

Evaluation Form

[Numbering corresponds to that utilised within the Short Proposal]

5. Profile of the Institute

5.1. Objectives

- Does the institute exhibit a distinctive and attractive profile compared to existing institutions?
- Are the main questions innovative, worthwhile to be tackled, and able to be implemented?
- Are the objectives statements helpful to guide appropriation of results and implementation?

Comments

5.2. Partners

- Are the contributions (expertise, know-how, resources, and roles) of the respective partners adequate for carrying out the research programme and for contributing to the development of the envisaged profile?
- Are the benefits for the individual partners clearly expressed and is the realisation of the respective benefits feasible?
- Does the integration of partners result in a coherent and substantial programme that may not be conducted by the respective partners independently?
- Are research users well-positioned in the consortium? Particularly, do the users actively contribute to the priorities and content of the research programme and do they provide an attractive mix of knowledge producers and knowledge users?
- Is the appropriation of the results, particularly by the research users viable ensured, given the envisaged distribution of roles and resources?
- Would you recommend a re-arrangement of the composition of the consortium and the role of partners? Particularly, are there partners which can be waived? Are other partners missing?
- Beyond partners as users: Is there relevance for other users and is it evident which other users will be addressed?

Comments

5.3. Size / Location(s) of the Institute

- Do the number of employees, the type and size of equipment and infrastructure allow the operation of the institute and the performance of the research programme?
- Do the premises guarantee an independent profile of the institute instead of just being an “add on” in regard to one or several of the partners.
- Specifically, is – in case of a multi-site institute – the cohesion of the institute guaranteed to a satisfying degree?

Comments

6. Research Programme

6.1. State of Research / 6.3. Methodological Approach and Theoretical Background

- Is the proposed research programme competitive at international level vis-à-vis the state of research?
- Are the research issues, the chosen methodological and theoretical approaches, and the intended modes of appropriation of results up to date and attractive?
- Do the thematic and methodological issues provide a basis for long-term oriented research activity?

Comments

6.2. Research Programme

- Does the presented research programme constitute a coherent, long-term oriented research agenda or do the research lines form an accumulation of rather separated and weakly connected projects?
- Does the research programme have enough substance for the indicated number of employees and for a duration of 7 years?
- Are the research objectives feasible concerning timeframe, partners, number of employees and structure?
- Can the appropriation of results be achieved within the respective timeframes?
- Does the programme show high scientific quality and relevance and does it provide opportunities for academic careers?
- Is the research programme attractive for international co-operation and networking?
- In case the research programme involves routine activities: Are they necessary for conducting the research project?

Comments

7. Human Resources

- Are the employees and in particular the director of the institute and the key researchers able to conduct the research programme based on their track records?
- Is there an adequate mix of employees originating from the mainly knowledge producing partners and mainly knowledge using partners?
- Is the human resources development plan attractive to attract high-quality research staff and to enable professional careers?

Comments

8. Management and Organisation

8.1. Organisational Chart

- Does the organisational structure support (i) the performance of the research programme and (ii) the appropriation of results?

- Are the decision and communication paths clearly defined, feasible, and supportive?

Comments

8.2. IPR

- Is the IPR strategy adequate to fully appropriate research results?
- Is the intended distribution of roles, in particular the institute's partners, susceptible to conflicts concerning the appropriation of results?

Comments

9. Costs/Financing

- Are the costs realistically calculated and in line with the objectives and organisational planning?
- Are the cost contributions of the individual partners (as expressed in the letters of intent) fair compared to the intended outcomes of the research programme?

Comments