



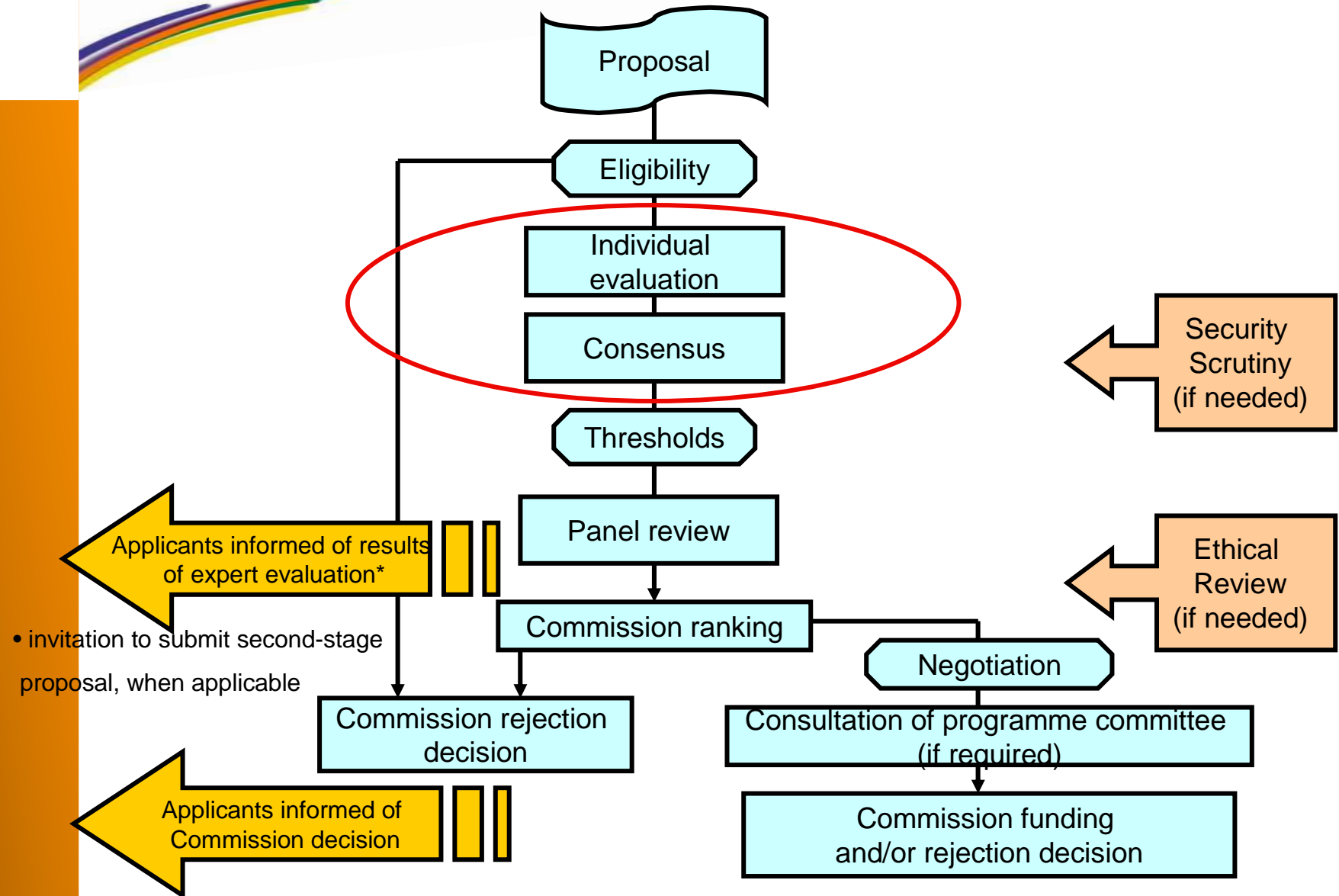
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Proposal evaluation

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The path after submission



Evaluation panel

- Each proposal is evaluated by a panel of at least 3 independent experts
- The panels normally feature experts
 - with the appropriate range of expertise
 - from both the academic and industrial environment
 - of reasonably distributed geographical origin
 - of reasonable gender balance
- Selected by the Scientific Officer responsible for the area
- The experts are rotated so new experts are constantly asked to participate
- Database of experts available

Call for experts:

<https://cordis.europa.eu/emmfp7/>

Evaluation procedures

- Evaluation can be done locally (in Brussels) or remotely
- Evaluators are asked to declare any conflict of interest and are bound by a *confidentiality* agreement
- The evaluation process ends with a *consensus meeting* (taking place in Brussels)
- The evaluation process is *facilitated* by the EC and carried out under independent observers

Evaluation criteria

Instrument-specific!

<i>Evaluation criteria applicable to Collaborative project proposals</i>		
S/T QUALITY	IMPLEMENTATION	IMPACT
<p>“Scientific and/or technological excellence (relevant to the topics addressed by the call)”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soundness of concept, and quality of objectives • Progress beyond the state-of-the-art • Quality and effectiveness of the S/T methodology and associated work plan 	<p>“Quality and efficiency of the implementation and the management”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriateness of the management structure and procedures • Quality and relevant experience of the individual participants • Quality of the consortium as a whole (including complementarity, balance) • Appropriateness of the allocation and justification of the resources to be committed (staff, equipment ...) 	<p>“Potential impact through the development, dissemination and use of project results”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution, at the European [and/or international] level, to the expected impacts listed in the work programme under the relevant topic/activity • Appropriateness of measures for the dissemination and/or exploitation of project results, and management of intellectual property.
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Evaluation criteria

- Scientific and technological excellence
 - Soundness of concept and quality of objectives
 - Progress beyond the state-of-the-art
 - Quality and effectiveness of the S/T methodology and associated work plan

- Quality and efficiency of the implementation and the management
 - Appropriateness of the management structure and procedures
 - Quality and relevant experience of the individual participants
 - Quality of the consortium as a whole (including complementarity and balance)
 - Appropriateness of the allocation and justification of the resources to be committed (staff, equipment, budget, ...)

- Potential impact through the development, dissemination and use of project results
 - Contribution, at the European or international level, to the expected impacts listed in the work programme under the relevant topic
 - Appropriateness of measures for the dissemination and/or exploitation of project results, and management of intellectual property.

Evaluation score

- Each evaluator places a score for each criterion in the range 0 [the proposal fails to address the criterion] to 5 [excellent]
- The threshold for individual criteria is 3
- An overall threshold of 10 (**not 9**), also applies
- The final scores are given at the consensus meeting, where evaluators can discuss on their individual assessments before concluding to a common score
- The output of the consensus meeting is recorded in the **Evaluation Summary Report**

Other parameters

- While not formal criteria, evaluators are also affected by:
 - The language use in the proposal
 - The clarity in the proposal
 - By the level various ethical aspects are taken into consideration
 - By the length of the proposal

Common reason that proposals fail

- ☹ too ambitious, **too complex to be believable**
- ☹ unclear, chaotic
- ☹ not relevant **for the Call and the Work Programme**
- ☹ not innovative, **not going beyond the state of the art**
- ☹ objectives, methods, approach **unclear**
- ☹ **results neither clear nor quantified**, no exploitation
- ☹ **all** results at project end, **no intermediate results**
- ☹ **unrealistic cost estimates**
- ☹ **unbalanced** project consortium, **“alibi” partners**
- ☹ management **structure & processes not appropriate**

Thinking as an evaluator

Quality of the management

- The project will be managed by an experienced coordinator, familiar with Framework Programmes specially in Food Quality and Safety. The project plan is well described in some of the detailed technological elements.
- **A clear description of the role of each partner is missing.** Since the description is incomplete there is no reassurance on the quality of the management.
- The management plan consists of four meetings and reports and appears to be more **a collection of individual research projects rather a truly collaborative coordinated research programme.**

Quality of the management

- Sound management structure, with **excellent feedback and internal review procedures** proposed.
- The **consortium members are well chosen**, with appropriate expertise and experience, thereby ensuring complementary skills are available. The partners provide **full geographical coverage** within Europe.
- A **very detailed budget breakdown** is provided, which shows that the funding requested is appropriate for the intended scope of work.

Potential impact

- The project will have a beneficial impact on the participating SMEs.
- The project relies on **some** figures from the French market with functional foods but includes mostly SMEs from South Europe. Due to the **local nature of some of the product opportunities** the added value of European level work on this topic is limited.
- The dissemination and exploitation **plans provided are inadequately detailed** in terms of the mechanism to be used. An analysis of the economical impact on the SMEs development would be a valuable indicator

Potential impact

- The project has **ambitious but achievable** targets.
- The approach is sound and will **avoid duplication** of other knowledge transfer networks.
- It will provide powerful support to improve SME competitiveness.
- It will also be possible to replicate this approach in other bio-economy sectors in due course
- The potential impact is very significant, both at EU and international levels

Thank you for your attention !

