

Session 3 : access to projects funded by research agencies

Submitting proposals to RIs

- how to respect the excellence in avoiding double evaluation? *W.Sandner, MBI*
- how to consider the access for funded programmes? exemple in neutron community. *M.Steiner, Helmholtz*
- how to consider the access to high computing facilities for funded programmes? a tentative of joint solution proposed by the ANR and GENCI, *Catherine Rivière, GENCI*

Avoid the double evaluation ?

- Pros
 - Equal treatment of all users
 - Based on scientific criteria
 - Keep the quality control in hands of the facility
 - Good proposals will always prevail
- Contras
 - Pre-evaluation may be a lost of time and money
 - Both evaluations may have different criteria
 - Reviewers overloaded
 - Variable standards between facilities
 - Difficulty to prepare international projects

Solutions (W.Sandner) ?

- Peer reviewing at the European level ?
 - a single evaluation agency (« lead agency »)
 - jointly allowing funding AND access ?
- First step : a common portal ?
 - pretty good for new communities (= last integrated, best prepared ?)
 - difficult for « old big ones »
 - avoid partially the double evaluation
 - ban « parasite » proposals (multi-submission)

Transfer the competition from the access to the services ?

- encourage very preliminary contacts in order to facilitate the fundamentals (excellent science and use of the potential of the RI, technical feasibility)
- combine excellence and profitability and fair accompanying for new users
- special access for specific cases
 - urgent proposals or with specific requirements
 - Technical developments requiring time for implementation
 - long term research
- **Criteria must not be the same !**

negotiate with the agencies ?

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- exchanges of
 - schedules
 - criteria
 - experts pools
 - evaluation reports
- no single solution, case by case
- easier to implement for new structures
- coherence at several levels (EU, nat., reg.)

A « plaidoyer » for

- maintaining the status quo but be inflexible on
 - scientific excellence
 - external independent evaluation
- improving the rapprochements...
 - preliminary contacts between facilities and users when if required (on-site experience)
 - between facilities and research agencies
- having facilities supported by dedicated programs in research agencies

