



FULL PROPOSALS (P4SCIENCE PES R&D PROJECT): SUBMISSION CONTENT FOR APPLICANTS VERSUS EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR INDIVIDUAL REMOTE EVALUATORS

These guidelines consist of two columns, describing the required submission content and the criteria for the evaluation of project proposals.

- If you are an APPLICANT, you will find the submission content guidelines on the LEFT
- If you are an **EVALUATOR**, you will find the evaluation criteria guidelines on the **RIGHT**

SUBMISSION CONTENT GUIDELINES FOR THE APPLICANTS	EVALUATION CRITERIA GUIDELINES FOR THE EVALUATORS
 Applicants are required to fill in the corresponding sections of the proposal The different sections can be found as online fields within the online platform Texts must be comprehensive, to the point, and focused on the specific criteria 	 Evaluators are required to mark the specified criteria Specific comments must be provided for each selection criteria The comments must be comprehensive, to the point and focused on specific positive and/or negative aspects explaining/justifying the attributed appreciation The comments must avoid summarising the research proposal content

Information detail	
Title of the proposal	This section does not require an evaluation.
Acronym of the proposal	
Duration of the project (In years).	
Budget	
Contribution to SDG goals	
Contribution to Open Access and Open Data	
Integrity in the conduct of research	
Proposal summary (1 page).	
Keywords (6)	





SECTION A: SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

1. Scope			1. Scope
1.a. Compliance with the sc	ope of the call		1.a. Compliance with the scope of the call
Explain how the project will co	ntribute to the scope of the call (1 page	2).	IN / OUT of scope evaluation
			Please indicate whether the project proposal is in scope, partially out of scope or totally out of scope. Provide a statement on your assessment in the comments section. The scope of the call refers to both the "scope" and the "scientific requests" as described in the Information File P4Science call Princess Elisabeth Station Antarctica
			 Note: If you consider the proposal as 'OUT of scope', your evaluation ends here. If you consider the proposal 'IN scope' OR 'partially OUT of scope', you must complete the rest of the evaluation. Proposals 'partially OUT of scope' may only be financed based upon the agreement of the Panel, who may impose adequate adjustments for it to be 'IN scope'.
1.b. Position of the project	regarding the state of the art		1.b. Position of the project regarding the state of the art
or stay within the existing state according to the position of the Please put 'x' in the cells which	tends to go beyond the state of the art is of the art but new for Belgium. Note t e project in relation to the state of the are relevant to your project; filling out	hat the proposal will be evaluated art.	This section does not require an evaluation.
The meaning of the 'x' is explain	ned within the table.		
Positioning of the project regarding the state of the art	Within	Beyond / Innovative	
in terms of topic	Catching up (in Belgium) on an existing body of international evidence	Exploring a gap in international research	
in terms of methodology	Reproducing an existing methodology	Exploring new methodology	
And elaborate on your choice (1/2 page).		





2. State of the art	2. State of the art
2.a. State of the art	2.a. State of the art
Describe the state of current knowledge at national and international level on the topic of the project (1 page).	Please assess if the state of the art indicates (1) good knowledge and understanding of the state of the art of all the relevant research areas and disciplines, and (2) if it includes a sufficiently broad overview of the relevant scientific perspectives within each of the research areas/disciplines. Please provide reasoning for your assessment in the comments section
2.b. Bibliographic references	2.b. Bibliographic references
List the list of relevant publications mentioned in point 2.a. State of the Art (2 pages).	This section does not require an evaluation.

3. Research Objectives	3. Research Objectives
3.a. List of project objectives	3.a. List of project objectives
Briefly list the objectives of the project.	This section does not require an evaluation.
Objective A	Sections 3.a. List of project objectives and 3.b Description of the objectives are evaluated together.
Objective B	Sections S.a. List of project objectives and S.b Description of the objectives are evaluated together.
Objective C	

3.b. Description of the objectives	3.b. Description of the objectives
Elaborate on your list of objectives, including how the objectives of the project relate to the scientific request(s) in the original call proposal and state of the art (current knowledge at national and	Sections 3.a. List of project objectives and 3.b Description of the objectives are evaluated together.
international level on the topic) (2 pages).	Please assess the quality, coherency and feasibility of the (list of) research objectives. Please elaborate
	on your reasoning in the comments.
	Are the research objectives well-developed, clear and coherent?
	• Are these objectives feasible within the duration and the budget of the project?
	• Does the selection of research objectives reflect the original call proposal adequately, and cover the
	full scope of the proposal?
	• Will these objectives enable the accomplishment of the project's outcome and scientific requests?

4. Methodology	4. Methodology
Provide a detailed description of the methodology (used methods, techniques, systems and/or way of working) to achieve the foreseen results, considering the different disciplines mobilised. Detail how your approach will enable to gather the expected results/deliverables) (10 pages).	





• Are the expected outcomes of the project achievable by means of the methodology presented?

Note: not all projects need to be original or innovative, but the approach undertaken must be within scope and adequately explained in the scope of the proposal (see point 1.a). E.g. A non-original project can be deemed 'excellent' even if it is not innovative, provided there is adequate argumentation (in reference to point 1.a and 1.b), as not all project calls request novel or innovative research.

5. Research Ethics			5. Research Ethics
ill out the following form. Research involving activities m equire the advice of the ad hoc Board at the level of their ir y the Belgian competent authorities. All relevant author ave to be obtained before the beginning of the project. W	nstitu risatic	tion ai ons fro	t delivered issues. Please refer to both the table and the additional comments provided by the applicant. Elabor your reasoning in the comments, and if the proposal is deemed below 'Good Quality', please descr
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ssues have to be explained in the data management plan.			Please refer to Belgian Code of Conduct for more information. You can find this document on
			website.
Humans	YES	NO	website.
Does the project or the project data involve humans (children, patients, volunteers, vulnerable people) as subjects?			
Human Embryo/Foetus	YES	NO	
* Does the project or the project data involve human embryos?			
* Does the project or the project data involve human foetal tissues/cells?			
* Does the project or the project data involve human embryonic stem cells?			
Human Cells and/or Tissues	YES	NO	
Does the project or the project data involve the use of human cells or tissues (other than from human embryos and/or foetuses)?			
Genetic Resources	YES	NO	
Does your research use genetic resources and/or associated traditional knowledge covered by access and benefit sharing legislation and / or Nagoya protocol?			
Privacy	YES	NO	
Does the project involve collecting and/or processing of genetic information or personal data (e.g. health, sexual lifestyle, ethnicity, political opinion, religious or philosophical conviction)?			
Does the project or the project data involve tracking the location or observation of people?			
Animals	YES	NO	
Does the project or the project data involve research on animals?			
* Are those animals non-human primates?			
Environment, Health and Safety	YES	NO	
Does your project or your project data involve any activities dealing with elements that may cause harm to the environment, animals, or plants (e.g., GMO plants, microorganisms, etc.)?			
Does your project or your project data involve the use of elements (toxic chemicals, explosives, radioactive material, etc.) that may cause harm to humans, including the research staff?			
International collaboration	YES	NO	
Does your research involve international collaboration with non-EU countries?			
Security	YES	NO	
* Could your research have dual-use or military applications?			
* Could your research be misused, compromise security and or human rights?			
Artificial Intelligence	YES	NO	
Does your research involve Artificial Intelligence?			
Other Ethical Issues	YES	NO	
Are there any other foreseen activities that may raise ethical issues or that should be taken in consideration?			





Please explain the ethical issues. In the absence of ethical issues, please provide a brief explanation of why there are none (1 page).

6. Gender dimension in the research	6. Gender dimension in the research
Consider the relevance of sex/gender in relationship to the research topic; the way in which the methodology of the project ensures that (possible) sex/gender differences will be investigated; that sex/gender differentiated data will be collected and analysed throughout the project; that differentiated outcomes and impact of the research have been considered in relation to sex/gender; that samples or test groups are sex/gender balanced; that data are analysed according to the sex/gender variable. Include intersectionality whenever appropriate (1 page).	gender in the proposed research.

SECTION B: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSAL

7. Workplan	7. Workplan
7.a. Gantt chart	7.a. Gantt chart
Complete BELSPO's GANTT chart (separate file available on the website) in accordance with the description of the detailed work plan, tasks and deliverables above:	Please refer to the description of the proposal, and point 7.a. Gantt chart (separate file).
 Work intensity of each partner within each task (expressed in person-month [PM]) Include for each partner the person-months funded by the S4Policy project and the person-months funded by other sources (see notes). 	Provide an overall assessment of the work planning (time schedule, duration and person-power per task per month), in relation to the feasibility of completing the project. During this assessment, please assess the efficiency, timing, and synergy between tasks, and if the tasks within the WP's are well-integrated and coherent.
Notes:	
The Gantt chart includes funded & non-funded partners.	Secondly, please assess the distribution of Tasks in the WP among partners, in function of their expertise
 1 Person-month [PM] = 1 full-time equivalent [FTE] or 2 half-time equivalents over 1 month. Other sources of financing may include: salary payment by institutions other than BELSPO and/or via other projects, voluntary contributions, etc. 	and role in the project (it is not necessary to go into detail on what each partner does) and in function of the allocated time of person-power per task per partner.
ightarrow Attention: If a given task requires 7 person-months, and only 6 months will be financed by the	
P4Science project (BELSPO), the 7th month must be included under 'Person-months other sources' instead of 'Person-months BELSPO'.	





• con	 mpulsory work packages: Coordination, project management and reporting Data management Dissemination 	If the proposal is deemed 'Medium Quality', 'Good Quality or 'Very Good Quality', please describe the necessary/possible improvements in the comments. Please add recommendations regarding the duration and pertinence of the tasks in the comments.
7.b. W	ork plan description	7.b. Work plan description
Describ instituti Add as Delivera Manage	ork Package; T =Task; D =Deliverable e the work plan of the project in Work Packages, Tasks and Deliverables, assign on for each Task. many lines as needed to each work package, and as many Work Packages are re- ables to the list of objectives in section 3.a. Remember that WP Coordina- ement, and WP Valorisation (of deliverables), are compulsory. Insert here title of the Work Package] [Insert here title of the task] [Insert here title of the task] [Insert here task leader's institution] [Insert here title of project objectives] D.1.12 D.1.13 [Insert here title of the task] [Insert here the title of Deliverable and state the objective it is linked to – cfr 3.a. List of project objectives] D.1.2.2 D.1.2.3 [Insert here title of the task] [Insert here title of the task] [Insert here title of the task] [Insert here the title of Deliverable and state the objective it is linked to – cfr 3.a. List of project objectives] D.1.3.1 [Insert here the title of Deliverable and state the objective it is linked to – cfr 3.a. List of project objectives] D.1.3.2 D.1.3.3	• Are the WP's, tasks, and deliverables coherent with the objectives, methodology and expected regulired. Link the results of the project?





8. Risk mar	nagement						8. Risk management
3.a. Risk mar	nagement description	on					8.a. Risk management description
	table matching the risk					r the risk	This section does not require an evaluation.
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9. Data Management Plan
9.a. Data summary
Sections 9.a. Data Summary, 9.b. Open and FAIR compliance and 9.c. Curation storage and preservation costs are evaluated together.





9.b. Open and FAIR compliance	9.b. Open and FAIR compliance
 Provide information on the Open and FAIR management of data. List of identifiers or repositories that will be used. Information on Open Access, as well as access provisions and IPR arrangement where relevant Provide information on standards, formats and vocabularies for data and metadata that will be used to make data interoperable. Licensing for data sharing and tools/software/models for data generation and validation/interpretation/re-use to ensure the re-usability of the data. (1/2 page). 	Sections 9.a. Data Summary, 9.b. Open and FAIR compliance and 9.c. Curation storage and preservation costs are evaluated together.
9.c. Curation, storage and preservation costs	9.c. Curation, storage and preservation costs
 Provide information regarding the curation, storage and preservation costs of data, during and after the project. The person/entity/team that will be responsible for data management and quality assurance. The estimated costs for curation and storage. (1/2 page). 	Sections 9.a. Data Summary, 9.b. Open and FAIR compliance and 9.c. Curation storage and preservation costs are evaluated together. Please assess if all requested information is accurately described in the proposal, if there are any shortcomings and the quality of the provided information on data description, FAIR compliance and curation. Please elaborate your choice in the comments. If the proposal is deemed 'Good Quality or 'Very Good Quality', please describe the necessary/possible improvements and recommendation in the comments. Summary Is the description of data and metadata adequate and sufficient? Has the acquisition, production, and (re)use of data been adequately addressed? Do data and metadata comply with current standards? Open and FAIR compliance Do the data & data management comply with FAIR principles? Is provided Information on Open Access, as well as access provisions and IPR arrangement where relevant, adequately described? Have the legal issues/aspects of the data been adequately and sufficiently addressed? Curation, storage and preservation costs Is the data storage and back-up adequately and sufficiently described? Are the measures foreseen by the team to curate, store and enable reuse of the data according to FAIR principles satisfactory?





10. Coordinator / Partnership	10. Coordinator / Partnership
10.a. Coordinator (C=P1)	10.a. Coordinator (C=P1)
 Provide a short description of expertise and skills of the coordinator: Name & Surname, Gender, Service/Department, Institution, Link to Gender Equality Plan of Institution (if there is any), Number of years active in research, Number of years of management experience. Their professional background and relevant experience in relation to the project, including managerial experience. Max. top 5 achievements, milestones or (peer-reviewed) publications related to the project A list of projects carried out over the past 5 years in fields related to the project (indicate duration, funding source and role) If possible, include web links for all the information above. 	 Please assess the compatibility of the coordinator's (and their team's) expertise with the project and their role (as coordinator). Elaborate your reasoning in the comments. If the proposal is deemed below 'Very Good Quality', please describe the necessary/possible improvements. <i>Please consider guiding questions:</i> Is the individual quality, expertise, and adequacy of the coordinator a good match for the project? Does the coordinator have sufficient experience as a manager to coordinate the project?
10.b. Funded partners (if applicable)	10.b. Funded partners (if applicable)
 Provide a short description of expertise and skills of each partner: Name & Surname, Gender, Service/Department, Institution, Link to Gender Equality Plan of Institution (if there is any), Number of years active in research Their professional background and relevant experience in relation to the project Max. top 5 achievements, milestones or (peer-reviewed) publications related to the project A list of the research projects carried out over the past five years in the field under consideration or related areas (specify the duration of the work and funding source). A list of projects carried out over the past 5 years in fields related to the project (indicate duration, funding source and role) If possible, include web links for all the information above. 	 Please assess the quality of the individual funded partners within the frame of the project. Please consider guiding questions: If the project has multiple partners: Is the individual quality, expertise, and adequacy of the partner a good match for the project?
10.c. Non-funded partners (if applicable)	10.c. Non-funded partners (if applicable)
To be included as non-funded partner, the non-funded partner must provide a substantial contribution to the research project appearing in the Work Plan (performing tasks). Federal departments are excluded. Provide a short description of each non-funded partner: • Name, surname, Gender, Institution, Service/Department • Professional background relevant to the project • Description of the aspect(s) of the project of interest and motivation why • Description of the contribution to the project (in-kind and/or in-cash)	 Please assess the quality of the individual non-funded partners within the frame of the project. Please consider guiding questions: If the project has multiple partners: Is the individual quality, expertise, and adequacy of the partner a good match for the project?
10.d. Combined expertise of the consortium (coordinator, funded and non-funded partners) (if applicable)	10.d. Combined expertise of the consortium (coordinator, funded and non-funded partners) (if applicable)
Describe how all project partners will provide the scientific expertise needed for the project, and the added value associated to addressing the research topic as a network of researchers (1 page).	Please evaluate the adequacy (including expertise, experience and role) of the partnership among the coordinators and the (non-funded) partners, and its (additional) benefits to the research and research project overall. Guiding questions:





	 Does the experience of all partners (coordinator, funded and non-funded partners) cover the full scope of the research project to reach the objectives? Are all network opportunities explored?
10.e. Gender balance in the project team (if applicable)	10.e. Gender balance in the project team (if applicable)
Describe to what extent the project team of funded partners is diverse in terms of gender, and possible pathways to improve gender balance if it has not been yet achieved. Describe how the project will ensure that all gender groups can provide input, can access and can participate in project activities, as well as the mechanisms in place to manage and monitor gender equality aspects (1/2 page).	 Assess the gender aspects and/or issues in the research team(s) and (if applicable) the network. Please take the following guiding questions into consideration during your evaluation: Is the research team diverse and balanced in terms of gender? Does the proposal include ways to improve the gender balance, if it has not yet been achieved? Does the proposal adequately describe how the project will ensure that all gender groups within the research team can fairly and equally contribute to the project as foreseen in the workplan and on their level of expertise, and can access and participate in project activities. How does the proposal suggest putting mechanisms in place to manage and monitor gender equality aspects?

11. Campaign information	11. Campaign information
Fill in detailed information on the campaigns	This part does not require an evaluation.

12. Budget	12. Budget
Please consult the BUDGET RULES file on the P4Science call website.	Please consider if the is budget realistic, well-balanced among funded- partners (if applicable) and
Fill in the budget table (separate file) .	proportionate to their contribution, and if it is in line with the objectives and expected outcomes of the project? Please elaborate your choice in the comments.





SECTION C: OUTREACH AND DISSEMINATION

13. Dissemina	ation			13. Dissemination
13.a. Dissemination plan			13.a. Dissemination plan	
Classify all the deliverables (cfr. list and numbering in 7.b.) in terms of category of deliverable and targeted group and provide the foreseen dissemination period.		f category of deliverable and	This section does not require an evaluation.	
Deliverable	Category of deliverable	Targeted group	Dissemination period	
D.X.X. Title	[From a list]	[From a list, multiple choice allowed]		
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	on of dissemination plan		tion is to be accomplished (1	13.b. Description of dissemination plan Sections '13.a. Dissemination plan' and '13.b. Description of dissemination plan' are evaluated together.
page).				Please assess the capacity of the research team to:
				Promote the results and acquired knowledge
				Enable (peer-reviewed) publication to the academic community and broader public
				 Enable access to and use of data. Furthermore, assess the accuracy of selected targeted audiences, the appropriateness of communication tools and approaches, etc.
				Please elaborate your choice in the comments.

14. Stakeholder committee	14. Stakeholder committee
14.a. List of potential Stakeholder committee members	14.a. List of potential Stakeholder committee members
List the potential members of the Stakeholder committee and their role.	This section does not require an evaluation.
• Specify the functioning and role (informed, consulted, involved in research) of the follow-up committee	
Provide a motivated list of possible committee members with their role and profiles.	
Describe the gender balance in the composition of the committee	
Note:	
• Each project is accompanied by stakeholder committee. The objective of this committee is to provide an active follow-up of the project and to assist in the valorisation of the research, via	
exchange and provision of data and information, giving advice, suggesting means of valorisation,	
etc.	





 The stakeholder committee is composed of potential users of the results, such as representatives of public authorities at national, regional, European, or international level, social actors, scientists, industrial actors, etc. The members of the stakeholder committee are non-funded. The final composition of the stakeholder committee will be defined in collaboration with BELSPO. 	
14.b. Way of working	14.b. Way of working
Describe the way of working of the Stakeholder Committee (1 page).	 Sections 14.a. List of potential Stakeholder committee members and 14.b. Way of working are evaluated together. Please assess the following aspects and elaborate your reasoning in the comments: The coherence of the composition of the follow-up committee The proposed role for the members (informed, consulted, involved) To the way of working (number of meetings, method of information exchange, etc.), in relation to the foreseen outcome of the project. The involvement of non-scientific stakeholders in the early stages of the project (co-creation of results) – where appropriate. Take into account gender balance. Note: It is compulsory that the stakeholder committee includes members that are potentially end-users of the results of project.

SECTION D: STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

15. Strengths and weaknesses	
This section is only available to the evaluator	Please list the strengths and weaknesses of the proposal. Use bullet points and short sentences.
16. Recommendations for improvement for the applicants	

Please provide recommendations for the researchers to improve their project.

This section is only available to the evaluator.





FULL PROPOSALS: EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR PANEL EVALUATORS

These guidelines describe the criteria for the evaluation of project proposals at the stage of the PANEL.

DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE PRIOR TO THE PANEL MEETING	DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE DURING THE PANEL MEETING
 Information File Evaluation guidelines (this document) Budget Rules Scientific ranking of the proposals (from the marks given by individual evaluators) Submitted project proposals (remotely evaluated), including: General information Scientific information (scope, state of the art, research objectives, methodology, research ethics form, gender dimension) Implementation of the proposal (Gantt chart, work plan description, risk management, Data Management Plan, Coordinator/Partnership, budget table) Outreach and dissemination (dissemination and stakeholder committee). 	 Proposals and pre-drafted consensus reports Proposal ranking from which to elaborate the funding scenario (spread sheets) Document (template) to explain the funding scenario(s) proposed during the Panel meeting Any other type of information provided by BELSPO that would help the evaluation Panel to develop (a) funding scenario(s)





PANEL EVALUATION CRITERIA GUIDELINES FOR CO-FUNDED PROPOSALS

The funding scenario(s) produced during the Panel meeting must be accompanied by a document explaining the choices made in terms of the following criteria and the suggestions/recommendations made by the remote evaluators within the consensus report.

Available Call budget	
Project budget versus Call budget	
Coverage in terms of research topics	
Coverage in terms of the research topics of the projects	
Coverage in terms of participation	
Coverage in terms of institutions	
Critical mass	
Coverage in terms of synergy compared to previous financed subjects within the frame of P4Science.	
Adjustments, recommendations	
- Adjustments/recommendations in term of stakeholder committee, workplan,	

- Adjustments of budget (either suggested by the remote evaluators or in view of the ensemble of proposals)