

ICT26 Digital Humanism / Evaluation criteria

The following criteria are used in the evaluation.

Main evaluation criteria

- **Scope:** Is the project within the [scope of the call](#) as described in this document?

Projects that do not meet the key requirements regarding scope will be rejected by the jury, regardless of scientific quality.

The key criteria in the evaluation of proposals are **scientific excellence of the project and applicants** and **interdisciplinarity**:

- **Innovative character** of the proposed research project: Does the proposed research work meet the highest relevant international quality standards? Does the project show scientific originality and innovative aspects? Are the methods and research approaches appropriate and innovative?
- **Scientific excellence and academic potential of the applicant(s)**: Do the applicants demonstrate the expertise and potential to conduct the proposed research? Please note that scientific track record is measured according to academic age.
- **Team composition and interdisciplinary collaboration**: Teams should include an appropriate mix of expertise, bringing together ICT and SSH researchers. A clear description of the roles of the individual partners and a clear project management plan must be presented. This should demonstrate how both ICT and SSH researchers will contribute to critical stages of developing and executing the project, and how communication will be fostered throughout the project lifetime.
- **Relevance**: does the proposed research contribute to mid- to long-term concepts that question/redefine/reevaluate how digital technologies & practices can be better aligned with established human values? Does the proposal contribute to advances in Digital Humanism?

Further evaluation criteria

- **Feasibility**: Can the project realize its goals given the competences of the research team, the methods suggested, the time frame, resources, and budget?
- **Consideration of gender aspects**: The relevance of potential sex-specific and gender-related aspects of the proposed projects should be considered and explained throughout

the proposal.

- **Open Science:** does the Proposal adhere to the [principles of open science](#)?

Other aspects:

- **Career breaks** such as for parental leave, care duties and longer illnesses will be taken into account in the evaluation of the proposals. Please indicate the time periods in the applicants' CV to allow them to be considered.

Please note that the short proposal will be evaluated by a jury panel, who will be asked to act as generalists when evaluating proposals. In contrast, the full proposal will additionally be evaluated by reviewers with specific expertise in the topics of the proposal. Thus, an appropriate level of scientific detail should be provided at each stage to allow evaluation of the proposal by the respective audience.

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