Scale of marks and assessment criteria

We use a scale of marks when processing grant applications. Here you will find the assessment criteria and the scale of marks that the referees and the Research Council administration use in their work.

The referees assess grant applications according to these three criteria:

- **Excellence**

  The referees assess the application on
  - originality/novelty of the research and innovation
  - solidity/robustness
- **Impact**

  The referees assess the application on
  - its potential for impact on research, society and trade and industry
  - plans for disseminating knowledge and for implementing research results
- **Implementation**

  The referees assess the application on
  - project manager and project team
  - plans for carrying out and organising the project

Scale of marks: all assessment criteria

Below you will find the scale of marks used by experts and the administration:

Mark	Defining characteristics
7	**Exceptional** The proposal addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion exceptionally well. Shortcomings are not present, or only very minor.
6	**Excellent** The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Only minor shortcomings are present.
5	**Very good** The proposal addresses the criterion very well. A small number of shortcomings are present.
4	**Good** The proposal addresses the criterion well. A number of shortcomings are present.
3	**Fair** The proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are a number of significant weaknesses.
2	**Weak** The criterion is inadequately addressed, or there are serious inherent weaknesses.
1	**Poor** The proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.

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ⓘ **Important message**

For the calls for proposals with the application deadline 30 April at 13:00 CET, we manage our hotline +47 22 03 72 00 Monday 28 April and Tuesday 29 April at CET 08:00–15:45 and Wednesday 30 April at CET 08:00-13:00.