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Reviewers have quite **short time for** their own **evaluation** and they have to find a **consensus within the limited time** of Brussels meeting



The proposal has to clearly **emphasize important messages**

- Excellence of the researcher,
- Excellence of the host,
- Significance of the research topic and its novelty.

**Choose the research work** that will allow to

- **demonstrate its importance** to the reviewers that are not expert in this particular field – advantage of topics with some general applicability (fundamentals of our existence, health, environment, ...)
- leave a space for **transfer of knowledge**, i.e. your further training (importance of the host expertise and equipment, complementarity with your expertise)
- provide conceived arguments why the stay is important for your **career development**

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The **quality of the researchers** and the host are “measurable” parameters but the metrics of different experts can vary a lot.



- Evaluate critically your achievements. Explain why they are valuable.
- Publish something in widely respected journals.
- If you recently finished PhD provide even the month.
- Explain any gaps in your CV. Think carefully, there are other reasons besides official parental leave or military service!

**Do not omit any point** that is mentioned in evaluation criteria. (Young) researcher do not like to discuss, e.g.

- work management and work plan,
- risk assessment, contingency plan,
- measures for communication and results dissemination.

**Seek help of people from project support** at your and host institution, **ask your (older) colleagues** for ideas, formulations.