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Object: call for experts

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

The F.R.S.-FNRS, the funding agency of public research in the French-Speaking Community of Belgium (FCB), is modifying in depth its ex-ante evaluation procedures of research projects, in line with current international standards and the European Charter for Researchers.

A call for applications is being opened by the F.R.S.-FNRS in order to build a database of experts, who are experimented researchers potentially interested in participating, in the framework of a remunerated function, in one or the other of the two steps of the evaluation of projects:

- **Step 1:** evaluation by several experts working remotely on the web platform SEMAPHORE, each expert having to assess individually the proposal according to pre-established criteria, by completing online a short individual evaluation report (marks, comments, recommendations). The proposals are written, in accordance with the choice of the proposer, in English or in French. The description of the research project is limited to four A4 pages, if necessary completed by two pages of tables and graphics.

- **Step 2:** evaluation by thirteen groups of 15 experts (9 of which are chosen outside the FCB), the scientific Commissions, who gather in Brussels to finalize the evaluation of the proposals, by large research domain, at each call for proposals. The members of the scientific Commissions have a role of rapporteur, and prepare consolidated draft evaluation reports from which each Commission establishes a ranking of the proposals it is in charge of.

I would be thankful if you would consider the possibility of becoming expert-evaluator for the F.R.S.-FNRS and thus participate in the selection procedure either as an expert during Step 1 or as a member of a scientific Commission. To this effect, I invite you to take notice, on the web site of the F.R.S.-FNRS, of the [call for expert candidates](#) where you will find practical information about the expert function, and on the registration procedure on the web platform SEMAPHORE, as well as the guide de l'évaluation.

Thanking you in advance for your kind attention to this request,

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary general

