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

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Introduction

The evaluation of the first stage proposals is now complete. The coordinator 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 shows the key statistics related to this call, including the numbers of submitted and evaluated proposals, and the number of proposals above thresholds and thus being invited to the second stage.

For successful first-stage applicants, it is important to uphold the principle of equal treatment, and to ensure that all have a chance to benefit from the comments of experts. Therefore, instead of an ESR, this generalised feedback is provided now to all applicants invited to submit a full proposal at the second stage. You are kindly requested to take this feedback into account when preparing your full proposal.

At the second stage you will have a chance to address or clarify issues that should convince the second stage experts. Some or all of these experts may not be the same as those who reviewed your outline proposal.

Summary of main shortcomings

All/some proposals presented the following main shortcomings:

- The methodologies were not comprehensive.
- The innovative potential was not fully demonstrated.
- The integration of stakeholders' knowledge was not convincingly presented.
- The social context associated with the development and release of novel products was not sufficiently considered.
- The feasibility of scaling-up and cost-effectiveness for final products were not fully convincing.
- Some of the expected impacts were not adequately covered.
- The gender dimension in research was not adequately integrated in the proposed work.