

FP7-SPACE-2012-1

Welcome and introduction

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§ The Research Executive Agency (REA)

- § Created 14 Dec. 2007 (Commission Decision EC/2008/46)
- § Director: Graham Stroud started 16 July 2008
- § REA autonomy: 15 June 2009

§ REA is in charge of implementing:

- § **SME-specific actions (Capacities)**
- § **Marie Curie actions (People)**
- § **Security and Space actions (Cooperation)**

§ REA provides also services in support of FP7:

- § **Evaluation facility including reception of proposals**
- § **Registration of beneficiaries (central validation)**
- § **Central FP7 enquiry service**

§ 450 people including 24 for Space Research

§ Total budget for **Space Research** managed by REA:

- § At present up to €426 millions & 155 projects (first 4 Space calls)
- § Globally around €640 millions for FP7

1. In REA, the Space Research unit is in charge of

- § Organising the **evaluation** of proposals
- § **Negotiation** of retained proposals
- § **Technical & legal monitoring** of projects
- § **Payments** and audit implementation

§ Policy work remains within the Commission – DG ENTR – this includes the definition of the space **work programme**

§ DG ENTR finances directly specific topics identified in the work programme (e.g. development of the Space component of GMES)

§ **Call publication: 20 July 2011**

§ **Call closed: 23 November 2011 - 17h**

§ **Remote evaluation: will start 19 December 2011**

§ **3 weeks of central evaluation: 30 January 2012 – 17 February 2012**

Outcome of the submission: 189 proposals received

- § **Excellence.** Projects selected for funding must demonstrate a high quality in the context of the topics and criteria set out in the calls.
- § **Transparency.** Funding decisions must be based on clearly described rules and procedures, and applicants should receive adequate feedback on the outcome of the evaluation of their proposals.
- § **Fairness and impartiality.** All proposals submitted to a call are treated equally. They are evaluated impartially on their merits, irrespective of their origin or the identity of the applicants.

- § The **evaluation is a crucial step** for the implementation of the FP7 Space Programme – the outcome consists of the lists of ranked proposals (one per budget line)

- § To guaranty a high quality level of the evaluation, we count on the evaluators' capacity to provide a good assessment of the proposals and to ensure **consistency between comments and scores**
 - => This is needed for a **fair treatment** of the proposals and to provide **adequate feedback** to applicants!

1) The evaluation process work flow

1a) Evaluation steps overview

1b) Roles of - Experts / evaluators

- Rapporteurs

- Moderators

- Super-rapporteur

- Independent observer

Reference to ESA

1c) Conflict of interest, confidentiality

2) Evaluation of proposals

2a) Evaluation criteria

2b) Proposal scoring and thresholds

2c) Individual evaluation of proposals

2d) Consensus

3) RIVET

Guidance how to get access, to fill in the IERs and draft CR, helpdesk

4) Ethics

5) Work Programme: GMES

6) Work Programme: SSF

7) Work Programme: Cross-cutting issues

8) Closure

Functional mailbox for questions