

ELG – FSTP – Pilot Projects Open Call 2

Call Documentation – Annex 4 – Evaluation Criteria

Eligibility Criteria

Formal Requirements

Criterion	Evaluation	
Language	Proposal is in English in all required parts.	Yes / No
Submission	Proposal delivered on time.	Yes / No
Declaration of Honour	Declaration of Honour is signed.	Yes / No
Legal Status	Applicant is an SME or research organisation (incl., but not limited to, higher education organisations, independent research organisations and NGOs).	Yes / No
Country	Applicant is legally established in an <u>Horizon2020 eligible country</u> .	Yes / No
Number of Proposals	Maximum of two proposals per applicant, one for objective (a) and one for objective (b).	Yes / No
Conflict of Interest	No conflict of interest.	Yes / No

Formal requirements check is the first step in the evaluation process. It will be checked prior to further evaluation. If one of the formal requirements is not fulfilled, the proposal is rejected. Formal requirements are described in full detail in the call documentation.

Eligibility criteria

Criterion	Evaluation	
Uniqueness	No similar project, technology or application exists. Non-existence of the same proposal selected by ELG in the previous call.	Yes / No
Relevance for ELG	Match of the actual proposal to the objective (a) or (b).	Yes / No
Project Phases	Proposal includes all required phases (Experiment, Integration, Dissemination)	Yes / No

Eligibility criteria are checked by all three evaluators. If the evaluation of these criteria differ, the Pilot Board decides. If one of the eligibility criteria is not fulfilled, the proposal is rejected.

Evaluation Criteria

Criterion	Evaluation	Weight	Points
Objective fit	<p>Are the project goals and planned achievements in line with the overall objectives of ELG? Is it likely that the project will deliver added value to ELG?</p> <p>Will the project contribute services, tools or data sets to ELG or develop applications using language technologies available in ELG?</p> <p>Will the project demonstrate the usefulness of ELG as a technology platform?</p>	3	0 / 3 / 7 / 10 points
Technical approach	<p>Are the planned technical solutions viable?</p> <p>Does the technical approach fit the project goals and planned achievements?</p> <p>Are the planned activities feasible and facilitate the achievement of project outputs?</p> <p>Is the approach innovative?</p>	2	0 / 3 / 7 / 10 points
Business, Integration and Dissemination plan	<p>Is the business plan reasonable and ambitious?</p> <p>Is the desired impact and benefit of the project relevant for both ELG and the applicant?</p> <p>How well is the integration of project outputs planned?</p> <p>Are the dissemination and promotion activities planned adequately?</p>	3	0 / 3 / 7 / 10 points
Budget adequacy ¹	<p>Does the budget correspond to all planned activities and outputs?²</p> <p>Is the budget well explained and justified?</p>	1	0 / 3 / 7 / 10 points
Team	<p>Is the applicant's team capable of executing the project and delivering its outputs (in required time, quality and with estimated budget)?</p>	1	0 / 3 / 7 / 10 points

¹ The Pilot Board will separately check if the budget fulfils all the budget requirements set out in the Call documentation.

² Evaluators can propose budget changes.

Rating Scale – Criteria fulfilment	
0 points	Not at all The proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.
3 points	Limited The criterion is inadequately addressed or there are significant weaknesses.
7 points	Good The proposal addresses the criterion well, but some shortcomings are present.
10 points	Excellent The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion, any shortcomings are minor.

All project proposals are evaluated by three independent experts (evaluators). Each evaluator will evaluate all individual criteria and assign points. The points from all evaluators are then summed up by criterion. Points by criterion are then multiplied by the criterion’s weight and summed up in order to get the proposal’s overall score.

*Example: Proposal XY gets from each evaluator full points in all criteria (10 * 3 = 30 point per criterion). The points by criteria are then multiplied by the criterion’s weight (objective fit: 30 points * 3, technical approach: 30 points * 2, business, integration and dissemination plan: 30 points * 3, budget adequacy: 30 points * 1, team: 30 points * 1). The overall score of proposal XY after the evaluation from experts is 300 points.*

The Pilot Board can change the total number of points assigned to a proposal in the range of at most 45 points (up or down) of all the points the proposal received from the evaluators.

Proposals that choose project type “(b) develop applications using language technologies available in the grid” will get 30 bonus points in case the applicant is an SME.

The total overall score of an individual proposal is 375 points: maximum 300 points from evaluators + maximum 45 points from Pilot Board + 30 points if the applicant is an SME in project type (b).