

Eligibility and Evaluation Criteria

Before proposals are sent for evaluation, they are checked for admissibility and eligibility.

CRITERIA

ADMISSIBILITY CRITERIA

A proposal is **admissible** if it:

- is submitted via the official online submission system before the call deadline
- is complete – accompanied by the relevant administrative forms, proposal description and any supporting documents specified in the call. See the [Standard admissibility criteria](#) for details of what supporting documents are required
- is readable, accessible and printable

Furthermore, your proposal must not exceed the maximum number of pages indicated in the proposal template. The system will warn you of the consequence of submitting over-long proposals.

(Excess pages will be watermarked or truncated).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

A proposal is **eligible** if:

- its contents are in line with the topic description in the call
- it involves enough of the right participants and meets [Standard eligibility criteria](#) and any other eligibility conditions set out in the call or topic page

The conditions specific to **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)** are described in the [MSCA section of the General Work Programme](#).

The conditions specific to **European Research Council (ERC)** grants are described in the ERC Work Programme:

- [Starting Grant, Consolidator Grant and Advanced Grant](#)
- [Proof of Concept Grant](#)

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals are evaluated and scored against **selection** and **award criteria**. The [Standard Evaluation Criteria](#) describe in detail the criteria used for each type of action.

Templates of the forms that experts use to evaluate proposals are available on the topic conditions pages for each call. Horizon 2020 calls may have one or several topics each.

The evaluation criteria for **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)** are set out under the [relevant chapter of the main work programme](#).

The evaluation criteria for the **European Research Council (ERC)** grants for frontier research are set out in the ERC work programme:

- [Starting Grant, Consolidator Grant and Advanced Grant](#)
- [Proof of Concept Grant](#)

SCORES

Experts score each **award criterion** on a scale **from 0 to 5**:

- 0 Proposal does not meet the criterion at all or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information
- 1 Poor – serious weaknesses
- 2 Fair – goes some way to meeting criterion, but with significant weaknesses
- 3 Good – but with a number of shortcomings
- 4 Very good – but with a small number of shortcomings
- 5 Excellent – meets criterion in every relevant respect. Any shortcomings are minor

The maximum overall score is thus 15 (3x5), unless a weighting is applied.

Qualifying score

To be considered for funding a proposal must achieve a pre-defined qualifying score on each criterion, and an overall qualifying score. Qualifying scores vary according to the type of action – and between the first and second stage proposals in the case of two-stage procedures.

For each call, qualifying scores and **weightings** are stated in the work programmes and template evaluation forms (available on the topic conditions pages).