

Centre of Excellence Programme 2022-2029

Panel/Name of reviewer:

Application number:

Name of applicant:

Title of proposed project:

How to review Centre of Excellence mid-term evaluation applications

A Centre of Excellence (CoE) is a research community that is striving for or already at the international forefront of research in its field. CoEs may consist of one or more particularly accomplished research teams working closely together under a joint research plan. The objective of the Finnish Centres of Excellence in Research Programme is to fund particularly excellent scientific research that increases capacity for scientific renewal and whose results have extensive impact.

The units granted CoE funding by the Research Council of Finland (RCF) are scientifically first-rate research communities that have capacity for renewal and high societal impact. The CoE programmes contribute to scientific renewal by supplying new research topics, new methods and approaches and new research teams. Thanks to the long-term funding provided in collaboration with CoE host organisations, the funding instrument effectively works as an incentive for scientific risk-taking and new initiatives in research.

In this call, the CoEs selected for the 2022–2029 programme are invited to submit funding applications for the last three-year term. The applications will serve as review material in the mid-term evaluation. The review material will also include interim reports provided to the RCF by the CoEs, the reports written by Scientific Advisory Boards (SAB) during the first four years and the original research plans.

Please provide written feedback on each of the following items in sections 1 and 2, and an overall numerical rating.

Write evaluative comments rather than descriptive ones. Section 3 (Review panel's summary assessment) is written by the panel during the panel meeting.



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Use a rating scale ranging from 6 (outstanding) to 4 (good). The consistency between the numerical rating and the written comments is particularly important.

The overall rating is made with a rating scale ranging from 6 (outstanding) to 4 (good).

6 (outstanding)	Outstanding in global comparison
5 (excellent)	Very good in international comparison – contains no significant elements to be improved
4 (good)	Is in general sound but contains some elements that could be improved

1. Progress of CoE activities

1.1. Progress of CoE activities during the first four years

Please review:

- how the CoE has achieved its goals and the objectives of the CoE programme in relation to quality, innovativeness, novelty and impact, renewal and added value during the first four years

[See original research plan](#)

[See research plan of the mid-term application](#)

[See most relevant publications and other key outputs in the application form](#)

[See CVs of the applicants](#)

[See Publication lists of the applicants](#)

[See interim report](#)

[See SAB reports](#)

2. Plan for future

2.1. Plan for CoE activities for the next three years

Please review:

- CoE's goals for the three-year period in terms of quality of research, feasibility, complementary expertise of the PIs involved, collaborations and quality of research environments



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- equality and nondiscrimination aspects related to the compositions of the research groups
- consideration of gender equality and nondiscrimination, research ethics and good scientific practice, open access to research publications and data, data management, and sustainable development
- CoE's plan for activity in applying for EU-funding
- CoE's plan after the funding period (exit plan) and the involvement of the host organisation(s)

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[See list of collaborators](#)

3. Review panel's summary assessment of proposal

3.1 Main strengths and weaknesses of proposal and their justifications; possible other remarks

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3.1.1 Main strengths and weaknesses, with justifications, in the progress of CoE activities during the first four years

- summary assessment of the CoE's activities during the first four years including main strengths and weaknesses with justifications
- [Refer to review criteria in section 1.](#)
- [To be completed only at panel meeting.](#)

3.1.2 Main strengths and weaknesses, with justifications, in the plan for CoE activities for the last three years

- summary assessment of CoE's plan for activities for the last three years including main strengths and weaknesses with justifications
- [Refer to review criteria in section 2.](#)
- [To be completed only at panel meeting.](#)



3.1.3 Other remarks (if any):

For example: societal effects and impact

- To be completed only at panel meeting.

4. Overall rating

Rating (4-6)

