

Perspectives from a panel member

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A few words about me

- ERC Starting grant COGNIMUND, 2009
- ERC Advanced grant KeepOnLearning, 2021
- ERC Panel member PE6, 2018, 2020
- ERC Panel chair PE6, 2022, 2024

Panel composition & selection


- Select the right panel
- Panels are broad – not all experts in your field
- 20 panel members
- No interdisciplinary panel

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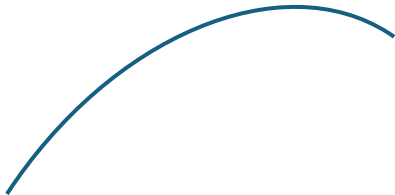
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- Objectives
 - Scope
 - Figures

- Not considered:
- Host institution
 - (International mobility, attracting funding, PhD supervision)

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- Publication track record
 - Innovative research
 - Relevant prior expertise
 - Independence
 - Capable of leading a team, managing a large project, ...
 - Recognition by peers
 - Anything else you deem relevant
 - New format

2nd round: B2

- Reviewed by panel members + external experts
- Online interview + Q&A

Proposal

- B2 independent of B1
- State-of-the-art
- Solid methodology
- Concrete
- Coherent
- Ambitious but feasible
- Risk & contingency
- Evaluation

- Preliminary results

Interview

- enthusiastic
- concise
- honest
- confident

Budget

General advice

- Don't postpone
- Don't oversell
- Ask people for feedback