

IMI2 JU responses to the Independent Observers' Report

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IMI2 16th Call for Proposals

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Summary of Recommendations

The evaluations were very well administered and there are just a few minor modifications that we can suggest to optimise the process. These are outlined below.

- To provide a visual reminder of the co-creation call process in each evaluation room that experts can refer to if needed. In addition, it would also be helpful to optimise its visibility via the IMI website in full screen mode rather than as a scrollable image.
- Despite the independent observers being introduced during the briefing session, some experts were still unclear as to the relationship between the independent observers and IMI. In future it might be helpful to emphasise that independent observers are not IMI staff during the briefing(s).
- Investigate new functionality in SEP that will facilitate the sending and amending of CR text between moderators and the IMI actors on site to improve the security of the information contained within the CRs. However, the observers recognise that this will not be a quick fix.
- Wherever feasible, avoid remote participation by experts which depend upon technology working well. However, the observers realise that due to the very niche expertise required to evaluate the call proposals, this will not always be possible.

IMI2 JU responses to the recommendations

IMI2 JU is happy to have the Independent Observers' confirmation that the evaluations were very well administered and will take into considerations the recommendations made.

- IMI2 JU will investigate the technical options to increase the visibility of the infographic explaining the development of the topics on the IMI2 JU website. Also, IMI2 JU will analyse the benefits of making this infographic available in the evaluation rooms.
- In future evaluations, IMI2 JU will continue emphasising that the independent observers are external experts present at the evaluation to monitor the functioning and running of the overall process and to suggest possible improvements and they are not IMI2 JU staff members.
- As the independent observers recognise, changing the configuration of a corporate tool is not easily accomplished, but, following the recommendation, IMI2 JU already took measures to ensure a secure exchange of documents with the actors involved in the evaluations.
- In IMI2 JU calls the remote participation of experts in the in-house evaluation is allowed only in exceptional circumstances (an expert has limited availability, they are not able to travel), but IMI2 JU will continue to try to avoid these cases.