

# Expert panels

## Specific Interdisciplinary panel

**FWO Instruction Clip**

## **Goal**

- ▶ **Explain FWO's approach to assess interdisciplinary research**
- ▶ **Provide additional instructions to evaluate interdisciplinary proposals**

# Specific Interdisciplinary Panel

- ▶ **Evaluates interdisciplinary applications**
- ▶ **Applicants themselves select the panel**
- ▶ **Panel is composed to represent all scientific domains**
  
- ▶ **In general: panel follows same evaluation procedure as other panels**
  - see instructions in e-mails and other clips
- ▶ **3 external reviews (instead of 2)**
- ▶ **1 extra element: interdisciplinarity is an evaluation criterion**
  - 3 evaluation criteria:
    - Research team / candidate
    - Project
    - **Interdisciplinarity**: receives a separate score (20%) → **score grid**

# Evaluating interdisciplinarity

## ▶ **Functional definition for interdisciplinarity:**

- There is more than one discipline involved, and these **disciplines** are **sufficiently distinct**.
- The disciplines are at the **same coordinated level**; each discipline is **essential** to achieve the expected outcome.
- The use of different, sufficiently integrated disciplines leads to **synergy**. Due to this synergy, the **state of the art is advanced** in all involved disciplines and/or in a shared area.

## ▶ **These criteria have been translated to score grid (scores 1 → 7)**

## Evaluating interdisciplinarity

- ▶ **To assess interdisciplinarity, consider**
  - **Full application**
  - **Motivation** by the applicant
- ▶ **If interdisciplinarity is scored  $\leq 4$  → the application cannot be funded by the panel**

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