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FutureFoodS Webinar for **Evaluators**

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A must read!!!



European partnership for a sustainable Future of Food Systems

First Joint Transnational Co-funded Call



FutureFoodS Call 2024

Transforming Food Systems - reshaping food system interactions, fostering food innovations and empowering sustainable food choices

Evaluation Guidelines

V01 - 17 February 2025

Submission & Evaluation platform: https://futurefoods.ptj.de

Call Announcement:

https://futurefoods.ptj.de/call1?genericModule=callDocuments&action=download&id=276

Annex A Impact Plan:

 $\underline{https://future foods.ptj.de/call1?genericModule=callDocuments\&action=download\&id=268$



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I. FutureFoodS Partnership



- FutureFoodS European partnership for a sustainable Future of Food Systems https://www.futurefoodspartnership.eu/
- 86 partners from 29 countries (funding organisations, research performers)
- Coordination: ANR (FR)
- Envisioned runtime mid 2024-2034
- Variety of activities
- → 6 Co-funded calls planned





I. FutureFoodS Partnership

The vision of the FutureFoodS Partnership is to collectively achieve environmentally friendly, socially secure and fair, economically viable, healthy and safe food systems in Europe by 2050.

3 priority needs:

- The need for transformation of the current types of production, processing, distribution, and consumption in linear food chains towards circular food systems functioning within planetary boundaries;
- 2) The need for an overarching food systems approach to address several challenges in an integrative manner and empowering all relevant stakeholders, diverse voices and geographical regions;
- 3) The need for food that is safe, sustainable, healthy and from fair and trusted value chains for everyone

4 thematic areas

- 'Change the way we eat';
- 'Change the way we process and supply food';
- 'Change the way we connect with food systems' and
- 'Change the way we govern food systems.

II. The first joint transnational call for R&I projects





- 36 Funding
 Organisations
 from 19 countries
 + EU
- ~40 Mio Euro

3 TOPICS

1. The way towards sustainable and resilient food systems

2. New foods – Fostering innovations in food design, processing and supply via demand and supply reorientation

3. Empowering sustainable food choices – Enabling environments and dietary shifts

Guiding elements for FutureFoodS projects (Food Systems Approach)

- ✓ transformative perspective
- ✓ Inter- and transdisciplinarity
- Multi-stakeholder engagement
- ✓ Sustainability

(theory of change)





Scope and objectives

→ key limitations...

Projects within the Partnership shall focus on post-harvest/production

Primary production (on land and sea/water), such as growing food, agricultural production and other specific aspects related to it, as well as diseases related to nutrition and lifestyle are <u>not</u> in focus in this partnership.

These aspects are covered in other Horizon Europe partnerships.

However, dependencies and impacts related to these aspects may be adressed within the scope of the call, if embracing a food systems approach.





Topics

1. The way towards sustainable and resilient food systems

New approaches for reshaping food system interactions, e.g. through novel market-based arrangements, business models, policy actions and experimental practices. The call topic seeks to promote food system sustainability in all its dimensions

2. New foods – Fostering innovations in food design, processing and supply via demand and supply reorientation

New systemic approaches to food design, processing and supply to propose a greater variety of healthy, sustainable and minimally processed food alternatives. The call topic also includes questions about consumer acceptance, food safety and roles of different food actors

3. Empowering sustainable food choices – Enabling environments and dietary shifts

Overarching system approaches to address challenges in the adoption of sustainable food practices across Europe. Central to the call topic is the role of food environments to support consumption shifts towards safe, healthy, nutritious, affordable, accessible, equitable and culturally acceptable and tasteful foods

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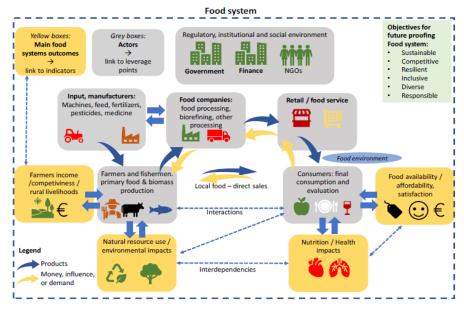
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Systems approach

What is the Food System and why?

"a system that embraces all elements and activities that relate to production, processing, distribution and marketing, preparation and consumption of food, and acknowledges the interactions between natural resources/ecosystems services, primary food, food processing, packaging, logistics, marketing, retail, food services, consumption and waste management/recycling and the many feedback loops between them, which together defines the degree of complexity"

 A systems approach offers a holistic view on complex problems and acknowledges interdependencies within the systems



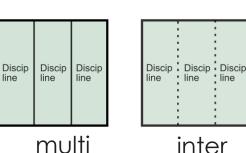
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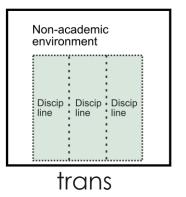
Systems approach

Guiding elements for FutureFoodS projects

- ✓ transformative perspective (solution- and impact-driven R&I; context setting, theory of change)
- ✓ Inter- and transdisciplinarity (various disciplines and fields, project specific)
- ✓ Multi-stakeholder engagement (diversity, relevance/applicability, quadruple helix)
- ✓ Sustainability (3 dimensions, project specific, towards sustainable Food Systems)



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III. Proposal structure



- Project and partner information
- Project Data (title, disciplines etc)
- Statement Food Systems Approach
- Project Summary (publishable)
- Project Description*
- Finances
- Ethical assessment
- Uploads (CVs, Literature references)

III. Proposal structure



*Project description > Impact Plan (based on Theory of Change)

- Annex A provides background information (impact plan approach)
- Impact plan has 2 parts:
 - 1. Problem and context analysis (pre-proposal)
 - 2. Impact Plan: including impact pathway, strategic planning with regard to consortium and interactions (full-proposal)
- -Problem analysis (main aim, underlyi Full-proposal: factors determining the context, knd
- -Assumptions (underlying hypothesis i
- -Relevance (relation to the theme ar
- -Intended Impact (ambitions, societa

- Impact pathway (outcomes, outputs, assumptions)
- Consortium and interactions (consortium, interactions, governance and management, risk management)

III. Proposal structure





Via Submission platform

https://futurefoods.ptj.de/call1

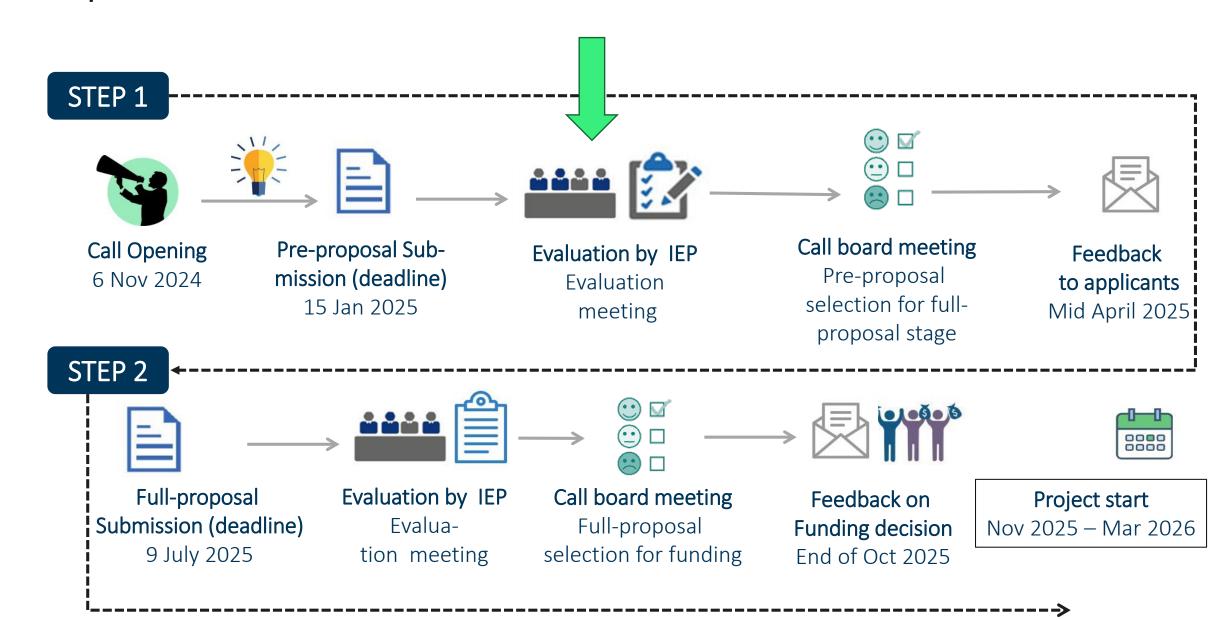
Call Announcement + Annexes



- 1. Annex A \rightarrow Impact Plan
- Annex B → Overview of National Contact Points/ Regional Contact Points (NCP/RCP)
- 3. Annex $C \rightarrow$ Pre-proposal template
- 4. Annex D \rightarrow Full-proposal template (full-proposal only)
- 5. Annex $E \rightarrow$ Letter of commitment template (full-proposal only)
- 6. Annex $F \rightarrow$ Data Management Plan (full-proposal only)
- 7. Annex G → Dissemination, Exploitation and Communication Plan (full-proposal only)
- 8. Annex H → List of FutureFoodS partners allowed to participate in cofunded projects
- Annex I → National/ Regional regulations

Call process and timeline

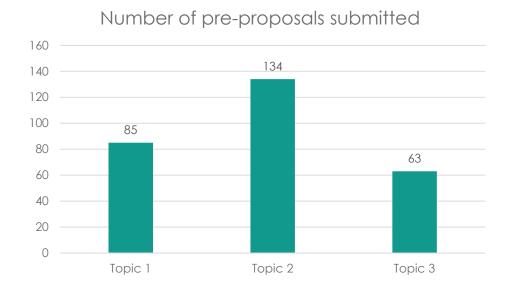


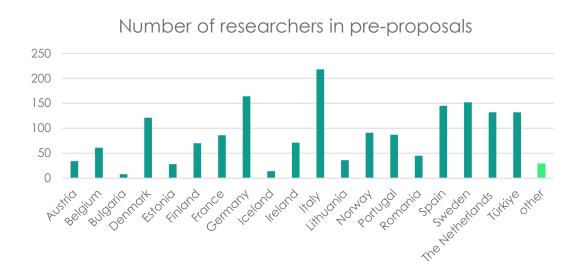


First outcomes of the call (pre-proposal step)



- 275 Pre-proposals were submitted
- More than 1700 researchers are involved





Q&A







- Criteria and scores
- Evaluation template
- IEP composition and roles (rapporteur, chair)
- Process and timeline

Criteria and scores

Evaluation by three independent experts per proposal

Criteria:

- Excellence
- Impact
- Quality and efficiency of the implementation (full-proposal only)



Criteria and scores

Excellence (threshold 3/5)

- Clarity and pertinence of the project's objectives to the aims of the partnership and the call priorities;
- Extent to which the proposed work is ambitious and goes beyond the state of the art, as well as
 degree of innovation;
- Soundness of the proposed methodology, including the underlying concepts, models, assumptions, inter- and transdisciplinary approaches, appropriate consideration of the gender dimension in research and innovation content and the quality of open science practices, including sharing and management of research outputs and engagement of citizens, civil society and end-users where appropriate.



Criteria and scores

Impact (threshold 3/5)

- Credibility of the pathways to achieve the **expected outcomes and impacts** in light of a **food systems approach** and the likely scale and significance of the contributions from the project;
- Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the Impact Plan and the DEC plan (full-proposal only);
- The added value of adopting a European transnational cooperation and networking approach in the context of the proposed project.



Criteria and scores

Quality and efficiency of the implementation (threshold 3/5; full-proposal only)

- Quality and consistency of the work plan, assessment of risks, appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages, and the resources overall;
- Capacity and role of each participant, and the extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise.



Criteria and scores

0		The proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.
1	Poor	The criterion is inadequately addressed, or there are serious inherent weaknesses.
2	Fair	The proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses.
3	Good	The proposal addresses the criterion well, but a number of shortcomings are present.
4	Very good	The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present.
5	Excellent	The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor.



Evaluation template

4 Questions:

- Transformative potential (Comment field)
- Excellence (Rating and comment field)
- Impact (Rating and comment field)
- Summary (Comment field)

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IV. Evaluation of pre-proposals

- IEP composition and roles (rapporteur, chair)
- International Expert Panel (3 experts/ proposal)
- IEP assembly: known + new experts via open survey
 - 400 entries > ~300 full entries > prel. List of ~150 candidates
 - Applicants to the call cannot be part of the IEP (CoI)
 - ~80 experts in the IEP for pre-proposal step
- Rapporteur: one expert will summarize the 3 evaluations/ proposal
- Chair(s): chairing IEP meeting, assistance, short report at selection





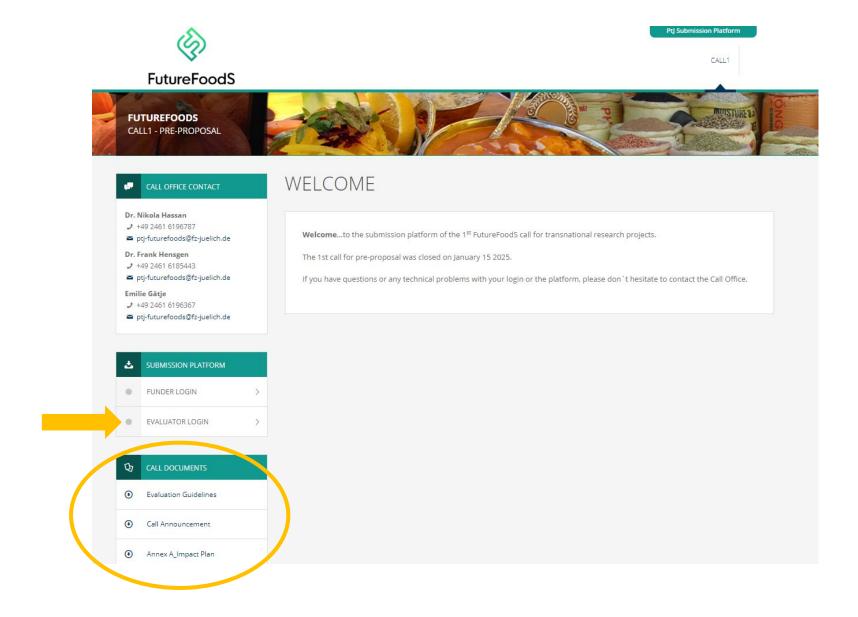
Process and timeline

PRE-proposal EVALUATION		
17 February – 28 March 2025	Pre-proposal evaluation	
24 February 2025	Confirmation of No Conflict of Interest by experts for assigned proposals	
21 February 2025 (14-15 CET) 24 February 2025 (13-14 CET)	IEP webinar (1 hour tutorial, optional but recommended to join once if possible)	
21 March 2025	Deadline for single pre-proposal evaluations (online)	
28 March 2025	Deadline for rapporteur summaries	
~02 April 2025	IEP meeting step 1 (online)	
April	Selection meeting (CB), info to applicants and redress period	

V. The online platform

https://futurefoods.ptj.de





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EVALUATION - QUICK STARTING GUIDE

(1) Activate your evaluator account:

An automatic email is sent to all assigned experts (please also check your spam folder) > follow the link to set your personal password

- (2) The system will ask you to Login to the online platform (https://futurefoods.ptj.de)
- (3) Upload Agreement letter:

Please download and read the "Confidentiality, Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct Agreement"

- > please sign (electronically if possible) and upload
- (4) The Evaluation Office will check your Agreement letter and release your full access
- (5) Login and CoI check:

After login you will see the proposals assigned to you (and also all other proposals in reading mode)

> please check whether a Conflict of Interest exists for any of the proposals assigned to you (to do so you must click on each proposal to see a short summary of the consortium)

- a. NO Col: you will get full access to the proposal
- b. Col: the proposal will be blocked

DEADLINE for CoI check: 24th of February 2025

(6) Start Evaluation:

Please download the assigned proposals and start with the evaluation following the procedure, explanations, criteria and scores defined in the Evaluation Guidelines

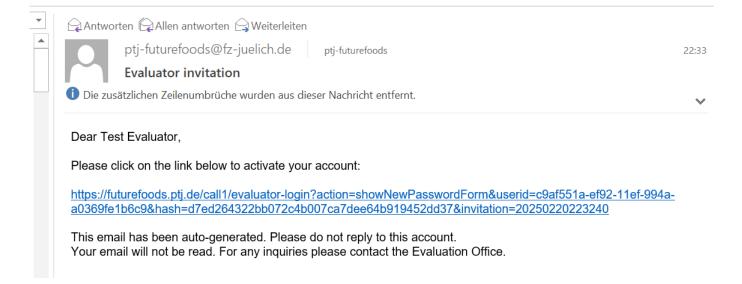
(7) Finalize the evaluation (once finalized you cannot go back to introduce changes)

DEADLINE for pre-proposal evaluation: 21st of March 2025

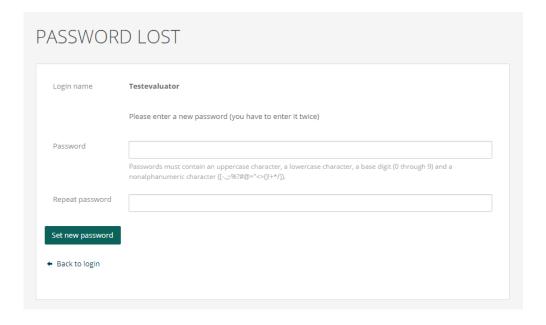
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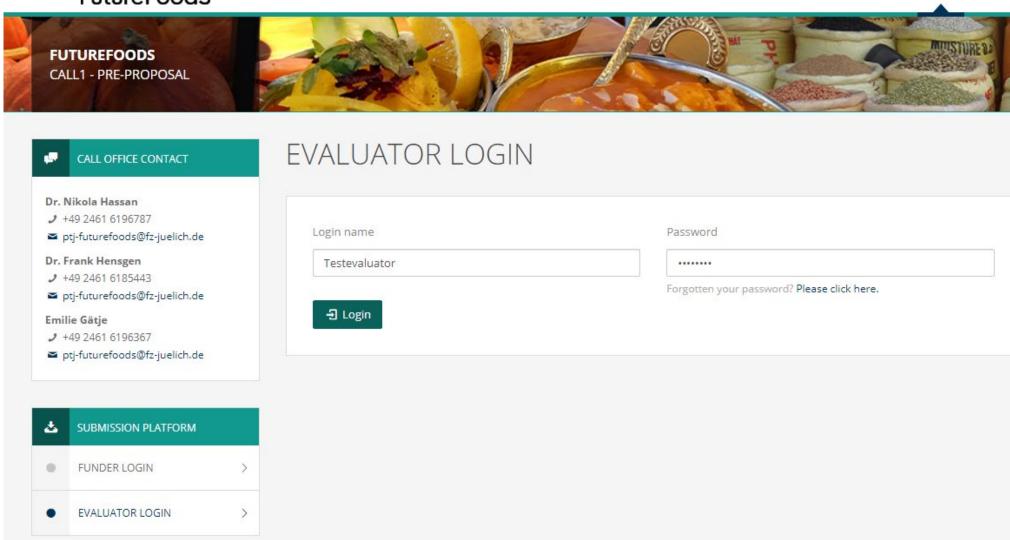
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(2) Login to the online platform



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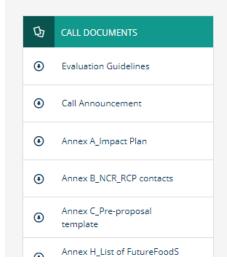


(3) Upload Agreement letter









WELCOME

Welcome Evaluator:

Thank you for your participation in the FutureFoodS Call evaluation!

Please start with downloading the Agreement on CONFLICT OF INTEREST & CONFIDENTIALITY & CODE OF CONDUCT:

- . If you agree with it, sign it and upload the signed document as soon as possible.
- The Evaluation office will check your agreement and thereafter, you will have access to title, abstracts and consortia compositions of all proposals to check for Conflict of Interest (CoI).
- . If you disagree with it, please contact the Evaluation Office immediately.

Please check each proposal for a potential Conflict of Interest (CoI) and mark it accordingly.

- if you do have a CoI, you will be locked for the respective proposal.
- if you do not have a CoI you will get access to the whole proposal's content.

Please check if you have Cols with any of the pre-proposals at latest by 24 February 2025.

After the Col check, you can start to read and evaluate assigned proposals. Before you start your evaluation, please read the Evaluation Guidelines (see upload) carefully. If you still have questions concerning the evaluation procedures or any technical issues after reading the Guidelines, please contact the Evaluation Office (EO).

Please follow the instructions of the online evaluation system.

If you do not feel able to evaluate a proposal for any reason, contact ptj-futurefoods@fz-juelich.de.

We kindly ask you to finish your evaluations until 21st March 2025.

If you wish you can read all pre-proposals for which you do not have a CoI, but this is optional.

If you are logged in without actively working on the tool you will be logged out automatically after 24 minutes. In this case your last entered information will not get lost if you login once more by using the popup window which appears. Otherwise your last entered and not saved information will get lost!

Once you have finalized an evaluation, you cannot re-enter and your evaluation will be made available for the rapporteur to write the summary.

If you should have technical problems or questions concerning the online evaluation tool, please contact the Evaluation Office.

(3) Upload Agreement letter





STEP 1: DOWNLOAD AGREEMENT LETTER

Download agreement letter

STEP 2: UPLOAD YOUR SIGNED AGREEMENT LETTER

Please upload your signed agreement letter here. After the upload the Evaluation Office will perform a short check and approve your access. Until then, no further action is necessary and you will get an automatic info as soon as your account is activated!



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You can re-upload several times

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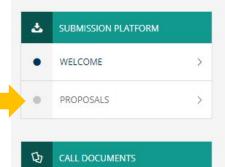






FUTUREFOODS CALL1 - PRE-PROPOSAL





Evaluation Guidelines

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WELCOME

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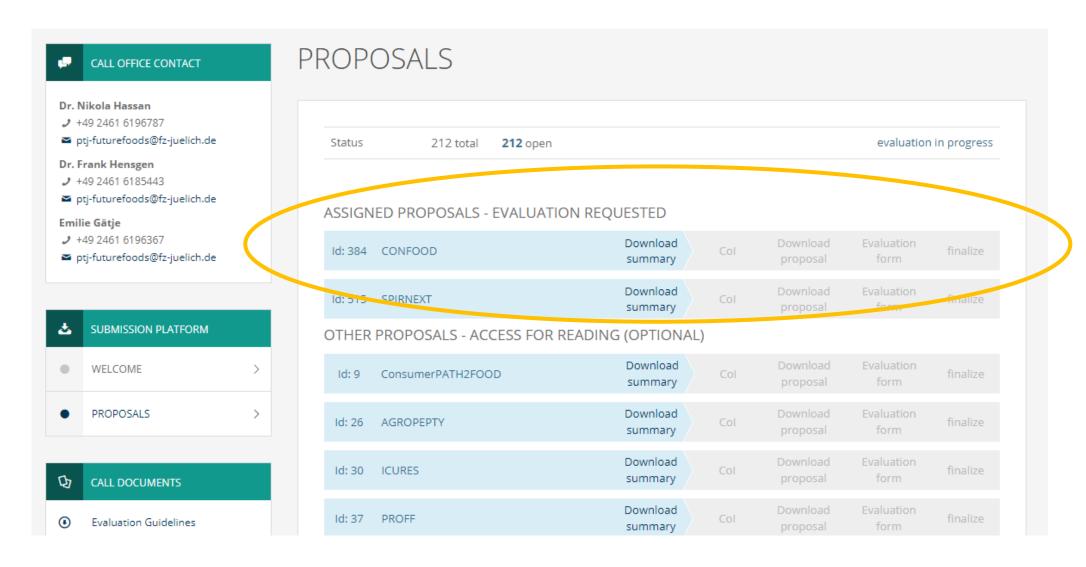
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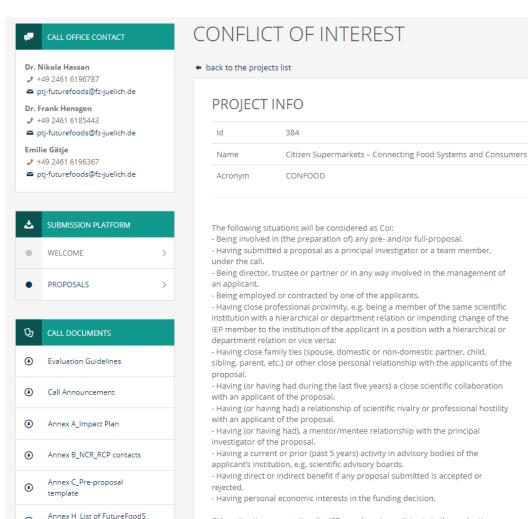




Click and do steps from left to right

(5) Login and Col check

- a. NO Col: you will get full access to the proposal
- b. Col: the proposal will be blocked
 - ***DEADLINE for Col check: 24th of February 2025***



beneficiaries allowed to apply

Annex I_Nat_Reg_Regulations

WEBINAR SLIDES (21, Nov2 24)

Example_pre-proposal

FAQ

Other situations preventing the IEP members to participate in the evaluation

members to the Evaluation office.

Conflict of interest existing?

) yes

✓ Save

impartially could be considered as CoI and should be reported as such by the IEP

(6) Start evaluation



EVALUATION FORM

• back to the projects list

PROJECT INFO 384 Id Citizen Supermarkets - Connecting Food Systems and Consumers Name Acronym CONFOOD **QUESTIONS** * is required ** is conditional required Transformative potential Does the project contribute to the Transformation of Food Systems? Comment * Max. 2000 characters

(6) Start evaluation

· Soundness of the proposed methodology, including the underlying concepts, models, assumptions, inter- and transdisciplinary approaches, appropriate consideration of the gender dimension in research and innovation content and the quality of open science practices, including sharing and management of research outputs and engagement of citizens, civil society and end-users where appropriate. Please choose Comment * Max. 2000 characters Impact * . Credibility of the pathways to achieve the expected outcomes and impacts in light of a food systems approach and the likely scale and significance of the contributions from the project; . The added value of adopting a European transnational cooperation and networking approach in the context of the proposed project. Please choose Comment * Max. 2000 characters Summary Please write a short summary of your evaluation incl. Strength and Weaknesses of the proposal Comment * Max. 1500 characters

. Clarity and pertinence of the project's objectives to the aims of the partnership and the call priorities;

. Extent to which the proposed work is ambitious and goes beyond the state of the art, as well as degree of innovation;

Excellence *







Thank you for listening

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