

SRNSF FR Project Evaluation

1. Registered projects, which correspond call requirements, are sent for the evaluation to the local or/and international independent experts. Project evaluation should be performed by at least 2 independent experts. The outcome of the evaluation will be submitted to the foundation according to the approved form.
2. Project evaluation is performed according to the criteria defined by the annex 2 of this decree.
3. On basis of the evaluation score, received from the independent experts, project final evaluation is calculated on basis of individual administrative-legal decree the Foundation's Director General.
4. Based on evaluation received from the independent experts, foundation defines and director general approves ranking lists of the projects by scientific fields defined by 1st article 2nd point. Director general is authorized to define the marginal valuation of the scientific fields and subfields funding by the individual administrative-legal act, also define the criteria for preference detection in case of equally evaluated projects. On the basis of ranking lists, director general is authorized to allocate spare projects, which will replace winner projects, if grant agreement will not be concluded with winner projects.
5. After the announcement of the call results, in case of key personnel, leading/participant institutions request, foundation provide information about experts' evaluation.

Grant project evaluation criteria

Criteria and Explanation	Bad	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent	Evaluation and comment
1. Scientific Component	0	1	2	3	4	5	Min 0 Max 20 Score
1. Significance of the research topic, novelty of research, formulation of the problem 2. Research goals and objectives 3. Research Methodology 4. Scientific importance of the research outcomes and/or their potential practical application and dissemination of project's outcomes							
2. Academic Component	0	1	2	3	4	5	Min 0 Max 15 Score
1. Achievements and qualification of principle investigator and compliance with research project 2. Key personnel's qualification and skills compliance with research topic 3. Level and quality of international and local cooperation in proposal							
3. Project Management and Feasibility	0	1	2	3	4	5	Min 0 Max 15 scores
1. Relevance of the proposed timeframe and implementation plan (stages, periods, timeline) to the research aims and objectives							

2. Budget relevance to the research goals and objectives.							
3. Relevance of the leading/participant institution's human and material resources, as well as scientific infrastructure to the project goals and objectives.							
Final Scores:							Max 50 scores
Final comment about the project:							

1. Each of the 1-3 criteria is evaluated by a 6-point system (0-5). The maximum score is 50 points. Evaluation of points in sub-criteria is as follows:

Score	Evaluation	Explanation
0	Bad	Project does not meet particular criteria, or the project can not be evaluated because of insufficient information
1	Poor	Project does not respond adequately to this particular criteria, there are substantial weaknesses
2	Average	Project meets the general criteria, however it has significant weaknesses, weakly grounded and unsatisfactory quality
3	Good	Project meets criteria well, grounding is satisfactory quality, but it is necessary to make some improvements
4	Very Good	Project exactly meets the criteria, originality and clear advantages are shown, but some improvements are possible
5	Excellent	Distinctive, high scientific quality project, which successfully meets all the criteria. Weaknesses if any, are essentially slight.

2. In order to receive funding, required but not sufficient precondition is to receive 31 and more scores.

3. In case of equal scores priority is given to the projects with the highest scores at the first sub-criteria (scientific component) and after in third sub-criteria (Project Management) and then in second sub-criteria (academic component). In case of the equal scores in all above-mentioned criteria, the preference will be given to the project with the less budget.