



***FSTP Call***

***Application Forms  
and post-application  
procedures***



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SOILCRATES- Ireland team

# Draft documents available

## FSTP Call Package

- FSTP Call (including the evaluation criteria)

- Annex A – Technical proposal template



To be completed in the  
online application form

- Annex B – Breakdown of costs



- Annex C – Third Party Agreement



To be signed after  
selection

- Annex D – Privacy Statement



- Annex E – Declaration of honour



To be read and ticked in  
the online application  
form

- Annex F - Guide for applicants

[Link to the Teams channel](#)

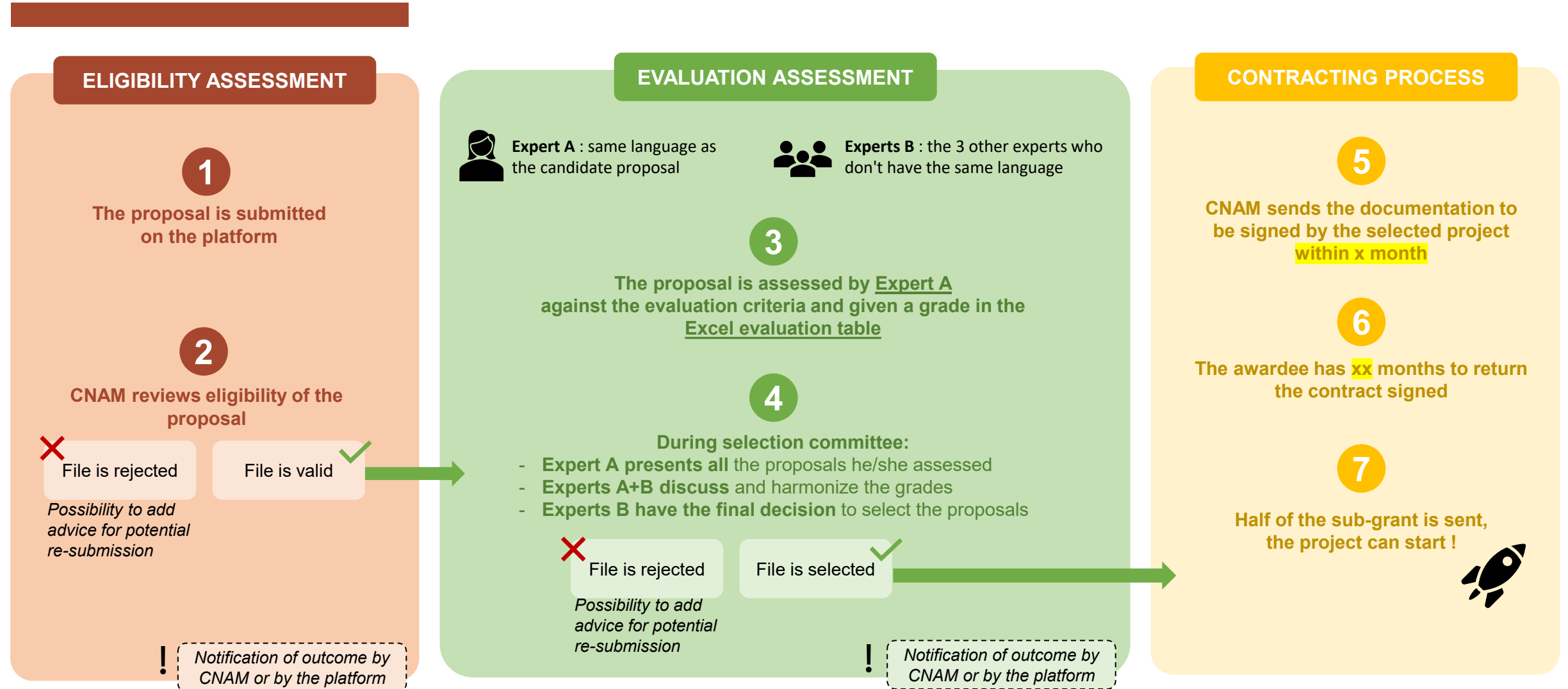


*Those documents will have to be completed by the applicants*





# Selection process



## Part 1 – Administrative Information

### 1.A Proposal Identification

|                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| *Name of the proposal                                                                       |                                                                                                                                       |
| Acronym of the proposal                                                                     |                                                                                                                                       |
| *Country of the proposal                                                                    | <input type="radio"/> Ireland<br><input type="radio"/> Spain<br><input type="radio"/> France<br><input type="radio"/> The Netherlands |
| *Are you applying as a mono-beneficiary or expect to share the sub-grant with partners?     | <input type="radio"/> Mono beneficiary<br><input type="radio"/> Share the sub-grant                                                   |
| If you expect to share the subgrant, please explain briefly with how many partners and whom | <input type="radio"/>                                                                                                                 |

## 1.B Applicant details

|                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| *Legal name of the Lead entity            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| *Legal representative First and Last Name |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| *Position of the legal representative     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| *Email                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| *Phone number                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| *I am a                                   | <input type="radio"/> Farm owner<br><input type="radio"/> Farmers association<br><input type="radio"/> Local SMEs<br><input type="radio"/> Research and Technology Organization<br><input type="radio"/> Education Organisation<br><input type="radio"/> Other |
| If other, please specify                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| *VAT number                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| *Address of the entity                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| *Postal Code                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| *Country of the proposal                  | <input type="radio"/> Ireland<br><input type="radio"/> Spain<br><input type="radio"/> The Netherlands<br><input type="radio"/> France                                                                                                                          |
| Please upload your legal status document  | (Name of the document: NAME OF THE PROJECT_LEGAL STATUS DOCUMENT)                                                                                                                                                                                              |

## Part 2. Project description

**\*Please explain briefly the concept of your project**

*2000 characters max*

**\*Please explain briefly the objective of your project**

*2000 characters max*

**What practice is included in the proposed experiment?**

*You can choose more than 1 practice*

**If other practices are included, please specify:**

**In case of collaboration with other partners, explain how tasks will be split**

**In case of collaboration, explain how you will monitor the tasks of each partner**



Dear... want to tell you about our new development - **Living Lab – It will be called ‘SOILCRATES-Ireland’**, we are building and developing this Living Lab as part of the SOILCRATES project funded by the European Commission.

It will be a collaborative, real-world testing, and innovation environment where farmers, researchers, policymakers, and other stakeholders work together to **improve soil health and farming practices**. Here is what it means for a farmer:

#### A Place for Real-World Solutions:

The Living Lab is based in your region and will work on solving soil health challenges in your area: - slurry run-offs, compaction, flooding, over-fertilising, and nutrients washing away. It is about testing and developing practical solutions that work directly in your area. We will all put forward ideas and decide which one is better, listening to the needs of all involved.

**Collaboration:** You will work with agricultural advisors, scientists, local farming communities and other farmers to share your problems and experiences. Together, we will develop techniques for improving soil quality, increasing yields, and making your farm more productive. It will be community events, farm walks, and we will try to make it both productive and fun. If it progresses successfully, we will have community-owned machinery for Living Lab to use and premises to meet creatively and socially.

**Experimentation and Learning:** The Living Lab will be a space to try out new practices in a supportive setting. These might include new ways to manage crops, conserve water. You will see first-hand what works and what does not, with guidance from agricultural experts. There will be extensive and the most scientifically advanced environment testing. Not only in the lab, but we will also use sensors, drones, and other tools to support scientists and prove if the new way works and if it's profitable. So, in future, you can pop a sensor into your soil and the computer will tell you if all is ok or what you can do to make your soil better. Remember, you will produce more fodder if your soil is healthy.

**Knowledge Exchange** In the LL, you will have access to workshops, field visits, and demonstrations of successful techniques from other farms. This helps you learn from the successes (and failures) of others, saving time and resources. You can also take part in knowledge workshops or educational programs at the university, at your convenience. Think Ploughing Championship fun with extra activities in soil health management.

**Direct Benefits to Your Farm:** As a participant, you can receive training courses, tools, and financial support to implement and test new practices on your own land. These practices aim to improve soil health, enhance productivity, and reduce costs in the long run. There might be an increase in CAP payment for the implementation of sustainable soil management practices.

**Shaping the Future of Farming:** Your involvement in the Living Lab means your voice matters because the results will be directly fed to the government and Europe to push for farmer-friendly laws that will not be changing every year. You will help shape the knowledge and policies that will support

farmers like yourself, you will be part of your community.

**Your level of engagement** has happened in the Living Lab walks, events, classes and training topics; and up to leadership workshops and training topics.

#### Word Count

##### Statistics:

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Pages                    | 1     |
| Words                    | 386   |
| Characters (no spaces)   | 2,021 |
| Characters (with spaces) | 2,403 |
| Paragraphs               | 6     |
| Lines                    | 30    |

☐ Include textboxes, footnotes and endnotes

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Loop head together has SO

<https://www.loopheadtoget>

Cloughjordan community farm

<https://cloughjordancommun>

Ballyhoura development  
<https://www.ballyhouradevel>

## Specific objectives

1.Reduce desertification

5. Prevent erosion

2. Conserve and increase soil organic carbon stocks

6. Improve soil structure to enhance soil biodiversity

3. Stop soil sealing and increase re-use of urban soils

7. Reduce the EU global footprint on soils

4. Reduce soil pollution and enhance restoration

8. Improve soil literacy in society

EU  
objective  
#6 Soil structure  
for soil  
biodiversity

Secondary  
objectives  
#8, #2, #4 and  
#5

### Part 3. Timeline and budget

\*Expected duration of the experiment (between 12 and 24 months)

\*Expected start date of the experiment

\*Please explain the main expected phases and milestones of the project

\*Please upload the Gantt Chart here (Name of the document)

*NAME OF THE PROJECT\_GANTT*

\*Amount claimed for the project (in EUR)

\*Please provide a brief description of how you will use the financial support throughout the experiment duration

\*Please upload here the Breakdown of costs.

*(Name of the document: NAME OF THE PROJECT\_BREAKDOWN OF COSTS)*

\*Are any other financial sources contributing to the experiment?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, please specify information about the financial source and the type of activity that is receiving fundings



## Part 4 – Implementation and participation in the Living Lab

|                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| *What are the main strengths and main opportunities of the proposed experiment?                                                   | 2000 character(s) maximum                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| *What obstacles or threats do you expect to experience in the implementation of your experiment and how do you plan to face them? | 2000 character(s) maximum                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| *What are relevant success factors that would help the implementation of the experiment?                                          | 2000 character(s) maximum                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| *What other stakeholders would be interesting to be part of this experiment?                                                      | <input type="radio"/> Farms<br><input type="radio"/> SMEs                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                                                                                                   | <input type="radio"/> Research and Technology Organization<br><input type="radio"/> Education Organisation<br><input type="radio"/> Local or regional authority<br><input type="radio"/> Civil Society<br><input type="radio"/> Other |
| If other, please specify                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## Part 5 - Outcomes

\*How do you imagine the experiment growing after the expected duration?

*2000 character(s) maximum*

\*What are the potential impacts of your experiment (social, scientific, economic...)?

*2000 character(s) maximum*

\*To what extent do you think your project may be replicated/transferable? What conditions do you consider relevant to make it replicable/transferable to other contexts?

*2000 character(s) maximum*



## Part 6 Ethics

|                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Are there any research activities foreseen that will be conducted outside of the research done by the consortium partners?                | <input type="radio"/> Yes<br><input type="radio"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| If yes, please upload a signed approval from your local ethical commission                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| If yes,<br>Please identify the potential ethics issues raised by your planned work/research (not done by any of the consortium partners). | <input type="radio"/> Research on human participant, and/or their cells/tissues<br><input type="radio"/> Personal data<br><input type="radio"/> Animals<br><input type="radio"/> Methods, materials or experiments that could harm the environment, research staff or participants<br><input type="radio"/> Research is conducted in locations where the safety and security of researchers and participants may be jeopardized<br><input type="radio"/> Other |
| If yes, Please describe the work involved that raises ethics issues and explain how you will address these issues.                        | 1000 character(s) maximum                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

## 11 Annex B. Breakdown of costs

During the completion of the online application, applicants will have to download it, complete it and then upload it on the platform.

| A. DIRECT PERSONNEL COSTS                             | Items | Cost X<br>Item | Total costs |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------|-------------|
| Person/month                                          |       |                |             |
| TOTAL A                                               |       |                |             |
| B. DIRECT SUBCONTRACTING COSTS                        | Items | Cost X<br>Item | Total costs |
| TOTAL B                                               |       |                |             |
| C. DIRECT PURCHASE COSTS                              | Items | Cost X<br>Item | Total costs |
| C.1 Travel and subsistence                            |       |                |             |
| C.2 Equipment (complete 'Depreciation costs' sheet)   |       |                |             |
| Equipment                                             |       |                |             |
| Infrastructure                                        |       |                |             |
| Other assets                                          |       |                |             |
| C.3 Other goods, works and services                   |       |                |             |
| Consumables                                           |       |                |             |
| Services for meetings, seminars                       |       |                |             |
| Services for dissemination activities                 |       |                |             |
| Other (shipment, insurance, translation, etc...)      |       |                |             |
| TOTAL C                                               |       |                |             |
| D. OTHER COST CATEGORIES                              | Items | Cost X<br>Item | Total costs |
| Internally invoiced goods and services                |       |                |             |
| TOTAL D                                               |       |                |             |
| TOTAL DIRECT PERSONNEL COSTS AND PURCHASE COSTS (A+C) |       |                |             |
| TOTAL DIRECT COSTS (A+B+C+D)                          |       |                |             |

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|                                |       |                |             |

TAMS 3 payment rates €15.52/hr

|                                                       |       |                |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------|-------------|
| TOTAL B                                               |       |                |             |
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| TOTAL DIRECT COSTS (A+B+C+D)                          |       |                |             |

TABLE 11: Land rental values per acre in Munster – 2024 compared to 2023.

| MUNSTER                                            | 2023 (€/acre) | 2024 (€/acre) | Change (%) |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Grazing/meadowing/silage                           | 302           | 294           | -3         |
| Grazing only                                       | 297           | 284           | -5         |
| Cereal crops<br>(e.g., wheat, barley, oats)        | 311           | 322           | 4          |
| Potato crops                                       | 389           | 421           | 8          |
| Other crops such as<br>sugar beet, maize and beans | 351           | 379           | 8          |

Source: SCSl research.

## Eligible Costs

- Eligible costs include the direct costs related to the implementation of the Pilot Project, **such as personnel costs, travel and accommodation expense, other miscellaneous goods and services, including internally invoiced ones.**
- The exact amount of financial support will be allocated to each sub-grant applicant after the evaluation and selection process.
- A detailed breakdown of planned costs for each applicant or co-applicant must be attached to the application (See Annex B).

# Eligible Costs

## **Personnel costs**

- Research activities related to SOILCRATES Living Lab.
- Implementing, testing and demonstrating of innovations and good practices
- Communication and Dissemination
- Monitoring and Reporting

## **Consumables costs:**

- Seeds, planting material, fertilization and/or soil amendments
- Rental of specialized equipment (e.g. sensors, meteorological stations, etc,)
- Basic laboratory equipment and reagents – will be required for on-farm soil testing
- Purchase of specialized field or farm equipment and materials
- Developing, promoting and printing outreach materials
- Manual and mechanical agricultural work by specialized agri-enterprises.
- Advisor and/or supervision services
- Hosting field visits



# Eligible Costs

## Travel costs

- Participation to selected SOILCRATES project meetings/events and EU SOIL Mission selected events

## Hectare compensation for parcel(s) used for the pilot project:

- Max. €1.000 /ha/year up to max. 25% of the pilot project total requested budget. The application for hectare compensation must be substantiated. i.e., If you taking this out of usual operations for the duration of the project

## PLEASE NOTE

Pilot projects already receiving fundings from another entity, covering the same activities, will be rejected.



# Audits

- Payment of the Sub-grant will be in the form of a lump sum.
- This means that the Awardee of the selection process will not be asked to provide any justification or documentation for the costs incurred during Pilot Project delivery.
- There will be no reporting of actual costs nor of used resources to the SOILCRATES consortium .
- However, applicants need to comply with record keeping and other legal obligations outside the lump sum grant agreement, if any (e.g. under national law or internal procedures).
- Therefore, it is advisable for them to keep all original documentation (such as time sheets, payslips, invoices and payments made) to demonstrate that the activities have been carried out and related expenses have actually been incurred.

# Audits

- Some obligations concerning the liability in case of financial checks and audits are preserved.
- In particular, CNAM and any external auditor have the right to carry out checks, reviews, audits, and investigations on site.
- If access to any relevant information is denied by the Awardee, the costs will be rejected and the sub-grant revoked.
- The Awardees are obligated to allow the European Commission, the European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF) and the Court of Auditors to exercise their powers of control on documents, information, even stored on electronic mediator on the final recipient's premises.

# 7: Notification & Contracting- Overview

## 7.1 — Notification of Award/Rejection

- All applicants receive a formal email notification (email used during submission)
- Timing follows the Selection Committee rounds schedule



## 7.2 — Contracting

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- Contracts offered top-down based on final ranking
- Agreement: Sub-grant with CNAM (see Annex C, D, E)
- Failure to sign by the deadline → offer passes to the next ranked applicant
- New agreements continue until funds are fully allocated

## 7.3 — Post-Award: Withdrawal & Disqualification

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- Withdrawal at any stage results in disqualification
- Awardee must refund any payments already received
- Unapproved unilateral modifications are not allowed
- Essential features and impacts must be preserved.



# 8. Complaints — Process

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- Eligibility: Unsuccessful applicants -> errors or unfairness in evaluation
- Submission window
  - Within 20 business days of the notification
- Language
  - Preferred: English; accepted: Spanish, French, Dutch
  - If translation is needed, timelines may be extended





# 8. Complaints — Process

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- How to submit
    - Email the FSTP Coordinator (address TBC)
    - Include contact details, subject, and supporting information/evidence
    - Anonymous complaints are not reviewed
  - Response timelines
    - Acknowledgement on receipt
    - Response within 15 business days

# 9. Subgrants Requirements – post-award

## 9.1 — Third Party Agreement Template (Key Points)

- Agreement governs the sub-grant relationship with CNAM
- Non-negotiable clauses include
  - Conflict of Interest; Confidentiality & Security; Ethics; Visibility
  - Specific Rules for Carrying Out the Action; Information obligations
  - Record Keeping, Audits & Investigations



## 9.2 — Privacy & General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)



- Personal data processed under GDPR (EU) 2016/679
- Applicants are responsible for ensuring appropriate consents and compliance

## 9.3 — Dissemination & Intellectual property rights (IPR)

- Default stance: “as open as possible, as closed as necessary”
- Open-source by default; foreground results generally not patented
- Background knowledge can be protected when contracting
- Comply with AGA Article 15 (Data protection) and Article 16 (IPR)

## 9.5- Acceptance of Terms

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- Submission = acceptance of all call terms and conditions
- Applicants certify accuracy of information and cost estimates
- Declare compliance with relevant HE AGA articles
- If awarded: commit to sign the Third-Party Agreement
- If disqualified: refund any payments already received



THANK YOU