

SUMMARY OF THE ANR EVALUATION PROCESS *

EVALUATION OF RESEARCH PROPOSALS

The main steps of the selection procedure are as follows:

- Examination of the **admissibility** of the submitted projects by the ANR and the support unit;
- examination of the **eligibility** of the projects by the assessment committee
- appointment of peer reviewers by the assessment committee
- **opinion of peer reviewers written according to the criteria given in detail below.** Projects are assessed by the evaluation committee after having received the peer reviewers' opinions (see assessment table on the publication site of the call for projects)
- examination of the projects by the steering committee and proposal of a list of projects to finance by the ANR
- drawing up of the list of selected projects by the ANR (main list and if necessary a complementary list) and publication of the list on the ANR site on the call for projects page
- project coordinators are sent a consolidated evaluation report on the committees' proposals
- final stages of the scientific, financial and administrative aspects for the selected subjects
- publication of the list of projects accepted for funding on the ANR call site page.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

1) **Relevance of the proposal regarding the orientation of the call for projects**

- be in line with the theme axis of the call for projects
- be in line with the recommendations of the call for projects
- clear presentation of the global security missions broached using a multi-discipline and multi-participant systems approach to security research;
- Real contribution :
 - towards a better understanding of what is at stake in the organisational, sociological and technological aspects of security;
 - towards the demonstration of systems feasibility by technological and methodological breakthrough

2) **Scientific and technical quality**

- clear presentation of objectives which do in fact contribute to better security for citizens and /or the understanding of organisational, human and technological security stakes;
- scientific excellence in terms of progress in knowledge as opposed to the state-of-the art (in France and abroad);
- innovative character of the research;
- technological breakthrough opening new perspectives.

* The official document is available on the ANR website – <http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/Intl>

3) Methodology, quality of the construction of the project and coordination :

- positioning as opposed to the present situation and technological innovation; scientific and technical feasibility of the project,
- choice of methods;
- structuring of the project, rigour in the definition of end-results (deliverables), identification of milestones ;
- quality of the coordination plan (experience, financial and legal management of the project);
- development strategy and protection of the results of the project, management of intellectual property questions;
- strategy in terms of management of the confidential nature of information, results and delivery (indicating the levels of circulation of information).

4) Overall impact of the project

- use or inclusion of the results of the project by the scientific or industrial community or society, and impact in terms of acquiring know-how;
- usefulness for global security and its missions;
- industrial or technological application perspectives or economic and commercial potential;
- business plan , how to fit in with industrial activity
- credibility of announced development.

5) Quality of the consortium

- level of scientific excellence or the expertise of the teams (based on participants' CVs, patents and publications);
- balance between the partnership and scientific and technical objectives;
- complementary nature of the partnership;
association in particular of research teams from Human and Social Sciences;
- real involvement of end-users (partnerships, follow-up or pilot committee);
- active role of small and medium-size companies.

6) Balance between project-means / Feasibility of the project

- Realistic schedule;
- the project proposes an organisation of the piloting of the works which ensures that the project will be underway immediately after notification;
- justification of funding required by technical work packages, by partners, and by type of expense envisaged .