

CR20065 Pre-market engagement Q&A

Q. Do the evaluations of the individual challenges share the same evaluation objectives/target audience etc as this?

A. Same target audience and there are commonalities as they all contribute to the ISCF portfolio objectives (the 5 we mentioned) but there are also bespoke objectives, for example, Robotics in the Extreme environment looks at focusing on connecting the fundamental science to innovation in order to find robotics solutions for extreme environment such as offshore mining

Q. Can you say more about multi-disc and multi- sector expertise?

A. We have a lot of ISCF programmes in different sectors, we do not expect everyone to be an expert of every sector but to at least have an understanding and knowledge of impact in research and innovation as well as a strategy to source sector expertise.

Q. Can you expand on the reasoning behind the break-out clause per phase and whether this is the right delivery incentive?

A. We want to have the option to exercise the break clause should there be a continued and unresolvable issue with the quality of work or the supplier after we have tried to work through the issue.

Q. What engagement do you expect between the team delivering this work and the teams commissioned to deliver the ISCF Challenge evaluations?

A. We would let the appointed supplier have all existing work to date which should be comprehensive and clear in the assumptions of work. Hence the appointed supplier would only need to get in touch with other evaluators if there is a clear gap or question that are not explained in the existing work

Q. Do you perceive any potential conflicts for those who are delivering evaluations of individual Challenge Funds in also bidding for the ISCF-wide evaluation?

A. We do not believe it creates any potential conflict.

Q. Can you give an indication of the extent of primary research required, eg. survey work?

A. There will potentially be some interviews with relevant internal stakeholders and possibly some external project participants although this is mostly already covered at the challenge-level evaluations.

Q. Could you confirm how many Challenges (out of the 20) have evaluations planned or ongoing?

A. This are three that have yet to finalise their evaluation plans to be commissioned, the remaining has either commissioned or will be opening the tender on the CCS Research marketplace shortly.

Q. Have the Challenge Funds evaluation been commissioned?

A. Some of the challenge funds have been commissioned, see answer above.

Q. What is the range of timescales over which the challenges were commissioned and evaluated?

A. Since 2017 there have been challenges that have commenced delivering and. In Wave 1 (2017) there were 3 challenges, in Wave 2 (2018) there were 8 challenges and Wave 3 (2019) there were 10

challenges. All of these are currently in delivery. As each challenge commence delivery, evaluations have been planned and being commissioned accordingly, some are delayed, however most have live evaluations commissioned.

Q. Are you able to provide a list of the evaluators appointed to date for the 16 of the 20 Challenges?

A. This can be provided to the winning bidder. There are 17 challenges that have either commissioned or will be shortly commissioning the evaluation.

Q. Did the challenges and their evaluations start at different times?

A. Since 2017 there have been challenges in delivery and rolled out in waves in Wave 1 (2017) are 3 challenges, in Wave 2 (2018) there are 8 challenges and Wave 3 (2019) there are 10 challenges. The evaluations were planned and commissioned after the challenges start delivery.