



# H2020-JTI-FCH-2017 call Evaluations and decision to start GAP

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# Overview of the call

Call identifier: H2020-JTI-FCH-2017-1

Publication date: 17 January 2017

Deadline: 20 April 2017

Total budget: EUR 116 million

# Proposals received/'Flash-Call Info'

A total of 70 proposals were submitted in response to this call.  
The number of proposals for each topic is shown below:

Transport - total 16 proposals

Energy - total 45 proposals

Cross-cutting - total 9 proposals

1 proposal was withdrawn by the FCH2 JU services due to abusive submission.

## Transport : 16

1.1: 1

1.2: 6

1.3: 3

1.4: 2

1.5: 1

1.6: 1

1.7: 2

## Energy : 45

2.1: 10

2.2: 3

2.3: 4

2.4: 2

2.5: 5

2.6: 2

2.7: 5

2.8: 3

2.9: 3

2.10: 3

2.11: 1

2.12: 4

## Cross-cutting: 9

4.1: 2

4.2: 0

4.3: 2

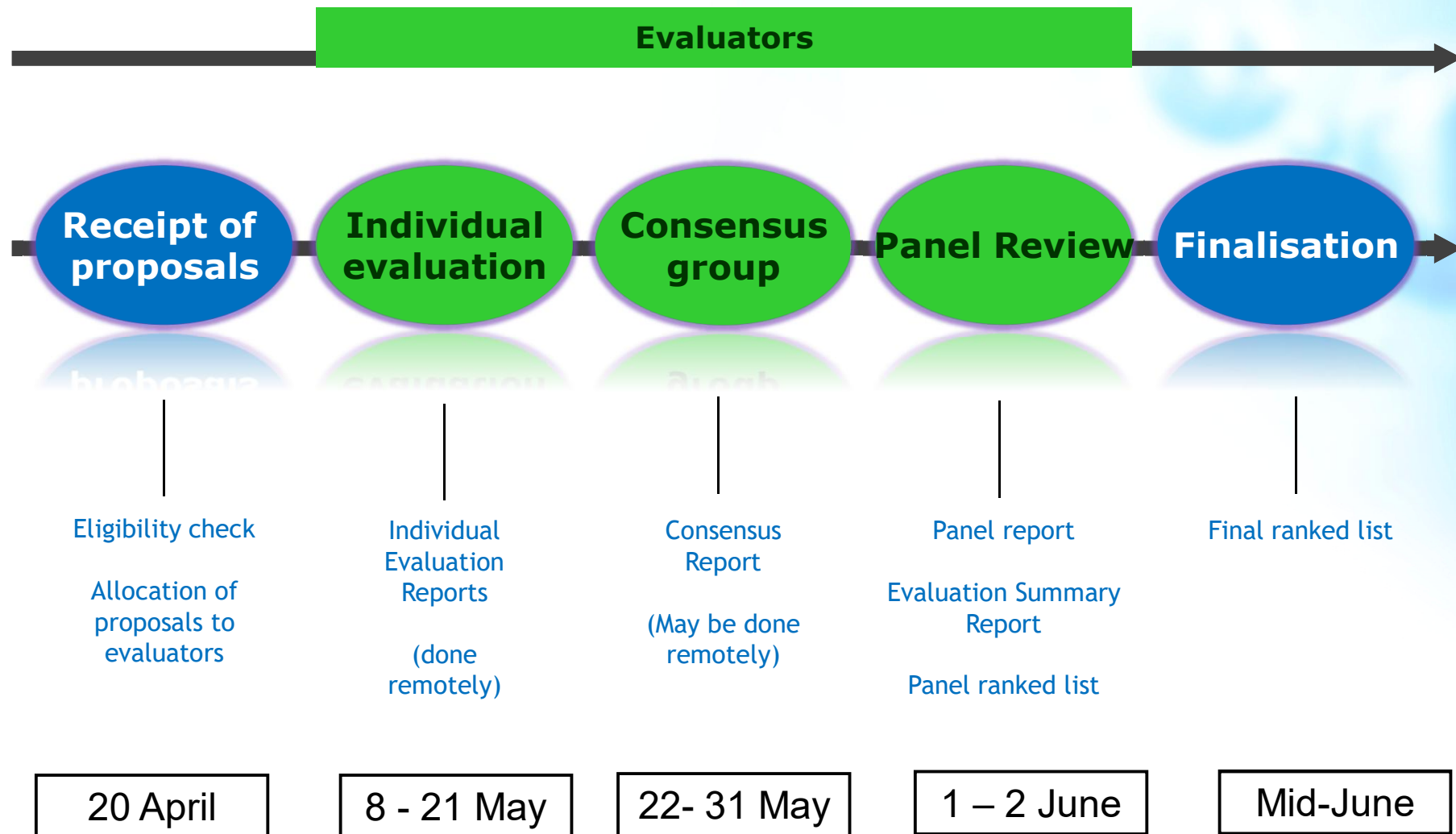
4.4: 1

4.5: 4

# Guiding principles for the evaluation

- Independence of the evaluators
  - No conflict of interest
- Impartiality
  - Equal treatment of all proposals and evaluation based on their merits, irrespective of their origin or the identity of the applicants
- Objectivity
  - Evaluation of each proposal as submitted; meaning on its own merit, not its potential if certain changes were to be made
- Accuracy
  - Evaluation based on the official evaluation criteria and on the criteria addressed by the related topic
- Consistency
  - Same standard of judgment to all proposals

# Overview of the Evaluation Process



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## Admissibility and eligibility checks: normally checked by the FCH2 JU

- All 69 submitted proposals are admissible
- **All 69 proposals found eligible** (minimum condition for participation not met, e.g. at least 3 participants from 3 different Member States or Associated countries, IG/RG membership, max. funding)
- One Obvious Clerical Error corrected
- No proposals have been transferred between topics

## **EVALUATION PROCEDURE**

- Carried out during the period from 08/05/17 to 02/06/17 with the assistance of **39 independent experts** (appropriate balance composition in terms of various skills, experience, and knowledge, geographical diversity and gender, private-public sector balance)
- **Each proposal was assessed independently by at least 4 experts**
- Experts have evaluated on the basis of the **criteria ‘excellence’, ‘impact’ and ‘quality and efficiency of the implementation’**
- **Evaluation scores** were awarded for each criteria (out of 5). The threshold for individual criteria is 3. The overall threshold, applying to the sum of the three individual scores, is 10.
- **Priority order for proposals with the same score:** coverage of topics, criterion ‘excellence’, then ‘impact’; if necessary, any further prioritisation based on other factors, e.g. size of budget allocated to SMEs.
- No proposals were found ineligible during the evaluation.
- There are **no applicants which were found to lack operational capacity** in proposals that passed all thresholds.
- **Exceptional FCH 2 JU funding requested by third country participants**

## EVALUATION OUTCOME

- Out of a total of 69 proposals evaluated by 39 independent experts, 43 proposals (62.3 %) passed all thresholds of the call.
- All these proposals were initially prioritised by the evaluating experts into lists as required by the budgets-splits of the call, in order of overall score.
- There are no recommendations for changes in duration or budget for the proposals above the thresholds.
- **Final call ranking of the FCH 2 JU programme office doesn't deviate from the experts/evaluators' priority.**
- All above threshold proposals are subject to an ethics screening. This will be performed in parallel with the Grant Preparation step and will be concluded before grant signature.
- No proposal passing the threshold in this call has been identified as dealing with information that is "EU-classified".

## Area coverage

- 69 proposals were received for **23 topics called**
- At the level of the call submission, **1 topic has not received any interest** (FCH-04-2-2017: *Harmonisation of hydrogen gas trailers*). *This topic was a re-publication of Topic FCH-03-3-2015: Hydrogen delivery with high capacity compressed gas trailer of the FCH2 JU Call 2015, for which no proposal was submitted either*
- After the evaluations, additional 1 topic is not covered (FCH-01-4-2017: *Demonstration of FC material handling and industrial vehicles*) with any proposal passing all thresholds

# GB approval of actions for funding

Written procedure closed on 20/07/2017!

- 22 proposals in main lists and retained to start the Grant Agreement Preparation (GAP) phase with for an FCH 2 JU contribution of **EUR 109,563,054.39**
- 21 proposals in reserve lists; after initial coverage of topics, there is a remaining budget of **EUR 6,436,945.61 (about 5.55%)**
- 26 proposals rejected



# Planning of the GAP process

- 25/07/2017: all applicants informed about call evaluation results (main + reserve + rejection lists)
- 22 proposals invited for Grant preparation; Info-day for coordinators on 14/09/2017
- **18/09/2017** (8 weeks): Deadline for consortium to submit first version of documents (Annex 1: Part A and Part B + Annex 2)
- **23/10/2017**: Deadline for the consortium to submit second/final version of documents and to sign the Declaration(s) of Honour  
The process can still repeat until agreement on documents is reached between FCH2 JU and the consortium.
- *20/11/2017 (provisional date for closing the file and start approval/signatures)*
- **20/12/2017** (8 months from the call deadline): Signature of the GA by the FCH2 JU

*The process will continue with 'Accession Forms' and Pre-financing in the 30 days following the signature of the GA*

## Time-bound process



- Deadlines for submission are firm
- GA must be countersigned by FCH2 JU on 20/12/2017 latest