual threshold by criterion was set to 4 out of 5 and the overall threshold was set to 9 out of 10 for budget-split-1 (CULT-COOP-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-12) and 9,50 out of 10 for budget-split-2 (CULT-COOP-09).

All the proposals invited to the second stage addressed very well their corresponding topic requirements through the 'Excellence' aspects: Clarity and pertinence of the objectives; Soundness of the concept, and credibility of the proposed methodology; Extent that the proposed work is beyond the state of the art, and demonstrates innovation potential (e.g. ground-breaking objectives, novel concepts and approaches, new products, services or business and organisational models); Appropriate consideration of interdisciplinary approaches and, where relevant, use of stakeholder knowledge. As mentioned above, all these aspects should now be developed in more detail in the stage-2 'full proposal' and be consistent with the stage-1 'short outline proposal'.

In addition, all the proposals invited to the second stage convincingly described the first sub-criterion of the 'Impact' criterion i.e.: The extent to which the outputs of the project would contribute to each of the expected impacts mentioned in the work programme under the relevant topic. As mentioned above, this aspect should now also be developed in more detail in the stage-2 'full proposal' and be consistent with the stage-1 'short outline proposal'. Please note that the other 'Impact' sub-criteria should also be fully described: Any substantial impacts not mentioned in the work programme, that would enhance innovation capacity, create new market opportunities, strengthen competitiveness and growth of companies, address issues related to climate change or the environment, or bring other important benefits for society; Quality of the

proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the project results (including management of IPR), and to manage research data where relevant, and to communicate the project activities to different target audiences.

Finally, all the aspects related to the 'Implementation' will be taken into account: Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, including extent to which the resources assigned to work packages are in line with their objectives and deliverables; Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including risk and innovation management; Complementarity of the participants and extent to which the consortium as whole brings together the necessary expertise; Appropriateness of the allocation of tasks, ensuring that all participants have a valid role and adequate resources in the project to fulfil that role.

Please be aware that actions involving financial support to third parties (as described in Annex K of the Horizon 2020 – Work Programme 2016-2017 – General Annexes) are not allowed for this call.