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**Subject: Horizon 2020 Framework Programme**  
**Call for proposals: ERC-2018-COG**  
**Proposal: 818713 — Q4D**  
**Evaluation result letter — Proposal rejection letter**

Dear Doctor/Professor ROSS,

I am writing in connection with your proposal for the above-mentioned call.

Having completed step 1 of the evaluation of your proposal, we **regret** to inform you that it is of high quality, but **not** sufficient to **pass** to **step 2** of the evaluation.

Please find enclosed the evaluation report (ER), based on the individual comments and the final score awarded by the panel, accompanied by a panel comment and ranking range.

Please note that this evaluation result means that you may be subject to specific **re-submission restrictions** in future ERC calls (please see the [ERC work programmes](#)).

We thank you for your interest and hope that you will not be discouraged from applying to EU calls in the future.

Yours faithfully,

Jose LABASTIDA  
Head of Scientific Management Department


Enclosures:      Evaluation report (ER)  
                         Letter from the President of the European Research Council

## Information on the means of redress

You may request an **evaluation review** on the procedural aspects of the evaluation (not the merits of your proposal). This request must be submitted by the principal investigator or host institution (via the following link: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/redress-frontoffice/work.iface>) — within 30 days after receiving this letter.

You may request a legal review of the procedural aspects of the evaluation (not the merits of your proposal) under Article 22 of Council Regulation No 58/2003<sup>1</sup> (**‘Article 22 request’**) — within 1 month of receiving this letter (via the following link: [RTD-FOR-APPEALS-UNDER-ART-22-OF-REG-58-2003@ec.europa.eu](mailto:RTD-FOR-APPEALS-UNDER-ART-22-OF-REG-58-2003@ec.europa.eu)).

You may bring an action for annulment under Article 263 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (**‘Article 263 action’**) against the Agency — within 2 months of receiving this letter.

 Please be aware that you **cannot take more than one** formal action at a time. Thus, if you make, for instance, a request for evaluation review, you cannot — at the same time — take any other action (*e.g. also file an Article 22 request or an Article 263 TFEU action*). If you file an Article 22 request, you cannot — at the same time — bring an Article 263 action.

You must wait for the final decision of the Commission/Agency and can then take further action against that decision. All **deadlines** will start to run from when you receive the final decision.

You can find more information on the above means for complaints in the Information for Applicants for your call (via the [ERC website](#)) and in section 3.9 of the [ERC rules for submission and evaluation](#).

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<sup>1</sup> Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes (OJ L 11, 16.01.2003, p. 1)