

Proposal Evaluation Form



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Evaluation Summary Report - Staff Exchanges

Call: HORIZON-MSCA-2025-SE-01
Type of action: HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-SE
Proposal number: 101299292
Proposal acronym: OPENRAM
Duration (months): 48
Proposal title: Opening Research Assessment to Multi-Contexts
Activity: SOC

N.	Proposer name	Country	Total eligible costs	%	Grant Requested	%
1	HACETTEPE UNIVERSITESI	TR	195,390	11.37%	195,390	11.37%
2	UNIVERSITEIT LEIDEN	NL	400,800	23.32%	400,800	23.32%
3	SIRIS ACADEMIC SL	ES	160,320	9.33%	160,320	9.33%
4	THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH	UK	80,160	4.66%	80,160	4.66%
5	AGENCIA ESTATAL CONSEJO SUPERIOR DE INVESTIGACIONES CIENTIFICAS	ES	205,410	11.95%	205,410	11.95%
6	TIETEELLISTEN SEURAIN VALTUUSKUNNASTA	FI	125,250	7.29%	125,250	7.29%
7	UNIVERSIDAD DE COSTA RICA	CR	65,130	3.79%	65,130	3.79%
8	UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DE CUYO	AR	180,360	10.50%	180,360	10.50%
9	University of Campinas - UNICAMP	BR	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
10	UNIVERSIDAD DE ANTIOQUIA	CO	70,140	4.08%	70,140	4.08%
11	STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY	ZA	175,350	10.20%	175,350	10.20%
12	CONSEJO LATINOAMERICANO DE CIENCIAS SOCIALES ASOCIACION CIVIL	AR	60,120	3.50%	60,120	3.50%
Total:			1,718,430		1,718,430	

Abstract:

OpenRAM seeks to transform research assessment by moving beyond publication-based indicators such as JIF and addressing their systemic biases. Current systems often overlook societal impact, undervalue diverse outputs like datasets or policy contributions, and marginalize knowledge from underrepresented regions. To respond to these challenges, OpenRAM introduces the Multiversatory, a participatory and federated living lab that integrates diverse data sources and develops context-sensitive indicators. The Multiversatory combines conceptual development, empirical case studies, and capacity building to create fairer and more transparent assessment practices. It promotes inclusive and participatory approaches, addresses epistemic inequities by making visible diverse knowledge systems, and fosters equitable collaborations between the Global North and South. Case studies will explore career assessment, institutional evaluation, and national research systems, testing how plural and conditional metrics can be applied across different contexts. By aligning with global initiatives such as DORA, the Leiden Manifesto, CoARA, the project operationalises responsible assessment principles through open infrastructures and participatory methodologies. Its interdisciplinary consortium, spanning Europe, Latin America, and Africa, will collaborate through secondments, peer learning, and training activities, ensuring that outputs are transferable and sustainable. OpenRAM will produce federated open infrastructures, participatory frameworks, and multilingual training programmes that strengthen the visibility of diverse research contributions. Scientifically it widens what counts in evaluation, economically it reduces dependence on proprietary systems through open tools, and societally it supports more equitable recognition of research aligned with local and global challenges. In doing so, OpenRAM aims to deliver practical frameworks that make responsible research assessment a reality.

Evaluation Summary Report

Evaluation Result

Total score: 97.00 % (Threshold: 70 /100.00)

Criterion 1 - Excellence

Score: 4.70 (Threshold: 0 / 5.00 , Weight: 50.00%)

The following aspects will be taken into account, to the extent that the proposed work corresponds to the description in the work programme:

- Quality and pertinence of the project's research and innovation objectives (and the extent to which they are ambitious, and go beyond the state of the art).
- Soundness of the proposed methodology (including interdisciplinary approaches, consideration of the gender dimension and other diversity aspects if relevant for the research project, and the quality and appropriateness of open science practices).
- Quality of the proposed interaction between the participating organisations in light of the research and innovation objectives.

The previous ESR was shared with Experts at the end of the consensus meeting.

The proposal is interdisciplinary.

The research and innovation objectives are very well described and well detailed. The general plan for their measuring and verifying is very well explained, although specific metrics are only partially presented. Nonetheless, there is sufficient and convincing evidence that the proposed research objectives are realistically achievable. Overall, the innovative aspects of the proposed research are pertinent and very well presented. In particular, the proposal identifies gaps in theory and practice very well and significantly goes beyond the state of the art by developing the so-called "Multiversatory" as a living platform, integrating diverse data sources, such as bibliometric databases or national and regional repositories, and the development of contextualised indicators. The proposed work is highly ambitious.

The proposal is interdisciplinary, and the various expertise and methods selected are very well integrated. The methodology is comprehensive and very well described, for example, regarding referencing scientific sources, as well as linking intersectoral competencies in the areas of bibliodiversity and scientometrics. Due to its conceptual and empirical methodological framework, it is convincingly demonstrated that it enables the consortium to achieve the objectives of the proposal. Appropriate methodological challenges have been identified, along with pertinent mitigation strategies, although their presentation remains somewhat generic.

Gender mainstreaming is very well considered in multiple aspects of the proposal. Other diversity dimensions - such as age, ethnicity, cultural background, socioeconomic status, or linguistic diversity, are very well embedded in core principles, as the key outcome is to enhance equality and visibility through an inclusive and diversified framework for research and innovation content. The proposal is comprehensively built upon open science practices. They are very well suited to the planned activities. The research data management plan is of high quality and completely consistent with FAIR principles.

The activities planned are excellently and meticulously described, with clear contributions of each participating organisation. The networking activities are very well prepared and very well justified, providing clear contributions to the core research and innovation work, for example, due to a variety of offline and online activities.

Criterion 2 - Impact

Score: 5.00 (Threshold: 0 / 5.00 , Weight: 30.00%)

The following aspects will be taken into account, to the extent that the proposed work corresponds to the description in the work programme:

- Developing new and lasting research collaborations, achieving transfer of knowledge between participating organisations and contribution to improving research and innovation potential at the European and global level.
- Credibility of the measures to enhance the career perspectives of staff members and contribution to their skills development.
- Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities.
- The magnitude and importance of the project's contribution to the expected scientific, societal and economic impacts.

The proposal demonstrates credibly and convincingly that the planned activities drive the development and sustainability of new and lasting cooperations, not least because it builds on international initiatives to promote research evaluation or the creation of a unique ecosystem for testing open, community-driven indicators to reduce reliance on citation-based metrics. The proposed knowledge transfer will bring sound and suitable benefits to participating organisations, as it is specifically designed to achieve benefits by leveraging international, interdisciplinary and intersectoral exchanges, with a particular focus on Latin America and Africa. The proposal is very promising in enhancing research and innovation potential and, for example, through its participatory nucleus, is well-suited to benefit European and global research assessments and the scientific community beyond its immediate lifecycle.

The proposed activities are highly relevant to the development of each individual's potential due to a wide range of tailor-made training courses, exposure and/or networks. The preliminary plan for dissemination, exploitation, and communication is very well described and comprehensive, covering media, planned activities, target demographics, and schedules. It is clearly, knowledgeably, and strategically tailored, with exact measures to maximise the proposal's impact. The management of intellectual property – such as ownership, licensing, or data security – is professionally and very well described, and protection measures and external use rights are adequately considered.

The expected scientific contribution is credibly presented through a very well-justified list of scientific achievements after the end of the planned activities, which includes benefits for staff benefiting, enhancing the participating organisations' competencies in new disciplines, and promoting the visibility and equality of research indicators. The proposal very convincingly demonstrates its potential to generate economic and technological impact by developing open-source tools to reduce reliance on proprietary metrics and commercial platforms, benefiting research institutions worldwide. This is a very promising impact, with effects that extend beyond the proposal's duration. Given the mission-oriented framework of the proposal, which targets multiple stakeholders and promotes open courses, the societal impact is convincingly demonstrated and highly relevant. The expected effects beyond the duration of the proposal are credible and very significant, such as enabling more equitable recognition of research or promoting inclusion and diversity, while supporting research connections between the Global North and the Global South.

Criterion 3 - Quality and efficiency of the implementation

Score: 5.00 (Threshold: 0 / 5.00 , Weight: 20.00%)

The following aspects will be taken into account, to the extent that the proposed work corresponds to the description in the work programme:

- Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of risks and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages.
- Quality, capacity and role of each participant, including hosting arrangements and extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise.

The work plan is very well prepared to pursue the objectives planned. The identified activities are highly appropriate for realising the proposal's stated objectives, and they are carefully and thoughtfully integrated. The planned secondments are necessary, and presented with very well detailed and comprehensive plans for tasks and activities. Overall, their duration is very appropriate to achieve the planned activities. The staff available has outstanding expertise and experience and is perfectly suited to facilitate the activities proposed during the secondments. The consortium's list of potential risks is precisely and clearly specified and includes most of the relevant aspects, such as potential resistance from key stakeholders, or delayed secondments, with the related contingency plans detailed and very credibly articulated. Technical risks are also very well-addressed.

Each participating organisation demonstrates convincingly that it has the necessary infrastructure and capacity to successfully carry out the tasks assigned to it. The compatibility of the consortium is strongly demonstrated, and the partners are credibly and very carefully matched to complement each other. Their expertise and experience, as well as the tasks assigned to them, are very convincing and coherently aligned. The partners' experience in open science achievement is very well demonstrated and of very good quality, due to reportedly prior success in open-access and open science outputs.

Scope of the application

Status: **Yes**

Comments (in case the proposal is out of scope)

Not provided

Exceptional funding

A third country participant/international organisation not listed in [the General Annex to the Main Work Programme](#) may exceptionally receive funding if their participation is essential for carrying out the project (for instance due to outstanding expertise, access to unique know-how, access to research infrastructure, access to particular geographical environments, possibility to involve key partners in emerging markets, access to data, etc.). (For more information, see the [HE programme guide](#))

Please list the concerned applicants and requested grant amount and explain the reasons why.

Based on the information provided, the following participants should receive exceptional funding:

Not provided

Based on the information provided, the following participants should NOT receive exceptional funding:

Not provided

Use of human embryonic stem cells (hESC)

Status: **No**

If YES, please state whether the use of hESC is, or is not, in your opinion, necessary to achieve the scientific objectives of the proposal and the reasons why. Alternatively, please state if it cannot be assessed whether the use of hESC is necessary or not, because of a lack of information.

Not provided

Use of human embryos

Status: **No**

If YES, please explain how the human embryos will be used in the project.

Not provided

Activities excluded from funding

Status: **No**

If YES, please explain.

Not provided

Exclusive focus on civil applications

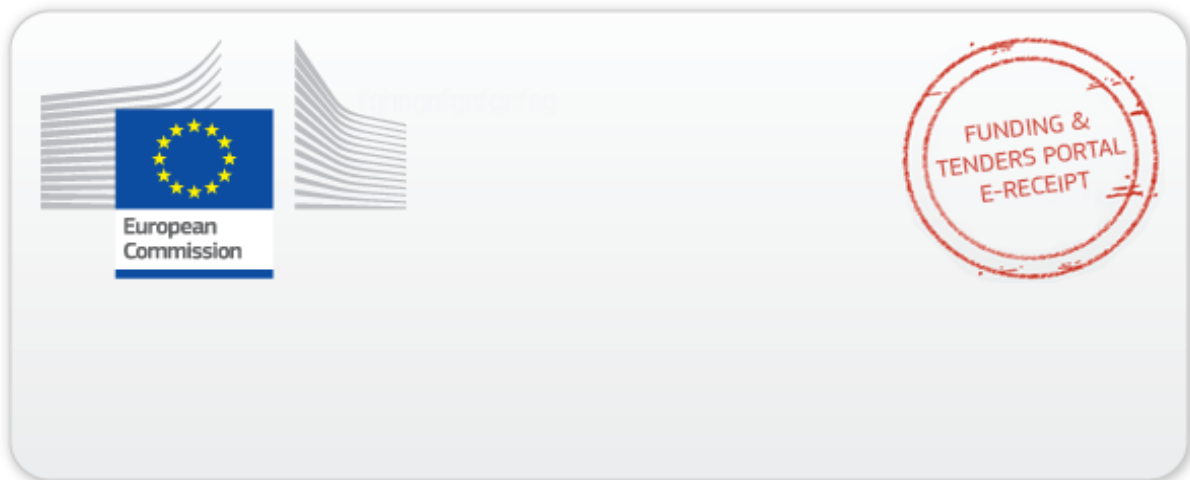
Status: **Yes**

If NO, please explain.

Not provided

Overall comments

Not provided



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