EVALUATION PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA

Evaluation procedure

The evaluation of the proposals is divided into two steps. The first step is a written evaluation by 4 international experts.

The second step of the evaluation consists of an oral defence in front of a panel of experts. This second step is only accessible for the proposals that successfully passed the first part of the evaluation.

Evaluation criteria for the written evaluation

- <u>Compliance with the guidelines of this call and the programme aims</u>
- <u>Scientific quality of the project proposal:</u>
 - scientific originality of the proposed research
 - definition of clear objectives and tasks
 - clarity of the aims and the tasks
 - relevance of the methodological approach
 - validation of the results
- <u>Calibre of the applicant(s)</u>
 - relevant expertise and publications of the laboratory
- <u>The quality of the proposed partnership:</u>
 - complementary relationship of the partners
 - distribution of tasks
 - balanced distribution of the resources among the partners
 - cooperation methods (joint activities, exchanges of researchers, joint publications, ...)

• <u>Feasibility of the proposal</u>

- realistic preparation of the work plan (including SWOT analysis)
- realistic assessment of the resources required (duration, budget, staff)
- <u>Exploitation</u>
 - > plan for disseminating project results, visibility given to the project

Evaluation criteria for the oral defence

- Presentation
- Knowledge of domain
- Innovative character of proposal
- Motivation
- Clarity and relevance of answers