

IMI2 JU responses to the Independent Observer's report

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IMI2 JU 22nd Call for Proposals

Single Stage Evaluation

Dates of evaluation: 28-30 November 2020

Name of the Independent Observer: Charlotte Andersdotter

Summary of Recommendations

The evaluation of the IMI2 JU Call 22 was very well preformed. The overall quality of the evaluation process is very high.

The experts brought forward a few suggestions to consider for the future:

- *The time allocated to the individual assessment might be reconsidered to allow for more time per proposal.*
- *Online meetings require a certain “code of conduct” to allow everyone to speak, e.g. using the raising hand symbol and reminding the participants to be clear and to the point in their interventions. It might be helpful for any future full online consensus meeting to provide the experts with guidelines how to run an efficient online meeting. Such guidelines could also include recommendations for how to structure the discussions.*
- *When having full online meetings time management is key with a clear time schedule communicated ahead of the meetings and making sure that the time is respected by all participants. Being online for three full days is very challenging and it is therefore important to find a good balance in time dedicated per proposal.*
- *Regular shorter breaks need to be included in the schedule to keep up the concentration and also allow for some physical movements.*

IMI2 JU Responses to the recommendations

IMI2 JU is pleased to have the confirmation that the Call 22 evaluation was very well administered.

IMI2 JU takes note of the recommendation to allocate a longer period for the individual assessment phase. This will be taken into account when preparing the timelines of future Calls for proposals under Horizon Europe Framework Programme.

For the next remote panel meetings under Horizon 2020 and for future evaluations under Horizon Europe, we will make sure experts and moderators are provided not only with technical guidelines on how to use the web conferencing tool but also with specific guidance on how to manage the experts' interventions and structure the discussions in online meetings.

We also take note of the recommendation concerning time management, including a stricter compliance of the time slots as indicated in the meeting agenda and the addition of regular shorter breaks.