Funding and evaluation criteria

The following criteria are used in the evaluation.

- **Scope**: Does the project fall within the scope of the call, as described in the Call Specifications, and does it demonstrate clear continuity with the previously funded project?

The key criteria in the evaluation of proposals are **scientific quality, novelty, interdisciplinarity and transdisciplinarity**:

- **Scientific excellence and academic potential of the applicant(s):** Accomplishments and potential of the applicants to conduct the proposed research (measured by academic age).
- **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 complementary? Does the project have the potential to explore novel research avenues and approaches?
- **Consortia composition and interdisciplinary collaboration:** Consortia should include an appropriate mix of expertise, bringing together researchers from complementary scientific disciplines. A clear description of the roles, responsibilities, and competencies of all core team members is mandatory.
- **Partnership with non-academic stakeholders:** Consortia must demonstrate how researchers, patient representatives, and relevant stakeholders will actively collaborate throughout the project. Roles need to be specified in e.g. project governance and/or how they will contribute to key research decisions and processes.

Further criteria include academic & clinical impact, feasibility of the proposed project plan, Data management and Gender aspects. Please note that **career breaks** such as for parental leave, care duty and prolonged illness will be taken into account in the evaluation of the proposals. In order for these to be considered, please provide the relevant time periods.

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