My Experience as FET Evaluator

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My Experience as Evaluator of Projects

• European Science Foundation
• European Commission
• Swedish Knowledge Foundation
• Qatar National Research Fund
• Research Council of Norway
• Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research,
• Swiss National Science Foundation
• Inamori Foundation, Japan
• American Chemical Society
• FAPESP, Brazil
FET Open Research and Innovation Actions

- Exploration of new foundations for radically new future technologies
- Early stage, high risk visionary science and technology
- New ideas
- Highly interdisciplinary research approaches
- Dissolve traditional boundaries between scientific fields
- Excellent young researchers
- High tech SMEs
- Scientific and industrial leaders of the future
FET- Open RIAs Scope

- Long-term vision: far beyond the state-of-the art, not currently foreseen by technology roadmaps
- Scientific ambitious and technologically concrete breakthrough
- Novelty: Cutting edge knowledge, new ideas and concepts
- Foundational: basis for a new kind of technology, not currently anticipated
- High risk
- Interdisciplinary: mutual learning, cross-fertilization and synergistic advances
My Impression on low scored projects

• Did they read the call text?
• Several proposal seems to be written by the same writer (hot air)
• Why every mm of the page should be filled?
• Lack of clear message – What? Why? How?
• Recycled proposals
• I will convince the evaluator that my idea is new
• I will convince the evaluator that my team is multidisciplinary
• Ambition vs time vs resources
• Distribution of PM, justification of resources
• Squeezed figures, complex diagrams
My impression on highly scored projects

• Call text was carefully considered
• Clear and well justified long term vision and targeted breakthroughs
• Novelty, non-incrementality, plausibility and foundational character
• Research methodology and interdisciplinarity
• Impact on technology and society, future leadership
• How impact will be achieved?
• Concise implementation: WP, Management, Expertise, Rational distribution of resources
• Honest, clear and well justified
Thank you

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