**ESFRI-FED**
**PROGRAMME**
IN SUPPORT OF THE VALORISATION OF FEDERAL COMPONENTS
IN ESFRI DISTRIBUTED AND VIRTUAL INFRASTRUCTURES

# INFO SESSION CALL 2023 – 2024

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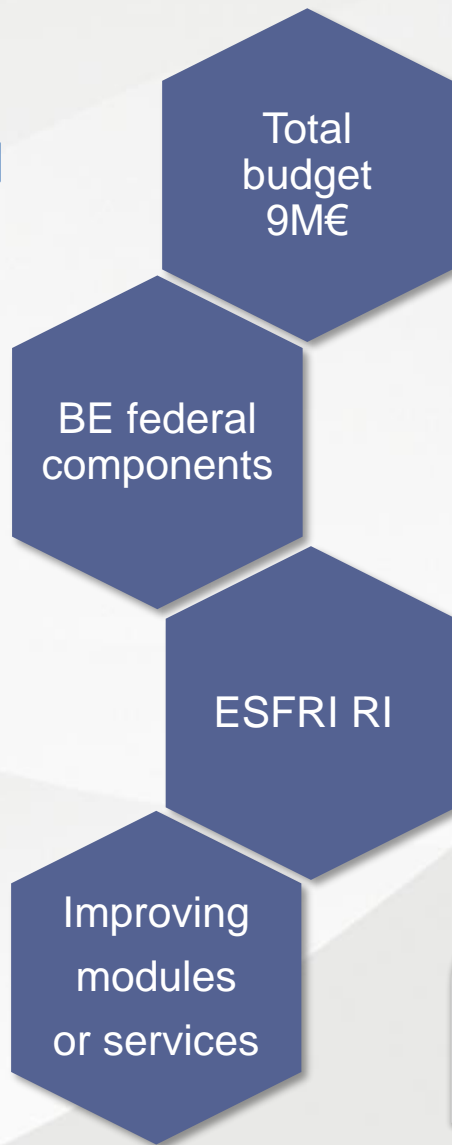**Helena CALVO DEL CASTILLO**

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# ESFRI-FED

## [Phase 1: 2021 – 2026]

**Total budget 9M€**

*Distributed in 3M€ / call*

*3 biennial calls*

*Call 2 (2023-2024)*

*To better position or anchor, to valorise, and to strengthen integration into ESFRI RI*

**BE federal components**

**ESFRI RI**

*Distributed & virtual*

*In implementation OR operation phase (Phases 4 – 5 ESFRI RI lifecycle)*

*IMPACT: FSI – BE federal component – ESFRI RI*

**Improving modules or services**

Implementation by BELSPO assisted by Strategic Programme Committee

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## HOW WERE THE ESFRI RI CHOSEN?

**ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS**

- ✓ Belgium = member
- ✓ Impl. / Oper. phase
- ✓ 'federal component'

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- ✓ Preliminary list with all possible ESFRI RI

**STRATEGIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE**

- ✓ Establish strategic rolling call agenda
- ✓ ALL eligible ESFRI RI must be addressed by the end of the programme

**ESFRI RI 2023 – 2024**
**[ESFRI RI 2025 – 2026]**

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## ESFRI-FED RI CALL 2   (2023 – 2024)

| Domain | Acronym | Name |
|---|---|---|
| Environment | ACTRIS | Aerosols, Clouds and Trace gases Research Infrastructure |
| | DiSSCo | Distributed System of Scientific Collections |
| Health & Food | METROFOOD | Infrastructure for Promoting Metrology in Food and Nutrition |
| Social & Cultural Innovation | CESSDA | Consortium of European Social Science Data Archives |
| | E-RIHS | European Research Infrastructure for Heritage Science |
| Digit | EBRAINS | European Brain ReseArch INfrastructures |

## PROGRAMME COMMITTEE'S DECISION:

- *ESFRI RI listed in call 1 but not funded may be included in call 2*
- *ESFRI RI that have been listed twice will not be included in call 3*
- *Large-scope / Large-size ESFRI RI may be partially listed in subsequent calls if proposals address aspects of it which have not yet been funded.*
- *Decision were taken as part of a rolling agenda.*

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**WHICH ESFRI RI SHALL I EXPECT TO BE LISTED FOR CALL 2025?**

## ESFRI-FED RI CALL 3 (2025 – 2026)
*Provided there is an interest at Federal Level*

| Domain | Acronym | Name |
|---|---|---|
| **Environment** | **LIFEWATCH** | e-infrastructure for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research |
| | **ELIXIR** | A Distributed infrastructure for Life-science Data |
| **Health & Food** | **ANAEE** | Analysis and Experimentation in Ecosystems |
| | **EMBRC** | European Marine Biological Resource Centre |
| | **MIRRI** | Microbial Resource Research Infrastructure |
| **Social & Cultural Innovation** | **CLARIN** | Common Language Resources and Technology Infrastructure |
| | **EHRI** | European Holocaust Research Infrastructure |

### *ATTENTION! CALL 3 IS A PRELIMINARY LIST !*

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**WHICH ROLES ARE AVAILABE FOR THE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS?**

**1** **FEDERAL** *SCIENTIFIC* **INSTITUTIONS**

- ✓ **COORDINATORS**
- ✓ **PARTNERS**
- ✓ **[ SUBCONTRACTORS ]**

**2** **FEDERAL** *RESEARCH* **INSTITUTIONS**

- ✓ **[ COORDINATORS ]**
- ✓ **PARTNERS**
- ✓ **SUBCONTRACTORS**

**3** *FEDERATED* **RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS**

- ✓ **[ COORDINATORS ]**
- ✓ **PARTNERS**
- ✓ **SUBCONTRACTORS**

- **Coordinator** preference is given to: **FSI > FRI > Federated research institutions**
- **Non financed partners can be associated to the project** contributing with cash or in-kind e.g., Federal departments, Regional partners, International partners.

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## CAN I SUBMIT A PROPOSAL CREATING A NEW SERVICE?

*ESFRI RI*

*Federal component*

*Service product*

**MUST HAVE PROPOSALS**

Development, testing, strengthening or improvement of **existing** services / modules

**Anchoring** of federal components and/or services to the ESFRI RI

Organically **linked** to the targeted ESFRI RI

**Sustainable**, **impactful** services / modules
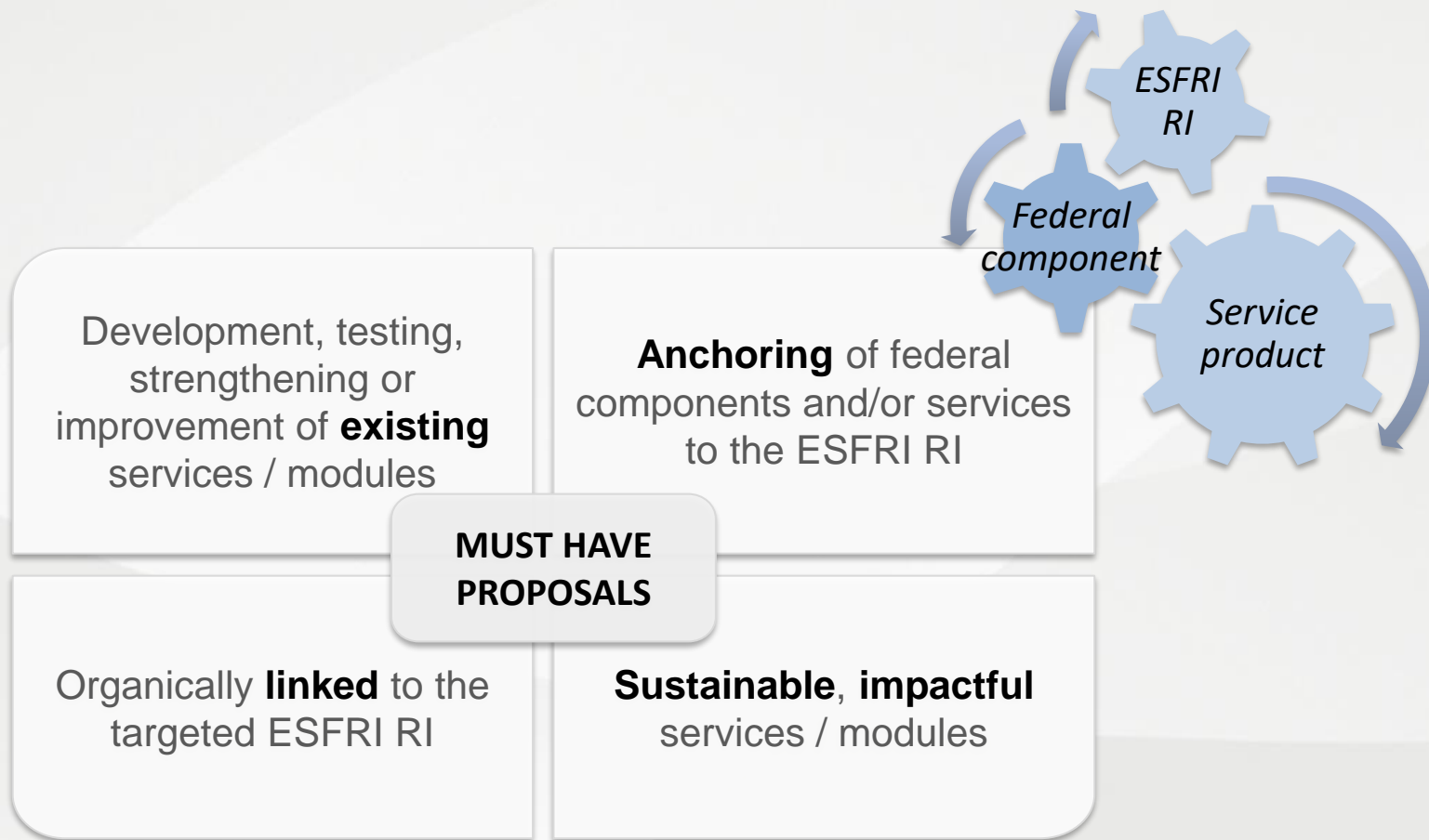
- *'Unsupported' proposals are not welcome*
- *Services excluded are: New and/or not linked to the ESFRI RI*

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## CAN I SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR AN ESFRI RI IN WHICH I DO NOT PARTICIPATE ?
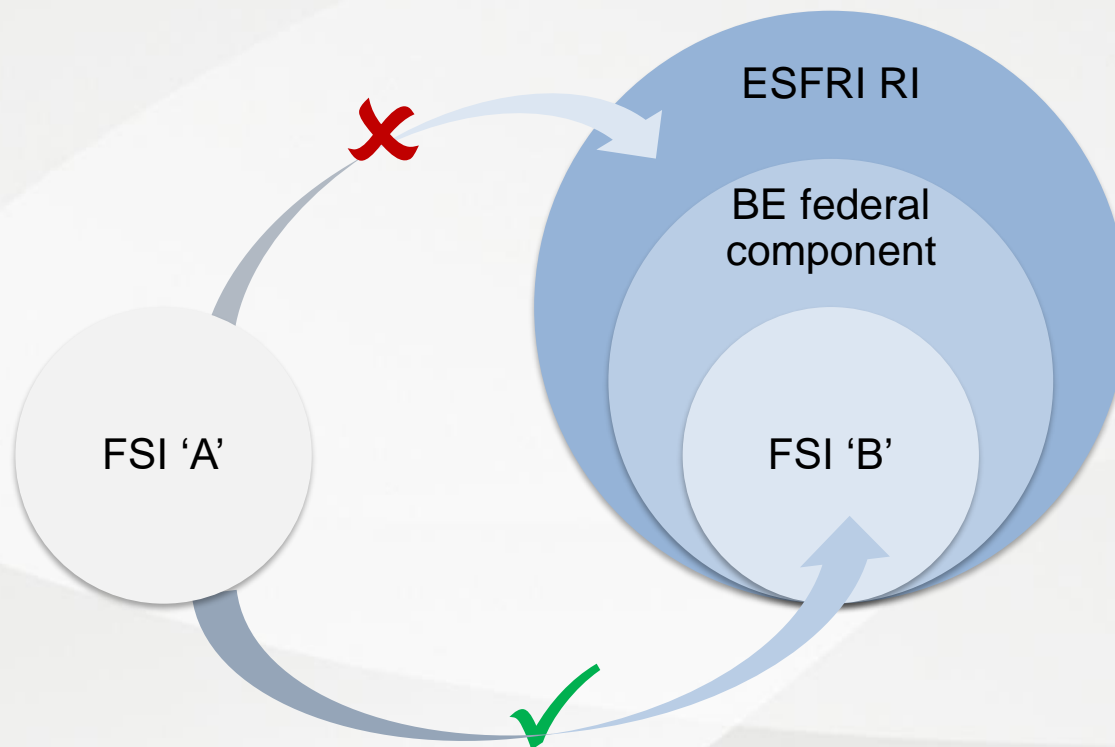


*It is possible to submit a proposal addressing an ESFRI RI in which a FSI 'A' does not participate BUT there needs to be a concertation FSI (A) – FSI (B) and the support of the BE federal component*
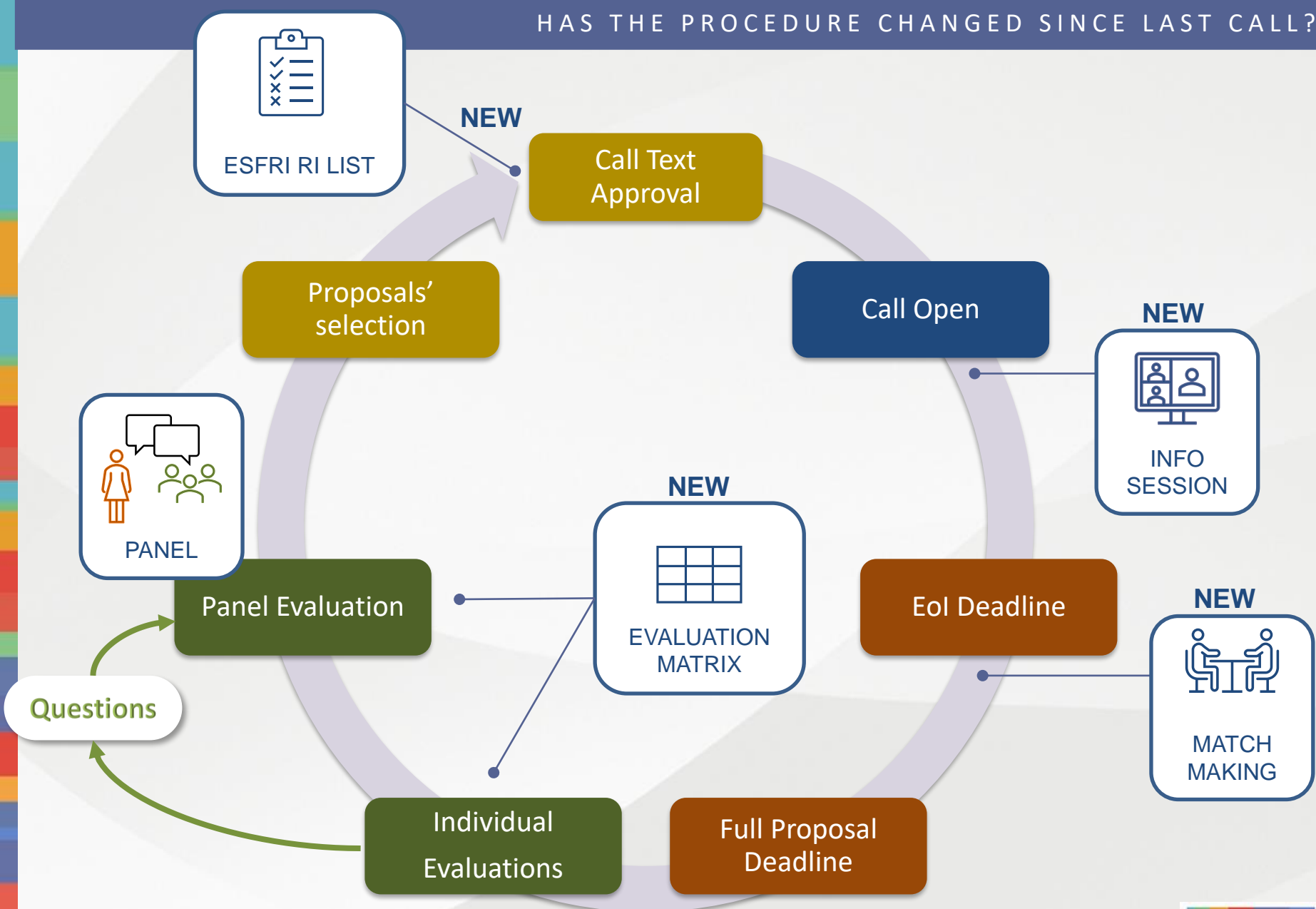
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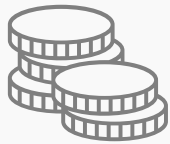
3M€

## BUDGET / PROPOSAL

- Max. **400k€** single partner proposal
- Max. **750k€** +2 partners proposal
- No minimum, no typical budget

## Nr of PROJECTS

6 – 8 projects

*Duration of projects = 2 to 4 years*

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ESFRI RI LIST

**NEW**

Call Text Approval

Proposals' selection

Call Open

**NEW**

INFO SESSION

PANEL

**NEW**

EVALUATION MATRIX

Panel Evaluation

EoI Deadline

**NEW**

MATCH MAKING

Questions

Individual Evaluations

Full Proposal Deadline

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**WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE MATCH-MAKING?**
**IS IT COMPULSORY TO SUBMIT A JOINT FULL PROPOSAL?**

MATCH
MAKING

## PHILOSOPHY

- ✓ Foster collaboration among applicants, rather than competition
- ✓ Increase the success rate
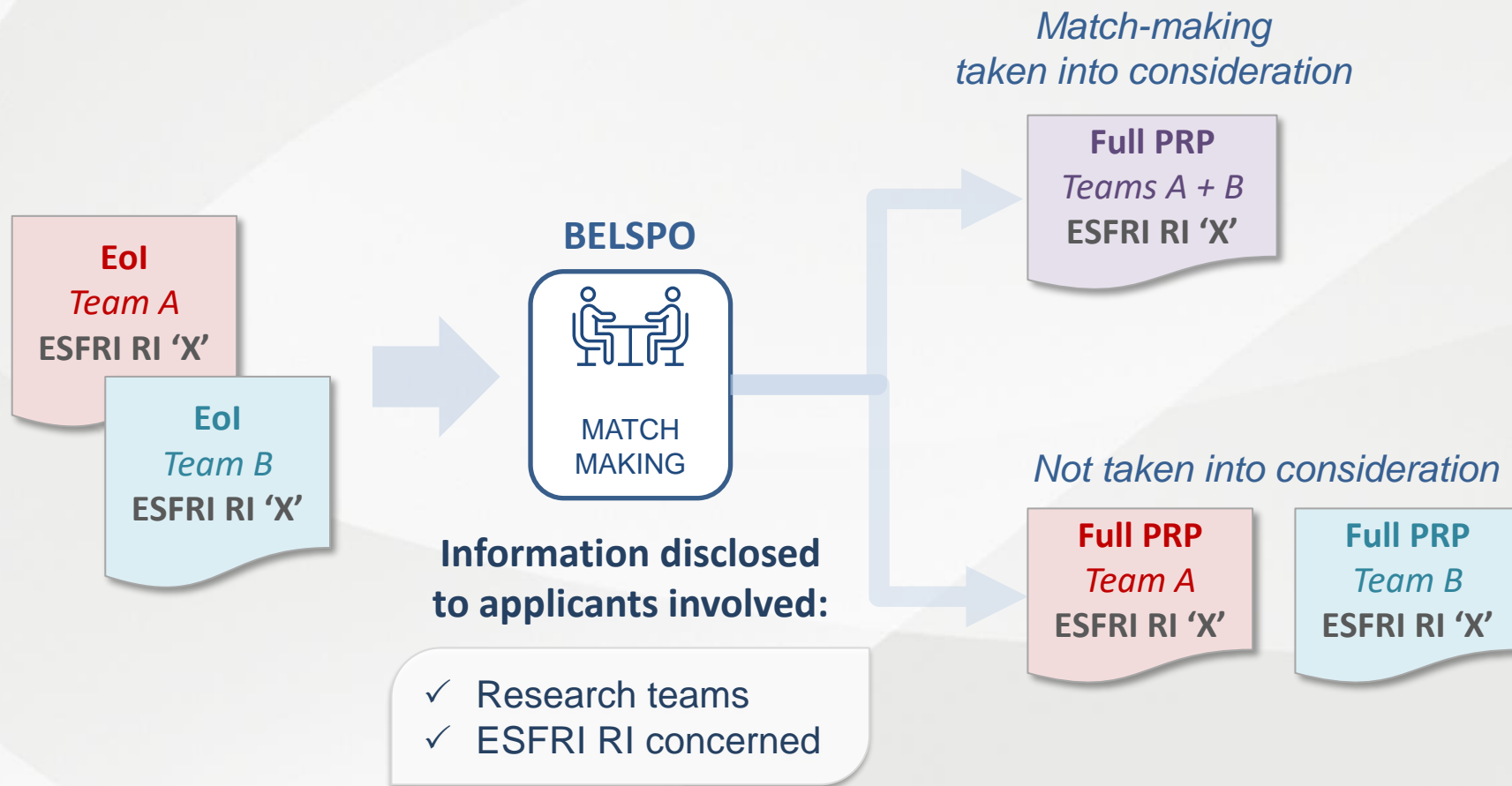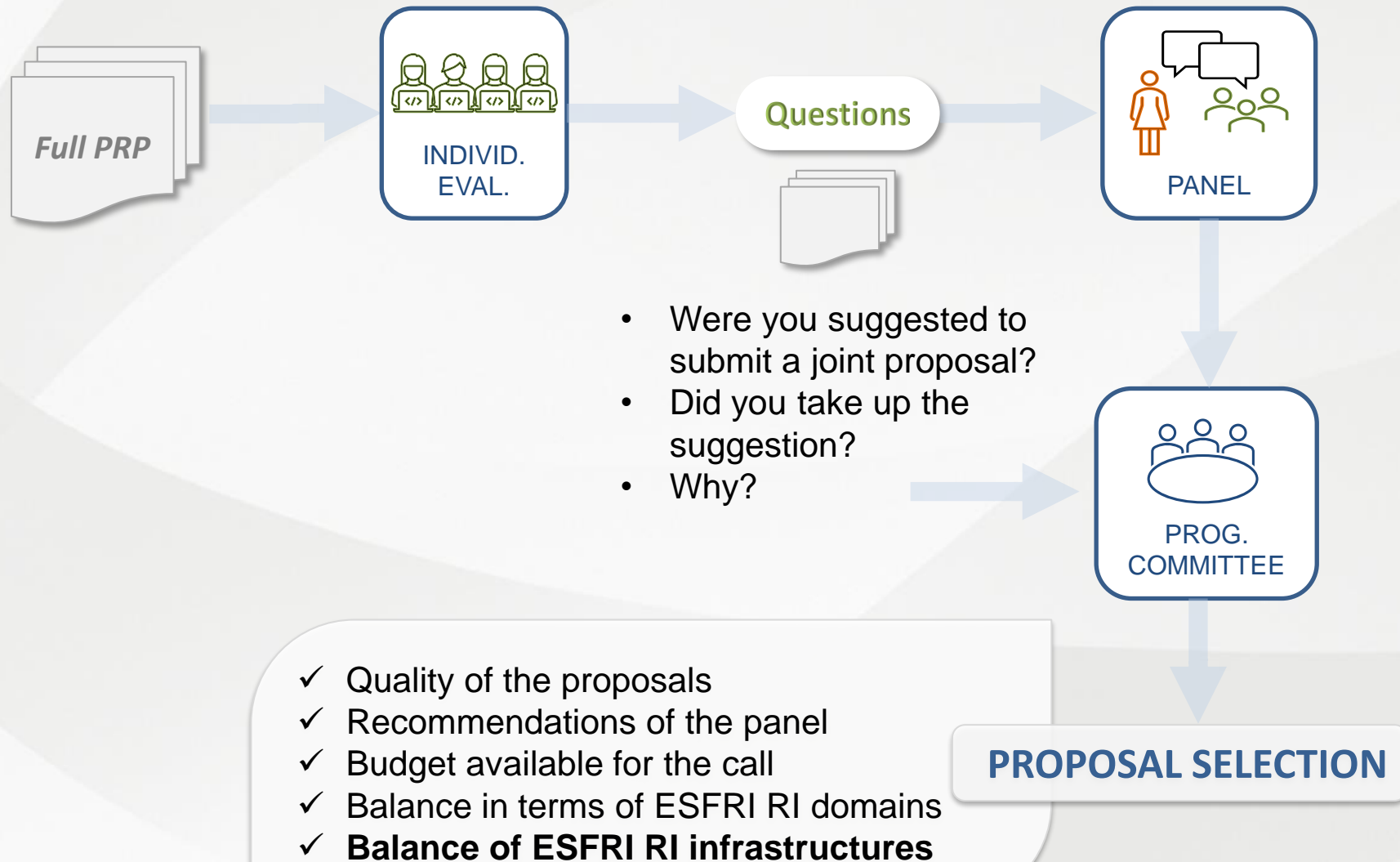- ✓ Make better use of available resources

## REMARKS

- ✓ Submitting joint full proposal is NOT compulsory
- ✓ Applicants can explain to the Panel why they have (not) followed the recommendations
- ✓ The information will be provided to the Strategic Programme Committee at the selection stage

## JOINT FULL PROPOSALS

- ✓ May require the introduction of a new EoI

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## HOW DOES THE MATCH-MAKING PROCESS TAKE PLACE?



*Match-making taken into consideration*

**Full PRP**
*Teams A + B*
**ESFRI RI 'X'**

**EoI**
*Team A*
**ESFRI RI 'X'**

**EoI**
*Team B*
**ESFRI RI 'X'**

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MATCH MAKING

**Information disclosed to applicants involved:**

✓ Research teams
✓ ESFRI RI concerned

*Not taken into consideration*

**Full PRP**
*Team A*
**ESFRI RI 'X'**

**Full PRP**
*Team B*
**ESFRI RI 'X'**

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**HOW DOES IT TAKE PLACE?**

*Full PRP* → INDIVID. EVAL. → Questions → PANEL

- Were you suggested to submit a joint proposal?
- Did you take up the suggestion?
- Why?

PROG. COMMITTEE

✓ Quality of the proposals
✓ Recommendations of the panel
✓ Budget available for the call
✓ Balance in terms of ESFRI RI domains
✓ **Balance of ESFRI RI infrastructures**

**PROPOSAL SELECTION**

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**ARE INDIVIDUAL EVALUATORS MEMBERS OF THE PANEL?**
**WILL THE EVALUATORS BE THE SAME AS IN THE PAST CALL?**

**[A]**
BE expert in BE landscape of ESFRI RI

**[B]**
Foreign agency expert involved in ESFRI funding programmes

EVALUATORS

**[C]**
Expert in long-term sustainability & integration within ESFRI RI

**[D]**
Foreign expert in the domain of the ESFRI RI

DIGIT

ENVIRONMENT

HEALTH & FOOD

SOCIAL & CULTURAL
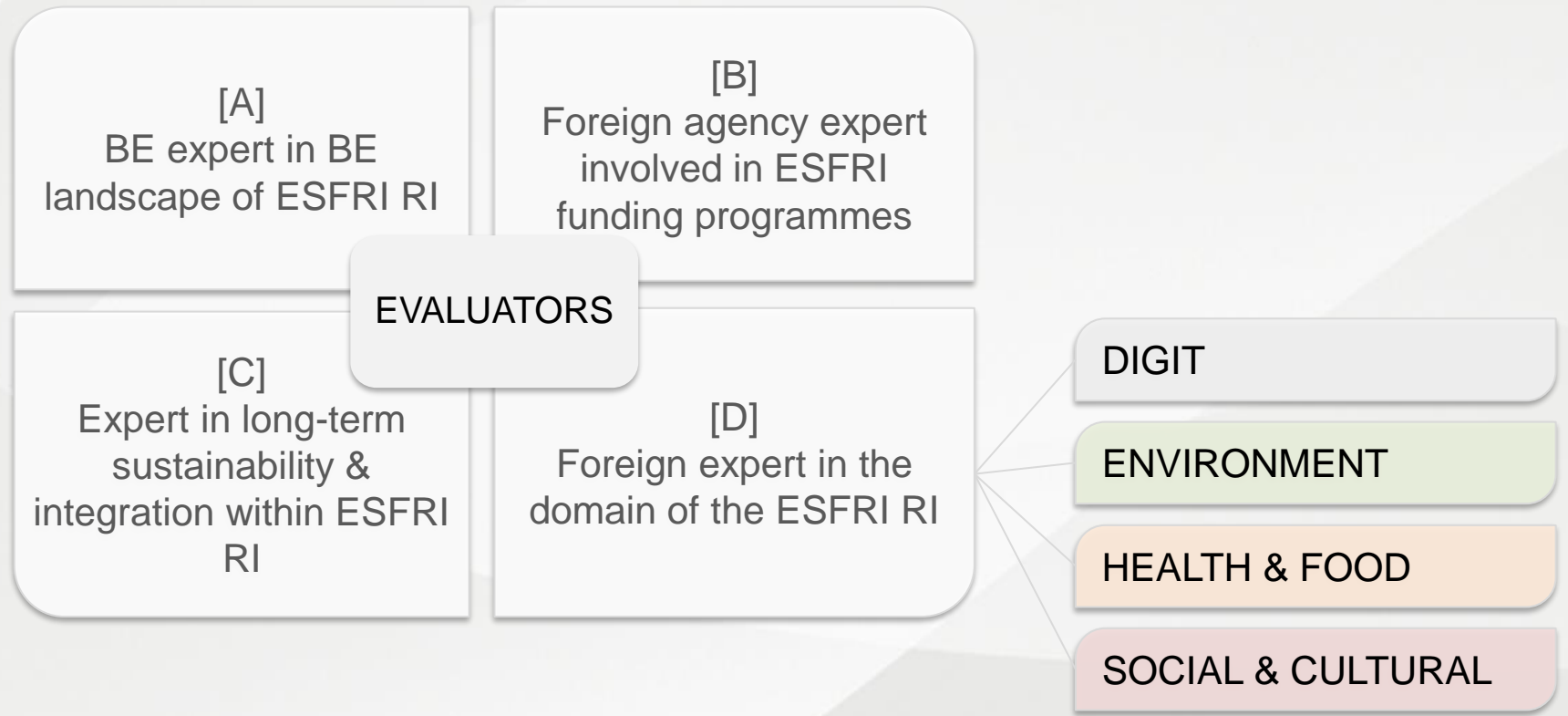
**IF POSSIBLE:**

- *Individual evaluators are also member of the panel*
- *We will keep the most appropriate evaluators from the past call*

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| Parts of the proposal | Evaluation criteria categories | Evaluation Criteria |
|---|---|---|
| **PART A:** General information | *(Not evaluated)* | General information, Details of the applicants, Summary & keywords. |
| **PART B:** Compliance with the scope of the call & Scientific case | Pertinence of the project. Relevance and scientific or technical excellence. *(1/3 of total score)* | 1. Compliance with the scope of the call |
| | | 2. Objectives of the project |
| | | 3. Justification of the project |
| | | 4. Methodology |
| **PART C:** Implementation case | Quality of the implementation. *(1/3 of total score)* | 5. Partnership |
| | | 6. Workplan |
| | | 7. Budget |
| | | 8. Data Management Plan |
| **PART D:** Impact & Sustainability case | Impact and added value. Sustainability *(1/3 of total score)* | 9. Impact |
| | | 10. Sustainability |

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## DOES THE MATURITY OF THE ESFRI RI / COMPONENT AFFECT THE CHANCES OF SUCCESS?
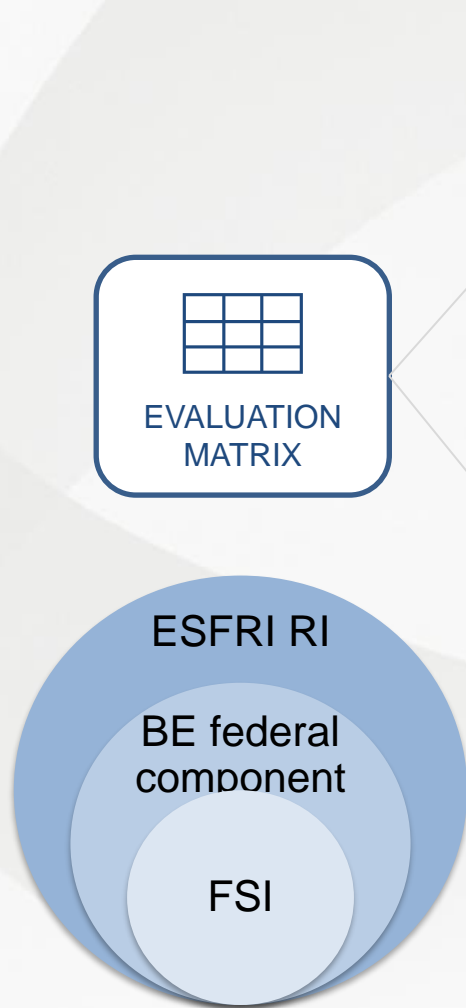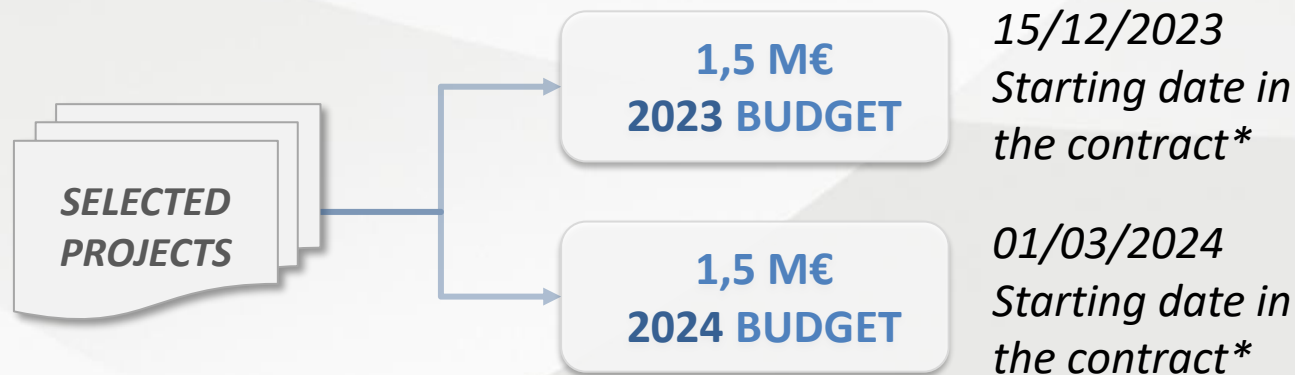
Implementation phase
Operation phase

EVALUATION MATRIX

- **Implementation:** *ESFRI RI are working towards establishing themselves as legal entities and **launching services** to the user community of the RIs.*

- **Operation:**  *ESFRI RI produce frontier research and deliver **advanced services** for excellent science…*

ESFRI RI

BE federal component

FSI

Promising component
Established component

- **Promising:** *ESFRI-FED funds should **secure** the component's position within the ESFRI RI*

- **Established:**  *ESFRI-FED funds should **strategically advance** the position within the ESFRI RI.*

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| DEADLINE* | Phase |
|---|---|
| **February 2023** | **Call Open, Info Session** |
| **7/03/2023** | **Submission of Expressions of Interest** |
| **30/05/2023** | **Submission Full Proposals** |
| Mid August 2023 | Remote Evaluation |
| Early September 2023 | Questions sent to applicants |
| End September 2023 | Panel Evaluation |
| **Mid October 2023** | **Project Selection by Strategic Committee Meeting** |
| End November 2024 | Agreement by Secretary of State |
| **Mid December 2023** | **Announcement of Results and Contracts** |

**SELECTED PROJECTS** →

**1,5 M€ 2023 BUDGET**

*15/12/2023 Starting date in the contract\**

**1,5 M€ 2024 BUDGET**

*01/03/2024 Starting date in the contract\**

*\* Preliminary dates – may be subjected to changes: Please check the website*

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