

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

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**Introduction**

The evaluation of first stage proposals is now complete. 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 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, 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 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**

- In some proposals, the descriptions lack sufficient detail. This has been particularly evident when describing concepts and methodologies. This also applies to the presentation of objectives.
- Although in general the use of stakeholder knowledge is appropriate, the description of stakeholder input is not always clear and their distinct contributions are consequently difficult to ascertain in many cases.
- The contribution of the projects outputs in relation to the effects on ecosystem services and biodiversity is not always described in convincing detail.