

Academy of Finland  
Date  
Evaluation panel  
Experts  
Application number  
Call  
Applicant  
Project title

Evaluation report of plan of intent

Finnish Programme for Centres of Excellence in Research 2012–2017

**Reviewers are asked to rate the applications using the scale below. You are encouraged to use the entire scale.**

- 6 Outstanding proposal, which stands out for exceptional novelty, innovativeness and renewal of science at global level
- 5 Excellent proposal, which is extremely good in international comparison – no significant improvement needed
- 4 Very good proposal, which contains minor elements that could be improved
- 3 Good proposal, which contains specific elements that could be improved
- 2 Satisfactory proposal in need of substantial modification or improvement
- 1 Weak proposal with severe flaws that are intrinsic to the proposed project

For each specific question, a written evaluation should be given in addition to indicating a rating number.

1	Research plan	Rating
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Assess the scientific quality and innovativeness of the research plan.

Sub-rating  
Comments

Assess the scientific added value of working as a CoE.

Remarks (no numerical rating)

2	Scientific merits	Rating
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Estimate overall quality of the publication record<sup>1</sup> of the proposed CoE leader.

Sub-rating  
Comments

Are the merits and scientific expertise of the proposed CoE leader appropriate and sufficient for the proposed project?

Sub-rating  
Comments

Do the proposed CoE team leaders bring appropriate and required complementary expertise to the CoE project?

Sub-rating  
Comments

3	Research environment	Rating
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Assess the planned promotion of creative research environment<sup>2</sup>.

Remarks (no numerical rating)

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<sup>1</sup> Normally, depending on the field, these are scientific publications and/or major research monographs. The length of the list of publications is not limited. The applicant has been asked to shortlist the ten most important publications in terms of the research plan at the beginning of the list.

<sup>2</sup> Creative research environment can translate as e.g. promotion of multi-/inter-/transdisciplinary research, national and/or international collaboration, researcher training, leadership skills, communication, structural changes etc. See for example Suomen tieteen tila ja taso, luku 2.4 'Tutkimusympäristöt ja yhteistyö' (Suomen Akatemian julkaisu 9/09), available in pdf at [www.aka.fi/publications](http://www.aka.fi/publications). The publication will be available in English in January 2010.

Overall assessment
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Assess how the CoE as a whole rates in relation to top international research in its field. The CoE as a whole belongs to the

- best 1% (=subrating 6)
- best 5% (=subrating 5)
- best 10% (=subrating 4)
- not among the best 10% (=subrating 3)
- not among the best 20% (=subrating 2)

Subrating  
Remarks

Overall rating (not required to be mathematical average of the Subratings given above):

I have acquainted myself with the enclosed 'Instructions for evaluating research proposals' and I will comply with them. Further, I affirm that I have no conflict of interest in this proposal (yes/no)