

Experience of a SC6 Evaluator

Prof. Virginie Van Ingelgom

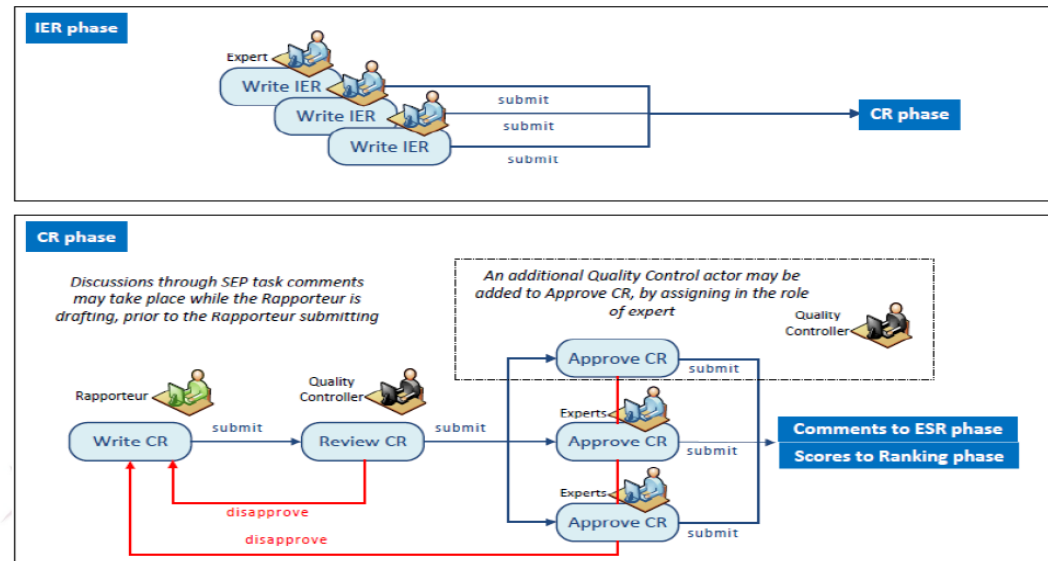
F.R.S. – FNRS, UCLouvain

Information meeting on H2020 Societal Challenge 6 – Societies, 26th November 2019

An evaluator's perspective

- My experience as an expert (IER, CR + Panel)
- (1) RIA / Call: H2020-SC6-CULT-COOP-2016-2017
UNDERSTANDING EUROPE - PROMOTING THE
EUROPEAN PUBLIC AND CULTURAL SPACE
 - (2) RIA / Call: H2020-SC6-GOVERNANCE-2018-2019-
2020 GOVERNANCE FOR THE FUTURE

Experts roles in SEP



Actions and evaluations criteria

- Types of actions
 - **RIA (Research & Innovation Actions)** - activities aiming at establishing new knowledge and/or to explore the feasibility of a new or improved solution (technology) product, process, service).
 - **CSA (Coordination & Support Actions)** - Action that improve skills, mobilise large – scale investments or facilitate EU policy implementation („systemic support of citizen science’)
- Evaluation criteria
 - EXCELLENCE
 - IMPACT
 - IMPLEMENTATION

Scoring

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

Excellence

- The following aspects will be taken into account, to the extent that the proposed work corresponds to the topic description in the work programme:
 1. Clarity and pertinence of the **objectives**
 2. **Soundness of the concept**, and credibility of the proposed **methodology**
 3. Extent that proposed work is **beyond the state of the art**, and demonstrates **innovation potential** (e.g. ground-breaking objectives, novel concepts and approaches, new products, services or business and organisational models)
 4. Appropriate consideration of **interdisciplinary approaches** and, where relevant, **use of stakeholder knowledge and gender dimension** in research and innovation content

Impact

- The following aspects will be taken into account:
 1. The extent to which the outputs of the project would contribute to each of the expected
 2. Any **substantial impacts not mentioned in the work programme**, that would enhance innovation capacity, create new market opportunities, strengthen competitiveness and growth of companies, address issues related to climate change or the environment, or bring other important benefits for society
 3. Quality of the proposed measures to:
 - **exploit and disseminate the project results** (including management of IPR), and to manage research data where relevant
 - **communicate** the project activities to **different target audiences**

Implementation

- The following aspects will be taken into account:
 1. **Quality and effectiveness** of the work plan, including extent to which the resources assigned to work packages are in line with their objectives and deliverables.
 2. Appropriateness of the **management structures** and procedures, including risk and innovation management.
 3. **Complementarity of the participants** and extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary **expertise**.
 4. **Appropriateness of the allocation of tasks**, ensuring that all participants have a valid role and adequate resources in the project to fulfil that role.

General comments

- **NO SUSPENSE** – Explain your concept, objectives etc from the very beginning
- **Avoid vague, general statements at all costs** - details, details, details. You should be consistent and specific (avoid imprecisions) but not repetitive
- Your project should be straightforward. Make sure that texts, graphs are clear and really **convey your message**.
- **Use H2020 vocabulary** (soundness of concept, management plan, work programme, target audience etc...)
- **Make the evaluator's task easier**. Use colors, graphs, etc. -. If you can use table for some content - use it (eg. risks, communication measures, etc.),
- Don't mention anything without **explaining HOW** it will be taken into consideration concretely.
- Good quality English will lessen the potential confusion. It should be obvious, but is sometimes not.

General comments

- **Don't overdo the scientific language** – otherwise we'll start to doubt whether you're able to engage citizens with less scientific literacy
- + **Don't forget that expert will not necessarily be expert in your very specific field**
- **Check the work programme again and again** and try determine the scope of it
- **Use the evaluation grid as a check list** to make sure that everything is addressed in your proposal.
- Don't focus on aspects that are not part of the evaluation criteria. They will be dismissed by quality check (apart from specific criteria).

Good luck !