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Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Innovative Training Networks 2015
Key factors for success

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From policy objectives to a concrete proposal

- ✓ Relevant documents available on the call page and under "Reference documents" (Participant Portal)
  - ✓ MSCA Work Programme (version 2014-2015)
  - ✓ Specific Guide for Applicants for the call ITN 2015
  - ✓ ...

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/calls/h2020-msca-itn-2015.html

From policy objectives to a concrete proposal

- **Mode of ITN**
- **Topic/Objectives**
- **Consortium**

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Evaluation Criteria

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Overview of evaluation criteria

Award Criterion	Threshold	Weight	Priority if ex-aequo
Excellence	n/a	**50%**	**1**
Impact	n/a	30%	2
Implementation	n/a	20%	3
Total	70%		

1. EXCELLENCE

- **Quality, innovative aspects and credibility of the research programme** (including inter/multidisciplinary and intersectoral aspects)
- **Quality and innovative aspects of the training programme** (including transferable skills, inter/multidisciplinary and intersectoral aspects)
- **Quality of the supervision** (including mandatory joint supervision for EID and EJD projects)
- **Quality of the proposed interaction between the participating organisations**

2. IMPACT

- **Enhancing research- and innovation-related human resources, skills, and working conditions to realise the potential of individuals and to provide new career perspectives**

- **Contribution to structuring doctoral/early-stage research training at the European level and to strengthening European innovation capacity, including the potential for**:
  a) meaningful contribution of the non-academic sector to the doctoral/research training, as appropriate to the implementation mode and research field
  b) developing sustainable joint doctoral degree structures (for EJD projects only)

- **Effectiveness of the proposed measures for communication and dissemination of results**

3. IMPLEMENTATION

- **Overall coherence and effectiveness of the work plan**, including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources (including awarding of the doctoral degrees for EID and EJD projects)

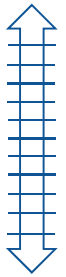
- **Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures**, including quality management and risk management (with a mandatory joint governing structure for EID and EJD projects)

- **Appropriateness of the infrastructure of the participating organisations**

- **Competences, experience and complementarity of the participating organisations and their commitment to the programme**

Interpretation of scores

5	**Excellent.** The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor.
4	**Very Good.** The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present.
3	**Good.** The proposal addresses the criterion well, but a number of shortcomings are present.
2	**Fair.** The proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses.
1	**Poor.** The criterion is inadequately addressed, or there are serious inherent weaknesses.
0	The proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.



ITN decimal scores are used

Pay attention to differences between ETN/EID/EJD

- The proposal must be consistent with the requirements and objectives of the different modes (ETN/EID/EJD)
- Some of the evaluation criteria are specific to EID and/or EJD

Operational Capacity

Evaluators will assess whether participants have the operational capacity to carry out the tasks described in the proposal.

How?

Based on information in the proposal

Ask yourself:

- Does each beneficiary have appropriate premises to host researchers?
- Does each beneficiary have appropriate staff resources to supervise/train researchers?

'No' operational capacity: participant excluded from evaluation!

Funding for IO/TC beneficiaries?

International organisations (e.g. United Nations) and organisations in those Third Countries **not** listed in the general annex to the MSCA Work Programme 2014-2015 may receive funding **only in exceptional cases**:

- essential to the action
- endorsed by evaluators

Example of countries: Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, India, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Russia, United States…

In such a case the evaluators state whether funding by EU is recommended or not

Note: Subject to signature Switzerland intends to become an associated country for call deadlines on or after 15 September 2014.
See information on ITN 2015 call page "call updates".

Proposal template

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Structure of proposals

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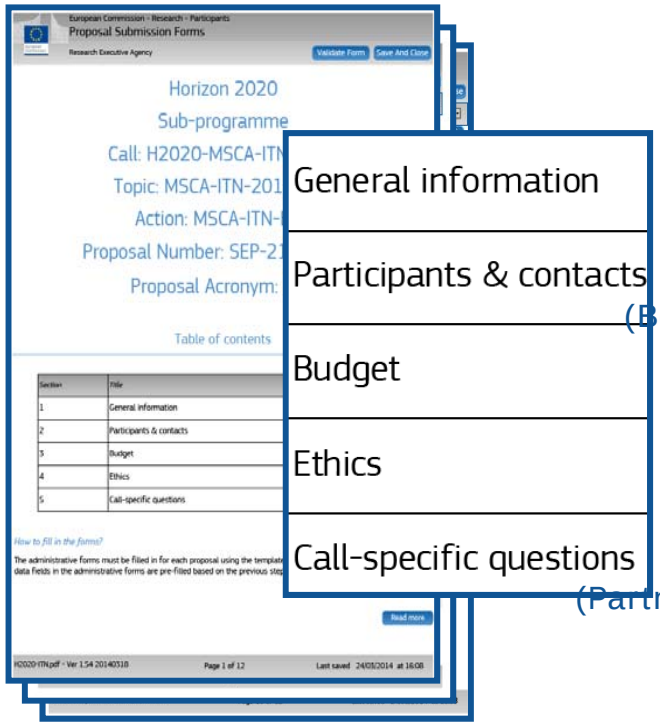
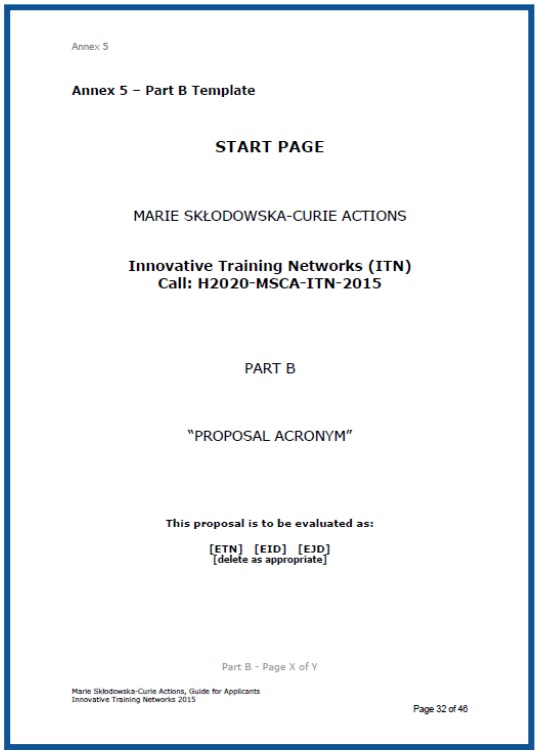
- structured data -



(Beneficiaries)

(Partner organisations)

Part B
- description of action -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Annex 5 – Part B Template

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PART B

"PROPOSAL ACRONYM"

This proposal is to be evaluated as:

[ETN] [EID] [EJD]
[delete as appropriate]

Part B - Page X of Y

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Page Limits

- Clearly indicated in Guide for Applicants
- Excess pages to be disregarded in evaluation

TABLE OF CONTENTS

In drafting PART B of the proposal, applicants must follow the structure outlined below.

START PAGE
LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

START PAGE COUNT

1. EXCELLENCE
2. IMPACT
3. IMPLEMENTATION

STOP PAGE COUNT

4. GANTT CHART
5. CAPACITIES OF THE PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS
6. ETHICAL ISSUES
7. LETTERS OF COMMITMENT

30 pages max

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Evaluation

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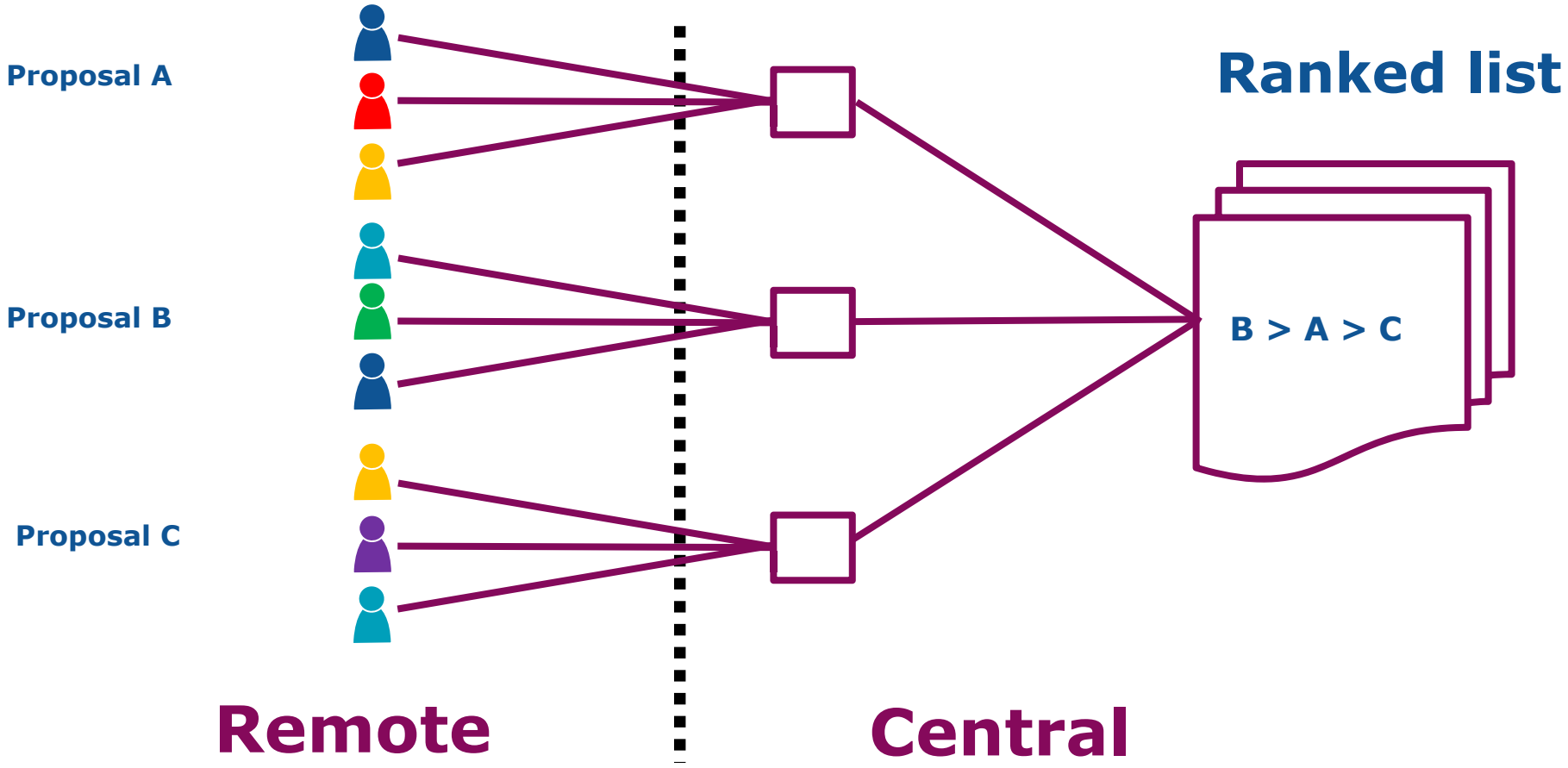
3 Individual Assessments

Consensus



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Rank lists

- ETN: 1 rank list (RL) per scientific panel
- EID / EJD: dedicated, multi-disciplinary rank lists

	ETN	EID	EJD
CHE	RL	EID rank list	EJD rank list
ECO	RL		
ENG	RL		
ENV	RL		
LIF	RL		
MAT	RL		
PHY	RL		
SOC	RL		

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The DO's of proposal submission

- ✓ Check for eligibility
- ✓ Follow template guidance
- ✓ Respect the page limits
- ✓ Be precise, less can be more
- ✓ Excellent science is not enough: address all criteria
- ✓ Get impartial colleagues to read it before
- ✓ Start filling in with the submission tool asap
- ✓ Check for consistency between Part A (admin data) and Part B (substance)

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Reminders

- ✓ Experts will evaluate proposals as submitted (not on its potential if certain changes were to be made)
- ✓ Proposals selected for funding are converted into description of work of the grant agreement.
- ✓ Commitment Letters
- ✓ Ethics (part A and part B)

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ITN 2015 Call

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ITN 2015: Open call

H2020-MSCA-ITN-2015

Opened 02 September 2015

Closure: **13 January 2015** (17:00:00 Brussels time)

Budget: **€ 370 Million** (ETN: 317 M€, EID: 25 M€; EJD: 28 M€)

Results of the evaluation: **5 months** after the call deadline

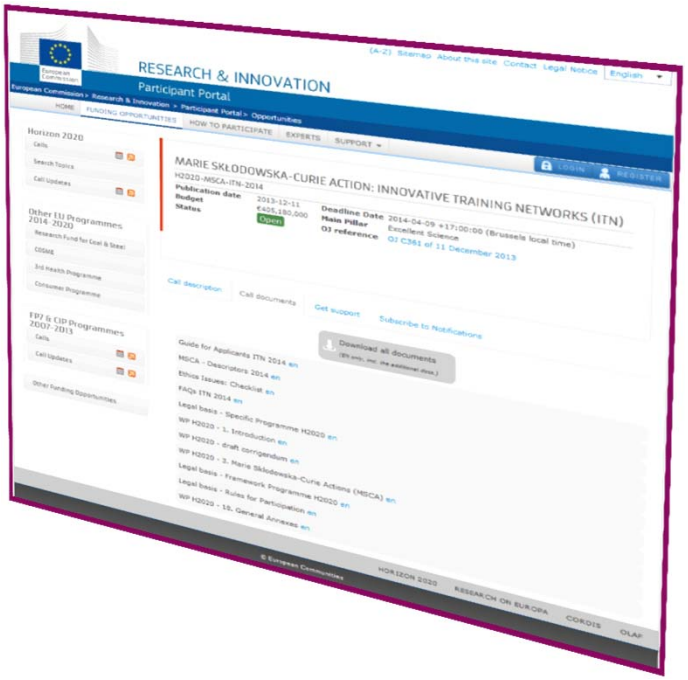
Signing of grant agreements: **8 months** after the call deadline

Where to find information?

Participant Portal

ITN 2015 Call page

- Guide for Applicants 2015
- Work Programme (2014-15)
- Call updates (e.g. Switzerland)



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Where to find information?

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Website

http://ec.europa.eu/msca

Horizon 2020

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020

Participant Portal (applications and reference documents)

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal

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