



Research Program Grids Call 2020 for Research Proposals: Q&A

1) Evaluation sub-criterion “Relevance, national and international cooperation:

Is the project scientifically, politically and strategically relevant and does the content contribute to a research priority set out in the call? Is it part of an international cooperation within the IEA or the EU research programme, or is it part of other national or international collaboration schemes (e.g., SCCER, DACH)?”

Does the project have to be part of an international or national cooperation to score the maximum amount of points in this sub-criterion?

Answer: No. The most important aspect here is that the project is scientifically, politically and strategically relevant and that the content contributes to a research priority set out in the call. A national or international cooperation would be viewed positively, but is not a necessity.

2) Can one research institute submit more than one proposal?

Answer: Yes

3) Can one pre-proposal be submitted to both the Grids and EES call (Grids for the technical part and EES for the SSH part)?

Answer: Yes, this is possible but the applicants have to declare this on the pre-proposal. The pre-proposal will then be evaluated in both research programmes, and accepted only if it meets the criteria of both programmes.

An alternative is to submit 2 pre-proposals for projects that could be implemented independently of each other, but have a value-added from being combined. Then the 2 proposals will be evaluated in the respective research programme, and one may be accepted if it meets the criteria even if the second is refused.

4) Can 2 similar project proposals be submitted to SFOE and another funding agency?

Answer: from SFOE’s point of view this is possible only if (please carefully check the rules of the other financing body):

- 1) This is clearly declared in the SFOE pre-proposal
- 2) A double or cross financing is at all-time excluded
- 3) The pre-proposal is withdrawn from SFOE call if the financing is confirmed by the other funding agency, or the funding from the other agency is declared and included as third party funding
- 4) At the full-proposal stage it is only possible to submit those parts of the project that are not financed somewhere else. Please make sure there is no cross- and double financing.

5) Can professors apply for teaching buyout?

Answer: this is not possible. Further, as full-time Professors at universities, you can only apply for SFOE financing for the hours you work on the project if the project work goes beyond and is different from your regular work.