

Instructions for IFA feedback process

For the applicant, it is expected that:

- You have carefully read the application guidelines and done your best to ensure that your application adheres to those guidelines.
- You have carefully read the evaluation criteria as specified in the call text and ensured that your application addresses these criteria.
- You have considered who constitutes the assessment committee, and what their area of expertise is: are they all physicists, or a mixture of natural scientists or a mixture of all kinds of sciences, politicians, company directors etc. (this list is far from being exhaustive)
- You have made sure that at least the first half-page introducing your subject and (preferably) the novelty of the research idea can be read by 'anyone' in the assessment committee
- You have checked that your application clearly displays – and as early as possible in the application - why this proposal is important and doable, can be done by you, it's national and international context and expected impact, and why it must be done now.
- For junior researchers (generally non-permanent staff), it is expected that your supervisor/mentor has given feedback on the application before submitting it to this feedback process.

From the reviewer:

- The reviewer may provide feedback by commenting your draft for the application in writing, addressing issues such as the following examples
 - superfluous items included
 - important items left out
 - Sections or paragraphs that need more/less emphasis
 - Pointing out sections or paragraphs that are unclear
- If requested by you, the reviewer will have a 30-minute discussion/explanation with you, with a starting point in the written comments. Oral feedback is recommended when possible.
- The reviewer will generally not give you explicit suggestions as to how you should rewrite the application, but rather point to problematic issues as those itemized above.