

# List of questions for the assessment of Sinergia applications

## Sinergia programme

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**The main criterion guiding the evaluation of the proposals is scientific quality. It is applied to the assessment of the proposed research as well as the scientific achievements and potential of each applicant.** Note that overly positive or critical reviews with no justification cannot be taken into account.

Text entries are to be made in **English**.

Comments must be succinct and substantiate the marks awarded. They should briefly set out the strengths and weaknesses of the proposal. They should refer neither to the applicant's age, gender, nationality or other personal matters, nor to other proposals and other assessments. **The anonymized comments will be included in the evaluation report** that is made available **to the applicants**.

### 1. Assessment of the proposed research approach

To what extent are the project's research approach, methodology and organization sound and convincing? To what extent are the proposed timescales and resources necessary and properly justified?

To what extent is the level of risks taken balanced with the anticipated goals of the project? Where do you see the most risky and critical parts of the project, where it is more likely to fail?

General comments:	
Specific strengths:	Specific weaknesses:

Based on your above comments, rank the project with respect to the following statement:

***The research approach described in the proposal is well-conceived, consistent and risk-balanced.***

<input type="checkbox"/>					
<b>totally agree</b>	<b>mostly agree</b>	<b>partly agree</b>	<b>partly disagree</b>	<b>mostly disagree</b>	<b>totally disagree</b>

## **2. Assessment of the interdisciplinary character of the research project and the added value of the collaboration**

Is it necessary to combine the proposed theories, methods and/or concepts of two or more disciplines in order to reach the research goals? To what extent are all the required disciplines involved and connected within the research approach?

To what extent are the researchers convincing as a team? Is the expertise of each applicant adequate and complementary to successfully carry out the project? Are there additional qualifications that the team needs to acquire during the project?

General comments:	
Specific strengths:	Specific weaknesses:

Based on your above comments, rank the project with respect to the following statement:

***The proposal presents a truly interdisciplinary approach with a highly qualified and complementary research team.***

<input type="checkbox"/>					
<b>totally agree</b>	<b>mostly agree</b>	<b>partly agree</b>	<b>partly disagree</b>	<b>mostly disagree</b>	<b>totally disagree</b>

### 3. Assessment of the proposal's breakthrough character

To what extent does the proposed research address important challenges?

To what extent does the proposed research significantly advance the state of the art in the participating disciplines? Does it have the potential to lay the foundations of an emerging discipline?

Do you agree with the self-assessment of the impact of the project as described by the participants? Do you see less potential or more? In which parts/areas?

General comments:	
Specific strengths:	Specific weaknesses:

Based on your above comments, rank the project with respect to the following statement:

***The proposal represents a substantial contribution with breakthrough character beyond disciplinary boundaries.***

<input type="checkbox"/>					
<b>totally agree</b>	<b>mostly agree</b>	<b>partly agree</b>	<b>partly disagree</b>	<b>mostly disagree</b>	<b>totally disagree</b>

### 4. Overall assessment of the project

General comments:	
Main strengths:	Main weaknesses:

I recommend the Sinergia evaluation commission to rank the proposal as:

- highest priority
- high priority with some reservations
- low priority
- no opinion

## 5. Your area of specialisation

The topic of the proposed project is:

- within your area of specialisation
- within your wider area of specialisation
- other

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