

IMI2 JU responses to the Independent Observers' Report

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IMI2 9th Call for Proposals

Stage 2 evaluation

Date of evaluation: 14-16 February 2017

Name of the observers: Kate Barker and Hans Lehmann

Summary of Recommendations

The paragraph below presents the recommendations as indicated by the observers in their report.

As already stated, this stage 2 evaluation is a well-established procedure, which - and this is our main recommendation - should be followed in the future too. We want to highlight in particular:

- *The panel briefings by phone and the in-person briefings with all the experts before they split up into topic groups.*
- *The standard working of the panels, moderated by IMI scientific officers*
- *The formulation of questions and the hearings with representatives of the full consortium*
- *The collaborative production of consensus reports by the independent experts.*

Finally, we would like to make a remark with respect to the formulation of topics of a Call. We appreciate, that they are detailed and to the point; we are convinced that on procedural grounds this contributes to a very well manageable number of applications, but it may be in exceptional cases that a very high degree of detail might be counterproductive.

IMI2 JU responses to the recommendations

IMI2 JU is pleased to have the confirmation of the independent observers that the stage 2 evaluation process is a well-established procedure and will ensure that the same procedure is applied to future calls.

IMI2 JU notes the observers' remark on the level of details contained in call topics and the observers' opinion that some topics are detailed to a point that may be counterproductive in exceptional cases.

IMI2 JU launches calls addressing complex challenges that require stakeholders from different sectors and disciplines to collaborate with each other. Depending on the nature of the topic, some topic texts can contain very detailed information regarding the nature of the work to be undertaken. A high level of detail ensures that applicants fully understand the challenges being addressed as well as the objectives and the deliverables of the topic.

This level of detail can ensure very good quality applications. For other topics, where a more generic approach is necessary, less detail is sometimes included in the topic text.