

CRITERIA FOR ACCREDITATION OF A FOREIGN RESEARCH BODIES

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ACCREDITATION CRITERIA

FIELD 1: INSTITUTIONAL POSITIONING AND STRATEGY

CRITERION 1 - THE RESEARCH BODY HAS A CLEAR STRATEGY IN LINE WITH ITS INSTITUTIONAL POSITIONING IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND INNOVATION LANDSCAPE TO WHICH IT BELONGS

The research body expresses a clear vision of its missions, its commitment to its public and private funders and to society, in line with its history, values and status. It defines its role in the higher education, research and innovation landscape to which it belongs as well its place at regional and/or international level, its types of activity and its modes of action in its institutional and economic environment.

The research body's strategy is consistent with its institutional positioning and the developments expected by its supervising authority. It includes orientations and objectives to increase the research body's contribution to the economic, social and cultural life of the country, by developing innovation and scientific expertise in support of public policies. The strategy includes orientations and objectives in the field of research integrity, ethics, deontology and sustainable development.

FIELD 2: GOVERNANCE AND ORGANISATION

CRITERION 2 - THE RESEARCH BODY GOVERNANCE IS BASED ON INTERNAL BODIES AND DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES THAT ARE ADAPTED TO ITS MISSIONS; THE RESEARCH BODY MONITORS THEM

Political and administrative governance bodies and key players have well-defined roles and responsibilities. The decision-making processes are clearly explained and enable the research body to carry out effective actions internally or in partnership. The governance bodies and their processes allow the different categories of staff to express themselves and to participate.

The geographical organisation and the structure of the operational entities are adapted to the activities and the strategy. The developments of the research body during the contractually established reporting period are in line with the implementation of the strategy.

A quality policy, disseminated to its staff, is supported by the research body's management, which has the relevant tools to monitor its activities as well as the actions implementing its strategy and its results. The external communication policy provides a better understanding of the research body's strategy and highlights its results and achievements.

FIELD 3: MAIN FEATURES OF STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION

CRITERION 3 - THE RESEARCH BODY HAS A CLEARLY IDENTIFIED ROLE IN ITS HIGHER EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND INNOVATION LANDSCAPE, WITH RELEVANT MODES OF ACTION; IT PARTICIPATES IN THE INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE OF ITS COUNTRY

The research body runs research and innovation programmes that benefit all the stakeholders of higher education, research and innovation environment and carries out major projects with partners.

The research body is involved in the implementation of public policies carried out by international organisations and develops structuring partnerships in research and innovation with international actors.

If it is part of the European Research Area, the research body implements an action plan to increase the participation of its teams in structuring partnerships as well as in European research and innovation programmes. It pays attention to issues related to the protection of European scientific and technological heritage by implementing actions to raise awareness among its teams. It plays a leading role in Europe in identified fields.

CRITERION 4 - THE RESEARCH BODY HAS A VISION FOR DEVELOPING ITS RESOURCES AND CAPACITY AND IMPLEMENTS A HUMAN RESOURCES POLICY ADAPTED TO ITS STRATEGY

The research body has an identified and sustainable business model, broken down into the different areas of activity. The research body has a vision of the periodic evolution of its needs and resources, in line with its strategy. In this respect, it implements a strong skills development policy as well as a recruitment and attractiveness policy, in line with its strategy. It attracts recognised talent from diverse backgrounds and ensures a gender balance in all its activities and at all levels of career development.

It implements a strong skills development policy that is adapted to its strategy and aimed at promoting the internal and external mobility of its staff.

CRITERION 5 - THE RESEARCH BODY IMPLEMENTS A STRONG POLICY ON SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY, ETHICS, DEONTOLOGY, PROTECTION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL HERITAGE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The research body has an active policy on research integrity and ethics, including awareness and prevention activities. It implements the guidelines of its sustainable development strategy, with a particular focus on limiting the environmental impact of its activities.

The research body pursues an active policy to protect its scientific and technological heritage. It protects the discoveries of its researchers and ensures effective protection against external interference.

FIELD 4: ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

CRITERION 6 - THE RESEARCH BODY ENSURES THE DYNAMISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF ITS RESEARCH ACTIVITIES; IT IMPLEMENTS ITS SCIENTIFIC POLICY GUIDELINES

The research body assesses the quality of its scientific output in the international context of each research area. In cooperation with its university partners, it conducts a policy of support for PhD training, with a particular focus on the quality of the training and the employability of doctors. The research body implements an open science policy.

The research body develops a culture of innovation within its teams and encourages risk-taking. It analyses the successes and limitations of the actions carried out as part of its policy to support business relations: research agreements, industrial chairs, joint laboratories, multi-year framework agreements, carrying out studies and consulting activities for companies, industrial theses, etc.

CRITERION 7 - IF THE RESEARCH BODY ORGANISES CALLS FOR PROPOSALS, THE ASSESSMENT OF THE CANDIDATES' APPLICATIONS MEETS QUALITY CRITERIA, RESPECTS THE PRINCIPLES OF RESEARCH INTEGRITY, ETHICS, OPEN SCIENCE AND THE PROTECTION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL HERITAGE

The criteria for assessing the scientific output of the candidates to calls for proposals are based on sound theoretical and methodological basis. They are based on original scientific productions in peer-reviewed publications, co-authored with international partners, in accordance with the principles of the San Francisco Declaration (DORA). The research body assesses the candidates' ability to carry out their projects in accordance with the specifications of the call for proposals.

The evaluation methods used to assess candidates' applications respect the principles of research integrity, ethics, open science and the protection of scientific heritage. The research body sets up selection committees made up of recognized scientists with no conflict of interest with the candidates.

CRITERION 8 - THE RESEARCH BODY CARRIES OUT SCIENTIFIC EXPERTISE IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC POLICIES AND IMPLEMENTS THE GUIDELINES OF ITS STRATEGY CONCERNING FOR THE INCLUSION OF SCIENCE IN SOCIETY

The research body carries out scientific expertise activities in support of public policies conducted by the State, local authorities or regional and international public bodies, which are assessed qualitatively and quantitatively.

The research body evaluates its outreach activities for the civil society, including a diversity of audiences. The research body implements participatory science projects, training courses for their researchers so they can better communicate as experts in the media and to a non-specialist audience, without compromising the requirements of research integrity.

CRITERION 9 - THE RESEARCH BODY HAS EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT PROCESSES AND SUPPORT FUNCTIONS

The research body's budget structure and review processes are clear and consistent with its activities and strategy. They are discussed internally with all stakeholders. The research body has information systems that are adapted to its strategic management and activities, both centrally and at the level of

internal entities, and suitable for exchanges with partner institutions. The support functions are clearly organised, efficient and fit for purpose.

FIELD 5: STRATEGIC ORIENTATIONS FOR THE COMING YEARS

CRITERION 10 – BASED ON ITS SELF-ASSESSMENT FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD, THE RESEARCH BODY PUTS FORWARD A VISION OF ITS STRATEGIC ORIENTATIONS FOR THE COMING YEARS AND THE MAIN DEVELOPMENTS TO BE ACHIEVED DURING THIS PERIOD

In order to prepare its evaluation and to draw up its strategic plan, the research body sets up a clear and open working process ensuring the participation of its staff and internal bodies, and involving its partners. It describes the evolution followed during the reporting period for its different activities by analysing the strengths and weaknesses and the main challenges for the coming years. The research body sets out a vision of strategic orientations and objectives.