



EUROCORES MID-TERM REPORTING

Background

The mid-term reporting procedures were conceived taking into account:

a) Key EUROCORES features:

- The EUROCORES programmes were developed to foster interdisciplinary scientific cooperation at a pan-European level;
- The purpose of the EUROCORES programmes is to tackle fragmentation of research in Europe, by strengthening cooperation through partnerships, networking and coordination of funding;
- Collaborative Research Projects (CRPs) are initially selected on the basis of the following criteria: novelty/originality; multidisciplinary research; European-added value; relevance to the call for outline proposals.

b) The need to:

- Reduce the burden on the researchers and the Review Panel Members;
- Avoid duplication of national-level reporting;
- Maximise the use of the information;
- Raise awareness and increase the visibility of the EUROCORES programmes.

Purpose of the mid-term reporting

The purpose of the mid-term reporting is to assess the level of scientific cooperation and interaction among the researchers, and to have a look at the merits of the EUROCORES programme and its potential.

To this end, CRPs will be assessed on the basis of the same criteria used for the selection of outline proposals:

- Novelty/Originality: Most innovative/original scientific contribution of each CRP to the programme and to the relevant field of research;
- Multidisciplinary Research: How each CRP is working towards (or achieving) multidisciplinary research;
- Collaborative Research: Results obtained within the CRP during this reporting period that would not have been achieved (or would have taken longer to achieve) in an individual project;
- European-added value: European dimension given to national funding (e.g. building up ERA; developing a critical mass of expertise; addressing issues of scale and scope). For CRPs involving partners outside Europe: a clear example illustrating their added value to the programme and their contribution to the relevant field of research in Europe;
- Relevance to the call: Achievement most relevant to the call.

The merits of the EUROCORES programme will be assessed on the basis of the:

- Scientific achievements highlighted by the Project Leaders;
- Programme integration;
- Usefulness and impact of the networking, training and dissemination activities undertaken during this period;
- Potential of the programme.

Reporting procedure

To limit the workload on the investigators' side and to avoid overburdening Review Panel members, investigators will be asked to provide concise and clear responses and no more than one example to illustrate each point. Only highlights of the activities undertaken by each CRP should be reported.

The link to an [online form \(section A\)](#) will be sent to the Project Leader and each Principal Investigator and Associated Partner generally two months before the deadline for submission.

This form already contains the current information from the ESF database which the CRP members are asked to correct and/or supplement.

All CRP members are requested to check and complete their personal details as well as the data on their individual project.

Principal Investigators and Associated Partners: Specific access will be given to them with a copy to the Project Leader. It remains nonetheless the Project Leader's responsibility to make sure that all information is being checked in a timely manner.

The Project Leader is requested to complete and upload the mid-term report, for which a template is provided (section B), with the input of all CRP members.

The Project Leader is kindly requested to provide clear and concise responses giving no more than one example to illustrate each point and to comply with the word limits for section B.

Evaluation procedure

A list of all the networking, training and dissemination activities undertaken during the reporting period will be made available to the Review Panel and the EUROCORES Programme Management Committee as supporting documentation.

Based on this information and the CRP reports, the Review Panel or a subset of the Review Panel will be asked to provide an objective assessment of the achievements of the EUROCORES programme, identifying strengths and weaknesses and making recommendations for the programme to reach its full potential. The Review Panel will meet, either physically or electronically, to reach a consensus on their evaluation.

The outcome of their evaluation will be a two-page statement which will be distributed to the Management Committee and can then be used as a tool to communicate the outcome and impact of the programme to stakeholders.