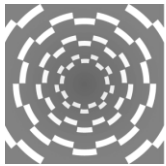


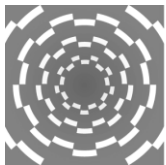


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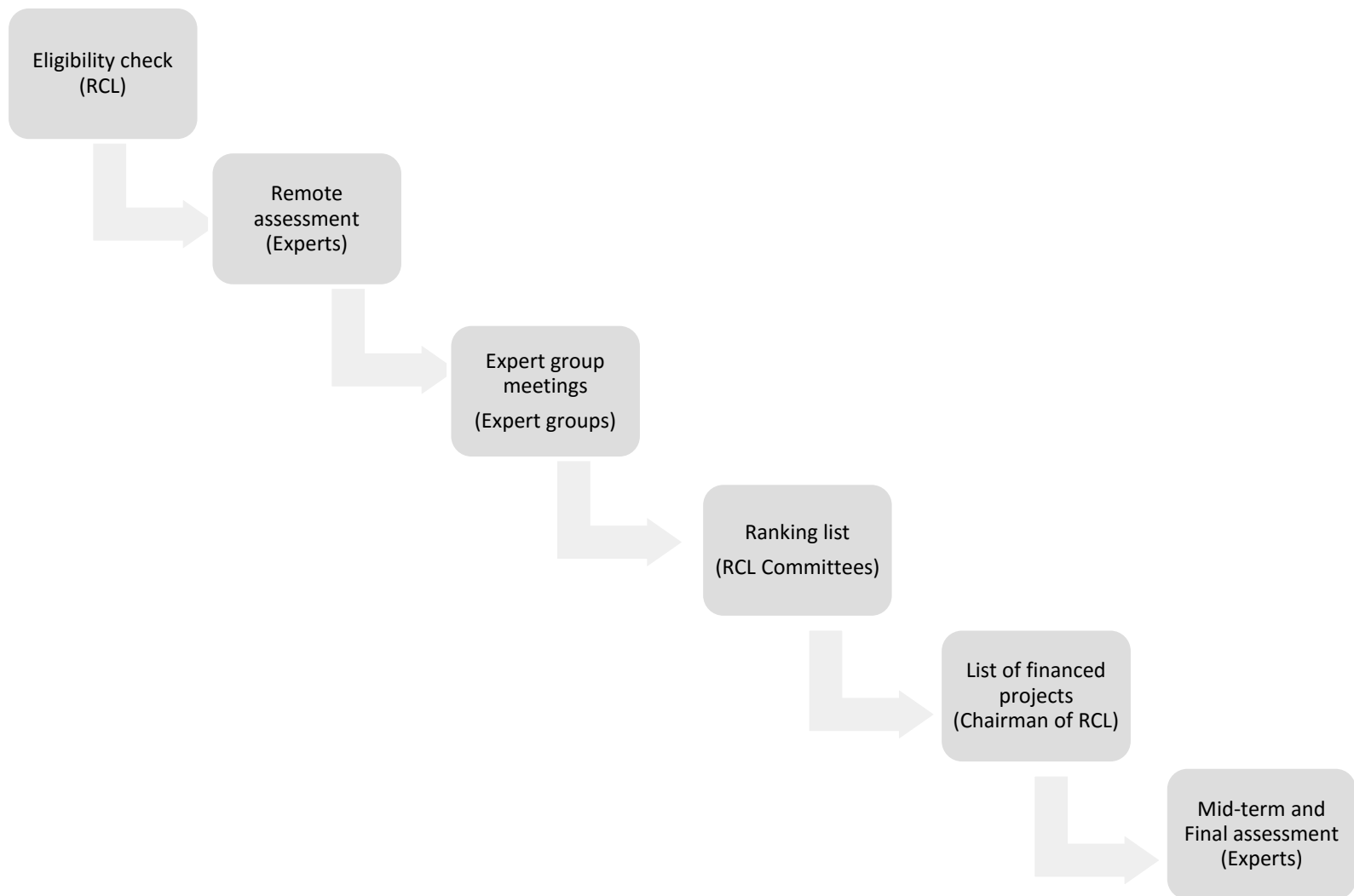
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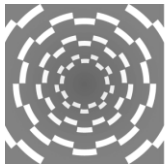


- Cooperation with Ministry of Education and Science in preparing the Guidelines for Applicants
- Administering calls for proposals
- Eligibility check
- Assessment of proposals (including ranking list)
- Decision of financing
- Management of grant agreements
- Mid-term and final assessment of project implementation

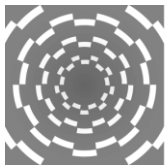


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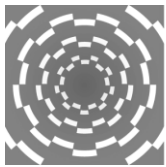


- Open call
- Selection carried out according to selection criteria
- Young researchers – up to 10 years after PhD
- Experienced researchers – more than 10 years after PhD
- International experts (mostly from ERC) involved
- Minimum score – 45. Maximum score – 100.
- Project duration – up to 48 months
- Maximum funding per project Eur 700 000
- Call budget – Eur 28 900 000
- Own financial contribution (optional)
- Final Beneficiary – Institution

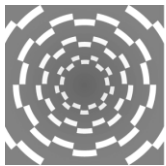


- 85 applications for Eur 51.05 mln
- 47 Grant agreements for Eur 28.4 mln

SMART area	Number of applications	Number of projects
Energy and a sustainable environment	6	4
Health technologies and biotechnologies	16	10
Agro-innovation and food technologies	16	10
New production processes, materials and technologies	30	15
Transport, logistic and information and communication technologies	11	5
Inclusive and creative society	6	4

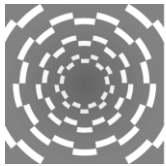


Eligible Applicants	Eligible Partners
Research institutions Universities University Hospitals	Legal entities implementing R&D
<i>Successful partnership must be included in case of State-aid</i>	
Project implementation	Indirect costs and other costs according to the flat rate
Personnel costs (unit costs)	Research implementation (flat rate) (34/18 % of Personnel costs)
Travel allowance (EU countries only) (unit costs)	Indirect costs (project administration and related costs) (flat rate) (15 % of Personnel costs)

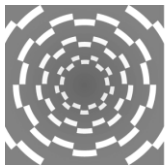


Assessment criteria

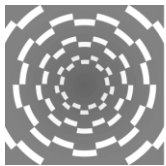
		Max./Min.
1.	Significance and the prospect of use of projected research results	35/15
2.	Novelty and feasibility of the research project idea	30/20
3.	Scientific competence of the research leader	20/10
4.	Amount of own contribution of the Applicant and/or the partner	10/0
5.	Scope of the Applicant's involvement in the projects of international research programs, and applied research orders by economic entities fulfilled by the Applicant	5/0
	Total:	100/45



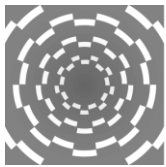
- Open call
- Selection carried out according to selection criteria
- Foreign researcher – employed abroad for not less than 5 years prior to the call
- International experts (mostly from ERC) involved
- Minimum score – 59. Maximum score – 100.
- Project duration – up to 48 months
- Maximum funding per project Eur 1 000 000
- Call budget – Eur 14 481 001
- Own financial contribution (optional)
- Final Beneficiary – Institution



Eligible Applicants	Eligible Partners
Research institutions Universities University Hospitals	Legal entities implementing R&D
<i>Successful partnership must be included in case of State-aid</i>	
Project implementation	Indirect costs and other costs according to the flat rate
Personnel costs (unit costs)	Research implementation (flat rate) (34/18 % of Personnel costs)
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Resettlement costs of principal investigator and research members (unit costs)	



		Max./Min.
1.	Significance and the prospect of use of projected research results	35/15
2.	Novelty and feasibility of the research project idea	30/24
3.	Scientific competence of the research leader	30/20
4.	Scope of the Applicant's involvement in the projects of international research programs, and in R&D orders by economic entities fulfilled by the Applicant	5 / 0
Total		100 / 59



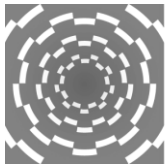
- Open call
- Parallel laboratory – cooperation of Lithuanian and foreign laboratory that has exceptional competence of research in the SMART area “Health technologies and biotechnologies” priorities “Molecular technologies for medicine and biopharmaceutics” or/and “Advanced medical engineering for early diagnostics and treatment”
- Scheme:
 - 2 independent research groups working on the same research topic
 - Mandatory internship of Lithuanian research group in foreign laboratory
- Limitations – EU countries only



- Minimum score – 63. Maximum score – 100
- Project duration – up to 48 months
- Maximum funding per project Eur 700 000
- Call budget – Eur 1 448 000
- Own financial contribution (optional)
- Final Beneficiary – Lithuanian Institution

Eligible Applicants	Eligible Partners
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- 3 main assessment criteria:
 - Expected results
 - Research idea
 - Scientific achievements of PI



Purposes of financial instrument:

- Research project implemented under SMART specialization area
- Clear prospects of commercialization of research results

Horizontal purposes:

- Strengthening researchers' abilities to "sell" to market research ideas
- Strengthening connections between research institutions and SMEs

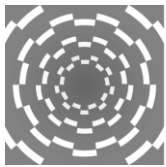


Assessment of projected results:

- 7 listed results in Assessment table
- Patent of EPO, UPSTO, JPO equal to Lithuanian Patent
- Possible result – “Another product of R&D activity (a process, a system, a service, a method, an object of art or a solution of cultural and societal problems, based on research and practical experience)”

Identification of State-aid:

- No clear practice of State-aid rules applied in Research
- Projects with Patent application have the potential of State-aid
- In case of State-aid – no clear identification of exact financial contribution in case of Unit costs and Flat rate



Own contribution possible as a non-monetary contribution – volunteer work:

- According to *State Labour Inspectorate*, volunteer work is a non-profitable, society-oriented activity:
 - not suitable for Research implementation
 - Functions performed according to Work-contract should not be identified as volunteer work

Identification of Research and Development stages:

- No connection to Research plan
- No connection to mid-term assessment



Straightforward budget justification:

- Unit – costs:
- No description of:
 - public-procurement
 - personnel costs
 - other eligible expenses

Mid-term assessment:

- Possibility to determine full project implementation with no financial corrections.



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