

INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION FORM

1. About Research Cooperability Programme

Research Cooperability Programme finances research cooperation projects in Croatia, consistent with the Programme's goals and it involves the Croatian scientific and professional Diaspora.

The aims of the **Programme** are to support outstanding Croatian scientists and professionals working and living abroad in establishing scientific cooperation with local scientists (Croatian and foreign scientists working and living in Croatia), as well as to foster Croatian institutions and companies to use the potentials of the Croatian scientific and professional Diaspora. The Programme should enable the transfer of knowledge as well as attract investments to Croatian organizations through cooperation between the Diaspora and local scientists.

2. Proposal scoring

The contribution to the following Programme's general goals is the cornerstone of the assessment:

- supporting projects that are competitive on the international level;
- fostering R&D that creates new values in the Croatian economy;
- supporting projects that contribute to the development of the R&D infrastructure in Croatia.

Each project proposal can receive up to 65 points, project proposals that receive less than 45 points will not be proposed for financing.

Specific assessment criteria to be taken into consideration for this Programme are described below. Please give your remarks in the framework of the general Programme goals. The proposal should address the stated criteria with measurable and provable information.

Each of the five criteria can be rated on a 1 to 5-point scale, taking into consideration the description of each point.

Comments should take the form of statements and explanations of key strengths and weaknesses of the proposal.

Reviewers are asked to observe the following guidelines:

- use dispassionate, analytical and unambiguous language;
- use complete, clear sentences with no jargon;
- critical comments should be constructive;
- avoid self-declaration of insufficient expertise or non-confidence in the proposal;
- avoid reference to the Applicant's nationality, gender, or personal matters;

- avoid any direct comparison with any other proposals;
- avoid any reference or comparison with previous assessments.

3. Confidentiality

The CSF is responsible for protecting the confidentiality of submitted project proposals and their content. For this reason, confidentiality must be maintained - **therefore please do not make copies of, quote, or otherwise use material from this project proposal.**

When you complete the review, **please destroy any hard copies of the proposal as well as the Evaluation Form, delete electronic copies and/or media containing evaluation materials and maintain its confidentiality.**

All comments and notes will be made available to the applicants.

Project Title:

Project Leader:

Assessment of the criteria:

1. Please assess the scientific quality of the project based on the following:

significance and originality; clarity and prospect of achieving goals; and project feasibility and suitability of methods.

1.a Please assess the significance and originality of the proposed research based on the information provided in the Application.

The proposed research is outstanding in terms of relevance and originality.	5
The proposed research is very significant and original.	4
The proposed research is significant and original.	3
There are few aspects of the proposed research which are significant and original.	2
The proposal does not reach the standards described for score 2.	1

1.b Please assess the clarity of goals and prospect of achieving them based on the information provided in the Application.

The goals are thoroughly described, and the prospect of achieving them is excellent.	5
The goals are very well described, and the prospect of achieving them is very good.	4
The goals are well described, and the prospect of achieving them is good.	3
The goals are sufficiently described, and the prospect of achieving them is fair.	2
The proposal does not reach the standards described for score 2.	1

1.c Please assess the feasibility of the project and the suitability of methodology based on the information provided in the Application.

The proposed project is feasible to the greatest extent – it contains an appropriate Work plan with suitable methods, realistic timetable and budget.	5
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The proposed project is mostly feasible – it contains a clear Work plan with suitable methods and the proposed timetable and budget are mostly realistic.	4
The proposed project is feasible to some extent – it contains a clear Work plan and mostly suitable methods. The proposed timetable and budget are mostly realistic.	3
The proposed project is feasible to a small extent – there are larger deficiencies in the Work plan and/or proposed methods.	2
The proposal does not reach the standards described for score 2.	1

Please provide written comments for the criteria 1.

Is the proposed project important within the field? Could it possibly lead to an original result in the research field? How could the achievement of goals be justified and/or verified? Does the proposal contain a clear Work plan and appropriate research methods? Is the timetable realistic, etc.?

2. Please assess the possible impact of the project proposal in terms of equipment, young researchers, development of the research group, research theme and knowledge transfer, methodology development.

2.a Please assess the potential of the project for the development of young researchers' careers, based on planned research activities, training and dissemination plan.

The project has a great potential for the development of young researchers' careers.	5
The project has a very good potential for the development of young researchers' careers.	4
The project has a good potential for the development of young researchers' careers.	3
The project has a fair potential for the development of young researchers' careers.	2
The proposal does not reach the standards described for score 2.	1

2.b Please assess if the project will enable strengthening and development of the research group, research theme and knowledge transfer, development of methodology or scientific infrastructure.

It is highly likely that the project proposal will enable strengthening and development of the research group, research theme and knowledge transfer, development of methodology or scientific infrastructure.	5
It is very likely that the project proposal will enable strengthening and development of the research group, research theme and knowledge transfer, methodology development.	4
There is a good possibility that the project proposal will enable strengthening and development of the research group, research theme and knowledge transfer, methodology development.	3
There is a small possibility that the project proposal will enable strengthening and development of the research group, research theme and knowledge transfer, methodology development.	2
The proposal does not reach the standards described for score 2.	1

2.c Please assess the potential for strengthening research capacities based on the information provided in the Application.

Project will contribute to research capacities to a very great extent.	5
Project will contribute to research capacities to a great extent.	4
Project will contribute to research capacities to a moderate extent.	3
Project will contribute to research capacities to some extent.	2
The proposal does not reach the standards described for score 2.	1

Please provide written comments for the criteria 2.

Does the project lead to the development of young researchers' careers and to what extent are they involved? Would the project lead to some important advancement of science and technology, and eventually produce new, autonomous and self-sustainable R&D core?

3. Please assess the research and managerial quality of the Project Leader, including his/her leadership ability to undertake groundbreaking research, focusing on previous success and career development; key publications and recommendations.

3.a Taking into consideration his/her track record, does the Project Leader possess the expertise to guarantee the accomplishments of the proposed project?

The Project Leader possesses outstanding expertise to guarantee the accomplishments of the proposed project.	5
The Project Leader possesses very good expertise to guarantee the accomplishments of the proposed project.	4

The Project Leader possesses good expertise to guarantee the accomplishments of the proposed project.	3
The Project Leader possesses sufficient expertise to guarantee the accomplishments of the proposed project.	2
The proposal does not reach the standards described for score 2.	1

3.b Please assess the potential of the Project Leader to undertake innovative and groundbreaking research.

The Project Leader has a great potential to undertake innovative and groundbreaking research.	5
The Project Leader has a very good potential to undertake innovative and groundbreaking research.	4
The Project Leader has a good potential to undertake innovative and groundbreaking research.	3
The Project Leader has a fair potential to undertake innovative and groundbreaking research.	2
The proposal does not reach the standards described for score 2.	1

3.c Please assess the experience of the Project Leader and his/her potential to lead the team and develop a sustainable research core.

The Project Leader has great experience and potential to lead the team and develop a sustainable research core.	5
The Project Leader has very good experience and potential to lead the team and develop a sustainable research core.	4
The Project Leader has good experience and potential to lead the team and develop a sustainable research core.	3
The Project Leader has fair experience and potential to lead the team and develop a sustainable research core.	2
The proposal does not reach the standards described for score 2.	1

Please provide written comments for the criteria 3.

Is the Project Leader an internationally competitive researcher and what is his/her total scientific and professional contribution to the research area? Does the Project Leader have enough experience and potential to lead the research team, to undertake innovative and groundbreaking research and develop a sustainable research core, etc.?

4. Please assess the research and managerial quality of the Project Co-leader, including his/her leadership ability to undertake groundbreaking research, based on the following criteria focusing on previous success and career development and key publications.

4.a Taking into consideration his/her previous success and overall career development, does the Project Co-leader possess the expertise to guarantee the accomplishments of the proposed project?

The Project Co-leader possesses outstanding expertise to guarantee the accomplishments of the proposed project.	5
The Project Co-leader possesses very good expertise to guarantee the accomplishments of the proposed project.	4
The Project Co-leader possesses good expertise to guarantee the accomplishments of the proposed project.	3
The Project Co-leader possesses sufficient expertise to guarantee the accomplishments of the proposed project.	2
The proposal does not reach the standards described for score 2.	1

4.b Please assess the potential of Project Co-leader to undertake innovative and groundbreaking research.

The Project Co-leader has a great potential to undertake innovative and groundbreaking research.	5
The Project Co-leader has a very good potential to undertake innovative and groundbreaking research.	4
The Project Co-leader has a good potential to undertake innovative and groundbreaking research.	3
The Project Co-leader has a fair potential to undertake innovative and groundbreaking research.	2
The proposal does not reach the standards described for score 2.	1

Please provide written comments for the criteria 4.

Is the Project Co-leader an internationally competitive researcher and what is his/her total scientific and professional contribution to the research area?
Does the Project Co-leader have enough experience and potential to undertake innovative and groundbreaking research and develop a sustainable research core, etc.?

5. Please assess the project's sustainability.

5.a Please assess the general prospect of the project for attaining additional funding from competitive funds based on the information provided in the Application.

The project has an excellent potential to attain additional funding.	5
The project has a very good potential to attain additional funding.	4
The project has a good potential to attain additional funding.	3
The project has a fair potential to attain additional funding.	2
The proposal does not reach the standards described for score 2.	1

5.b Please assess the general prospect of the project for the development of a research group that will develop a new research theme and cooperation with the Project Co-leader and/or other research groups on future projects.

The project has an excellent potential for the development of a research group that will develop a new research theme and cooperation with the Project Co-leader and/or other research groups on future projects.	5
The project has a very good potential for the development of a research group that will develop a new research theme and cooperation with the Project Co-leader and/or other research groups on future projects.	4
The project has a good potential for the development of a research group that will develop a new research theme and cooperation with the Project Co-leader and/or other research groups on future projects.	3
The project has a fair potential for the development of a research group that will develop a new research theme and cooperation with the Project Co-leader and/or other research groups on future projects.	2
The proposal does not reach the standards described for score 2.	1

Please provide written comments

Is there a plan within the project to get support from competitive sources? Is there a plan within the project for the development of a research group that will enhance a new research theme and cooperation with the Project Co-leader and/or other research groups on future projects, etc.?

Final recommendation to the Steering Committee

The maximum number of possible points is 65. For grade A, the sum of received points must be at least 55, with no modifications proposed. For grade B, the sum of received points must be at least 45, with minor modifications proposed.

PROJECT PROPOSAL'S MAIN STRENGTHS

(Please describe briefly using a minimum of 50 words.)

PROJECT PROPOSAL'S MAIN WEAKNESSES

(Please describe briefly using a minimum of 50 words.)

Recommendations, please choose one of the following:

- A - I propose the project proposal for funding in its present form (sum of points ≥ 55).
- B - I propose the project proposal for funding with minor changes (sum of points ≥ 45).
- C - Project proposal requires significant changes. I do not propose the project proposal for funding in its present form (sum of points < 45).