

# Session IV: Proposal evaluation in European research programs

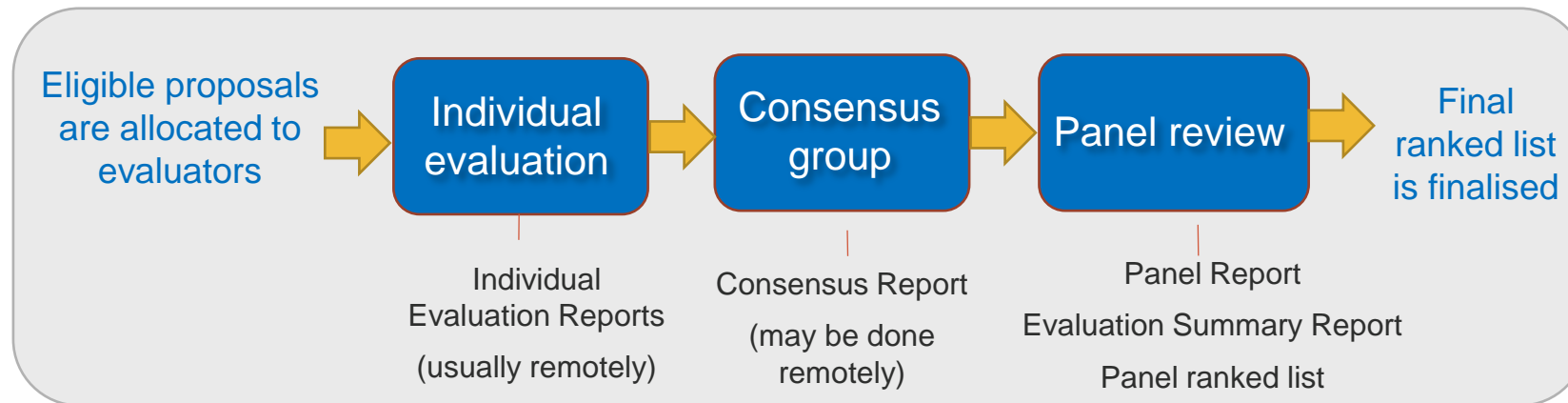
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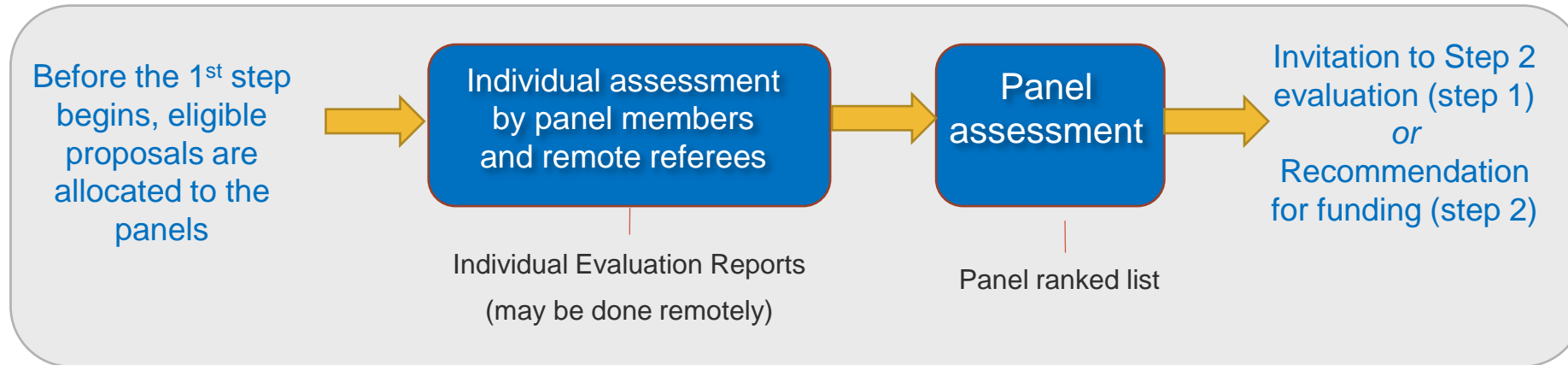
# The evaluation procedure in practice: Standard H2020 evaluation process



Adapted from: Horizon 2020 Proposal Evaluation Version 2.2. (30. September 2016)

- In the case of 2 stages proposals, the process is repeated two times
- Special case: FET-Open evaluation (not the usual consensus procedure)

# The evaluation procedure in practice: Frontier research projects



Based on the information in „ERC Rules for Submission & Evaluation“

- Usually done in a *single submission, two-step* evaluation process:
  - **Step 1**- Evaluation of extended synopsis (plus CV und track record)
  - **Step 2**- Evaluation of full proposal (including an interview)

# What is actually evaluated?

- **Peer review of Frontier Research Projects (ERC proposals):**
  - Ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility of the **research project**
  - Intellectual capability and creativity of the **applicant** (as well as commitment)
- **For all others, three main criteria:**
  - Excellence
  - Impact
  - Implementation

*... but weight, thresholds and sub-criteria differ from one to other type of project!*

# But who are the evaluators?

- They are „**external**“ (do not belong to EC, but are selected by EC staff).
- They are „**independent**“ (and should not have any *conflict of interest*)
- They are „**experts**“, with background in different fields
  - Scientists, industrialists, project and program managers, professors, innovation consultants, company owners....

.... but above all *they are human*, with diverse opinions, personalities and attitudes

