

Evaluation and selection procedures - for the applicants

CIRCLE Nordic call

All applications are received by the CIRCLE secretariat at <http://www.circle-era.net/online-submission/>.

Evaluation process

Step 1. Eligibility check

- Each application is initially screened for meeting the formal requirements (correct filling of the form, duration of project, budget, composition of consortium).

Step 2. Scientific evaluation

- The evaluation panel submits a written evaluation form for each application, following a standard format in accordance with the given evaluation criteria.
- The written evaluation form will be sent to the applicants after the final decisions have been made. The composition of the panel will be forwarded to applicants upon request.

Step 3. Decision making procedure

- The call steering committee ranks the proposals and gives recommendations for funding.
- The recommendation from the call steering committee is forwarded to the national funding organizations for final decision making.

Evaluation criteria

1. Scientific quality (originality, clearly formulated goals and hypotheses, appropriate use of relevant theory and methodologies)
2. Qualifications of project leader and project consortium (relevant scientific competence, qualifications for project leadership)
3. Feasibility, project completion (time frames and budget)
4. International cooperation (added value of Nordic cooperation beyond coordinating separate projects)
5. Communication plan (dissemination of results and communication activities with stakeholders, policy makers and the public)
6. Relevance (in relation to the aims and objects of the call for proposals)

Appointment of Call steering committee

A call steering committee (CSC) is appointed by the Nordic funding organisations.

The Nordic call steering committee shall have two members from each of the national funding organisations. (Finland, Norway, and Sweden)

The CSC shall, on the basis of the scientific evaluation, make a ranking of consortia and propose that they shall be funded by the national funding organisations.