




# Being a peer reviewer for EU-Horizon 2020

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# How do you become a reviewer?

- You can register as an expert in the participant portal



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### News

The 3rd Health Programme and the Consumer Programme, managed by the Consumer, Health and Food Executive Agency (CHAFAEA), and the Research Fund for Coal and Steel (RFCS) are now using the European Commission's experts database to select experts for assignments including the evaluation of proposals and monitoring of projects. If you are already registered as an expert and wish to also indicate your interest in these programmes, please [update your profile](#) by ticking "RFCS (Research Fund for Coal and Steel)" and/or "Third Health Programme (managed by Chafea)" ('Programme Selection' section). New experts registering can indicate their interest in working for any of the programmes listed in the 'Programme Selection' section.

Users are currently experiencing problems to access the services of the Participant Portal. Our technical team is working to resolve the issue as soon as possible.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.



### Experts

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Join the database of independent experts for European research and innovation.

The European Commission appoints independent experts to assist with research and innovation assignments including the evaluation of proposals, monitoring of projects, and evaluation of programmes, and design of policy.

### New experts

#### Who can be an expert?

You have a chance of being selected as an expert if you:

- have high-level of expertise in the relevant fields of research and innovation ([see call](#) for details on types of expertise).
- can be available for occasional, short-term assignments

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#### What do expert assignments involve?

Experts, as peer reviewers, assist in the:

- evaluation** of proposals
- monitoring** of actions

In addition, experts assist in the :

- preparation, implementation or evaluation of programmes** and **design of policies**. This includes the Horizon 2020 Advisory Groups.

# Why did I register?

- Gaining knowledge about the review process for EU-proposals
- Becoming better at writing a good proposal



- I was invited to review 19 first stage proposals for a two-stage call
- I received a login
- Can see the proposals in an online portal
- Get a quite extensive manual on how to score and also about confidentiality
- There is a helpdesk for questions – reacts very fast

Well organised!

- 5 reviewers per proposal
  - Median score (not average) was taken into account
  - Outliers can be omitted
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- In some instances, there is a process of concertation between reviewers, in Brussels.
  - This was not the case here, I do not know who the other reviewers were, nor what the end scores were.

# How to review

- 2 x 5 questions: questions were based upon/clearly linked with call (in this case: 5 on innovative characteristics of the research and 5 on valorisation)
- Have to score AND give a clear motivation for the score
- This is checked: for two items in two different reviews, I was asked to expand on my motivation.
- So: not something you do in between other tasks, need to spend sufficient time
- Is compensated financially (fixed amount per review)

# Would I do it again?

