

Executive summary

The questionnaire survey to the call **02_16_028 Development of R & D capacities** was made by a functionally independent Evaluation Unit of the OP RDE in cooperation with PA 1 and PA 2 Conception unit in order to find out the feedback to this call so that the information obtained could be used to prepare the follow-up call.

Respondents to the survey were beneficiaries of the project in the call for R & D capacities, and applicants who submitted an application to this call, but whose projects were not implemented for some reason (did not pass the evaluation, withdrew from the implementation). Two questionnaire variants were created depending on the type of respondent (beneficiaries, applicants).

The questionnaire was sent to the beneficiaries on 14. 5. 2018 and data collection ended on 22. 5.2018. All 15 beneficiaries, who are currently implementing their projects, were contacted (100%), the questionnaire was completed by 11 recipients, i.e. the return rate was 73 %, it is therefore possible to consider the results of the survey as valid. The number of respondents corresponding to the sub-activity within an individual activity (N) is always listed for the relevant activity and is equal to the number of respondents who are implementing the activity/sub-activity, therefore the number of respondents varies.

The questionnaire for the beneficiary was, in the introductory part, focused on the communication and intelligibility of the call. In the second part, the beneficiaries' opinion was analyzed on the individual activities and sub-activities that could be implemented within the call. For each of the sub-activity, it was find out whether the setting of the call was suitable to the needs of the beneficiaries, and therefore can be used also in the follow- up call, eventually which improvements can be made in the follow-up call.

Taking into account the large number of sub-activities, it is possible for the management summary to indicate that the vast majority of activities and sub-activities to the beneficiaries were suitable. Only partial reservations have been registered (one respondent per given sub-activity). In case of these activities the reservation concerned the rules of competitive support for this type of activities, in one case overall targeting on researchers who tent to underestimate the improvement in management skills: *Support for training in the field of equilibrium career development of researchers, Training and dissemination of knowledge and skills in the field of gender equality, Training and dissemination of knowledge and skills of managers and other relevant staff of research organizations providing specialized areas of activities such as human resources, financial management, grant offices a Educating researchers in the field of popularization and communication (aiming to increase the quality of presentation of results),*

As reason of dissatisfaction of one respondent excessive reduction of funds was mentioned for these sub- activities: *Creation or updating and subsequent implementation of the Strategy for the evaluation of researchers / teams / teams and research organizations as a whole by an independent evaluation committee including the possibility of setting up an international evaluation commission or advisory /*



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consultative body and supporting the preparation and negotiation of the evaluation commission or advisory.

One respondent had reservation to the activity *Strategic setting and development of popularization of research and development, the possibility of retrofitting or upgrading of visitor centers of research organizations*. Activities of this type were too limited in terms of financial support, artificially incorporated into the call. Recommendation was to announce separate call regarding the popularization of R & D results.

All reservations are listed under the graphs with answers to each sub-activity.

The other questionnaire was sent to the applicants on 14.5.2018 and data collection ended on 21.5.2018. All 14 applicants were contacted (100%), the questionnaire was completed by 5 applicants, i.e. the return was 35,6%. The number of respondents corresponding to the sub-activity within an individual activity (N) is always listed for the relevant activity and is equal to the number of respondents who are implementing the activity/sub-activity), therefore the number of respondents varies.

Taking into account the large number of sub-activities, it is possible for the management summary to indicate that the vast majority of activities and sub-activities to the beneficiaries were suitable. Only five sub-activities were considered to be rather useless: *Promoting training in the field of equilibrium career development of researchers / workers; Supporting education in management-style management within a research organization, with an emphasis on creating incentive mechanisms for the realization of research and development; Staffing of international cooperation offices (maximum one full time project can be funded if the applicant demonstrates insufficient security of the area); Supporting education in management-style management within a research organization with an emphasis on developing international research cooperation; E-learning courses focused on R & D communication; Create a popularizer position (up to two full-time jobs within a single visitor center).*

The recommendation from the survey described above is to take these findings into account when preparing the follow-up call for Development of R & D capacities II.



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