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FET Information

A number of questions were posed to Commission recently with respect to some issues in proposing to the novel FET open call (Batch 1 closing 30 September 2014 [at 17:00 BRX time]). The following is verbatim of two of those questions and response from DG Connect

Q: "In the template of the FET application there is a section asking to "Relation to the Work Programme". For the applications in FET Open (that do not have predefined fields) this has created some confusion among applicants and possibly will affect the evaluation (that will depend on the weight that the individual reviewers will give to this section). More details in the text are needed."

A: [The FET Proposal Template](#) †

is available from the FET-Open call page. Under Section 1: S&T excellence, sub-section 1.2 is about 'Relation to the Work Programme' spelled out as: "Indicate the work programme topic to which your proposal relates, and explain how your proposal addresses the specific challenge and scope of that topic, as set out in the work programme."

Even though FET-Open does not have any "pre-defined fields" as you rightly pointed out, the proposals should still be able to argue their relevance to the FET-Open call in that section 1.2 (and in section 1 in general).

The FET-Open topic is clearly described in the Work Programme but also on the call page under the 'topic description' [tab](#).

Proposals should argue how they address the 'challenge' and 'scope' defined for FET Open as: "

Specific challenge: Supporting a large set of early stage, high risk visionary science and technology collaborative research projects is necessary for the successful exploration of new foundations for radically new future technologies. Nurturing fragile ideas requires an agile, risk-friendly and highly interdisciplinary research approach, expanding well beyond the strictly technological disciplines. Recognising and stimulating the driving role of new high-potential actors in research and innovation, such as women, young researchers and high-tech SMEs, is also important for nurturing the scientific and industrial leaders of the future."

Scope: Proposals are sought for collaborative research with all of the following characteristics : Long-term vision: (...); Breakthrough S&T target: (...); Foundational: the breakthroughs (...); Novelty: (...); High-risk: (...); Interdisciplinary: (...). This call is open to early-stage research on any new technological possibility.

This approach is not new and FET Open has always been operated this way. While proposers used to more traditional 'topical' calls may be confused at first glance, the documentation is explaining what is to be done/argued.

URLs: for TSB H2020 ICT Homepage: <https://www.h2020uk.org/-/information-and-communications-technologies-ict>

for TSB H2020 FET Homepage: <https://www.h2020uk.org/-/future-and-emerging-technologies-fet>

Q: "It should be clarified whether the references have to be included in (or are in addition of) the 15 page limit. This is not clear."

A: In the FET Proposal Template † on the cover page of section 1-3, a number of important warnings are stated, in relation to page limits and eligibility. One 'important remark' is related to 'references'. It reads: " The list of the participants' main scientific publications relevant to the proposal is to be included in section 4. Any other list of scientific publications relevant to the proposal must be included in sections 1-3, that is within the strict page limit."

There can be in section 4 a list of up to 5 relevant publications and/or products, services, or achievements for each participant. Any additional references must be included in sections 1-3, subject to the page limit.

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