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# COMPHACRISIS

## The Story of a Grant

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# Who Am I?

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Attorney at Law, Iranian Central Bar, 2010

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LLM, Economic Law, SBU, Tehran, Iran, 2009

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LLB, Law, Shiraz University, Shiraz, Iran, 2006



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# What I do?

**COMPHACRISIS: The enforcement of EU Competition Law in the pharmaceutical sector: before, during, and after a health crisis: (Learning from the COVID-19 pandemic)**

**Horizon Europe MSCA PF, UCD Sutherland School of Law (2022-2024) ,  
Project Supervisor: Professor Imelda Maher**



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# Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral fellowship

Highly competitive program funded by the European Union

Open to researchers of all nationalities and fields of study with a PhD.  
(European and global Fellowships)

Opportunities to network with researchers and professionals

Opportunities for researchers to gain international experience and develop new skills

Promoting public engagement and outreach activities

Mobility, career development and Knowledge transfer



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# Developing an Idea



**DEVELOPING A  
CLEAR AND  
COMPELLING  
RESEARCH IDEA**



**IDENTIFY  
CRITICAL,  
INNOVATIVE,  
FEASIBLE  
RESEARCH  
QUESTIONS OR  
HYPOTHESES**



**IDEA SHOULD BE  
GROUNDED IN  
EXISTING  
LITERATURE,  
ADDRESS A GAP IN  
KNOWLEDGE, AND  
HAVE THE  
POTENTIAL FOR  
SIGNIFICANT  
IMPACT.**



**BRAINSTORMING  
WITH  
COLLEAGUES,  
ATTENDING  
CONFERENCES,  
AND FOLLOWING  
NEW TRENDS**



**CONSIDER THE  
EU'S PRIORITIES  
AND ENSURE  
ALIGNMENT WITH  
THE UN  
SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT  
GOALS**



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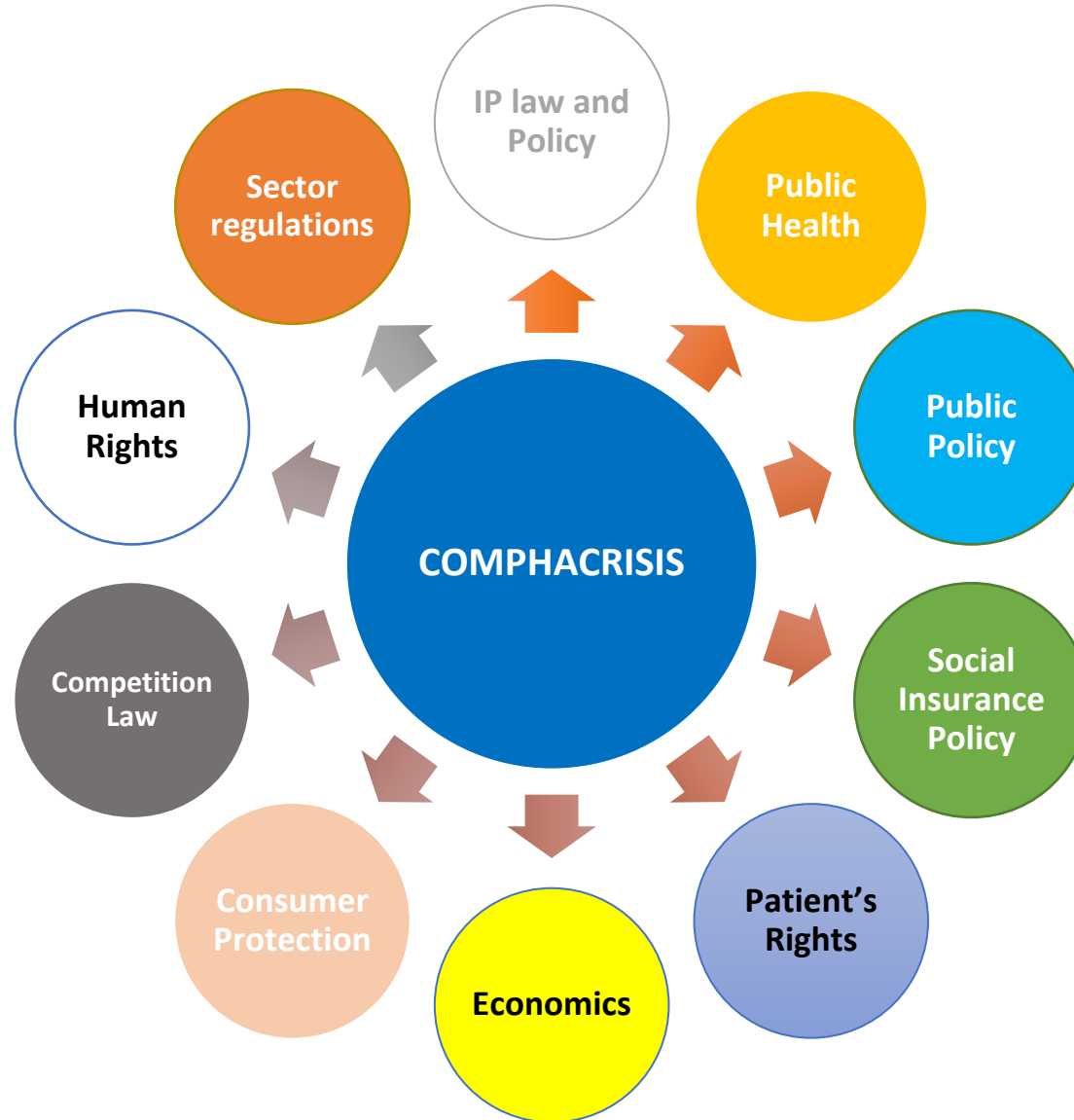
# Excellence

- Can you make your topic more engaging?
- What is the significance of your research?
- Who will benefit from your work?
- Have you clearly defined your research questions?
- Does your methodology bring new ideas?
- Is your proposal ambitious enough?
- Are your Open Science practices justified?
- Have you defined your FAIR principles?
- Will your project involve knowledge transfer?
- Have you adequately addressed gender aspects in your project?
- Are interdisciplinary aspects integrated into your research?





# Multidisciplinary Aspects





# Implementation



**Have you clearly defined your work plans and work packages?**



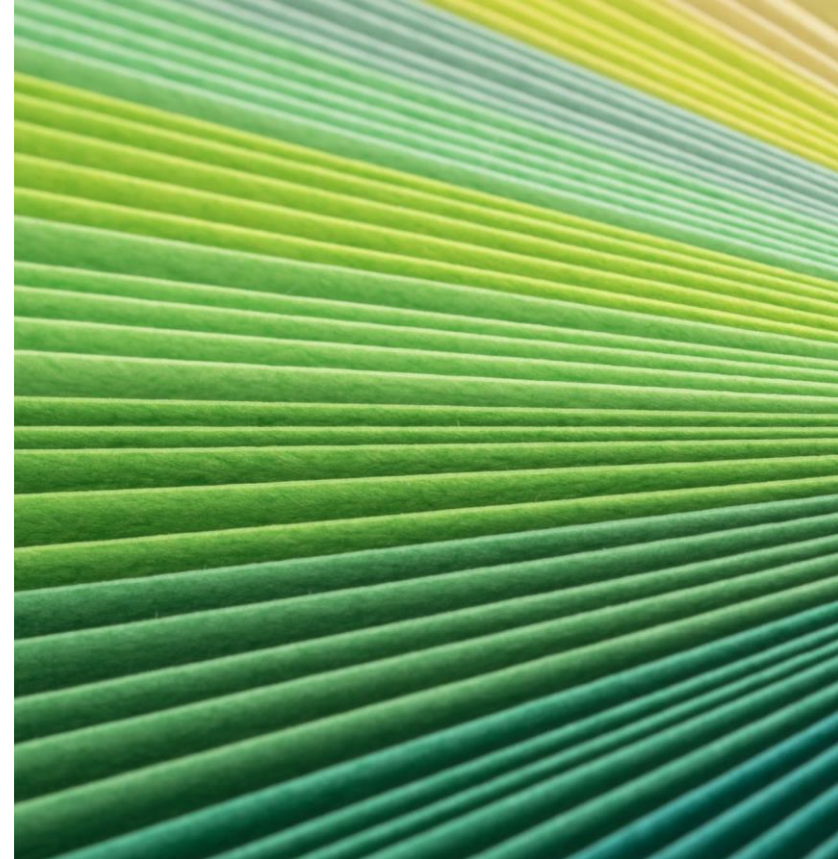
**Have you included all the necessary information in the Gantt chart?**



**Have you clearly defined the quality and capacity of the host institution?**



**Are the efforts assigned to the work packages realistic and appropriate?**



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# Impact

*Does the fellowship provide a practical and academic opportunity for the researcher?*

*Will the fellowship enhance the researcher's career prospects?*

*Will your project's results significantly impact policymakers and make a notable contribution to academia?*

*Is the discussion of expected societal impact and international engagement detailed enough?*

*Have you identified the primary message, tools, and channels to reach the target audience?*

*What strategies will you use to promote your project and its outcomes beyond the project's community?*



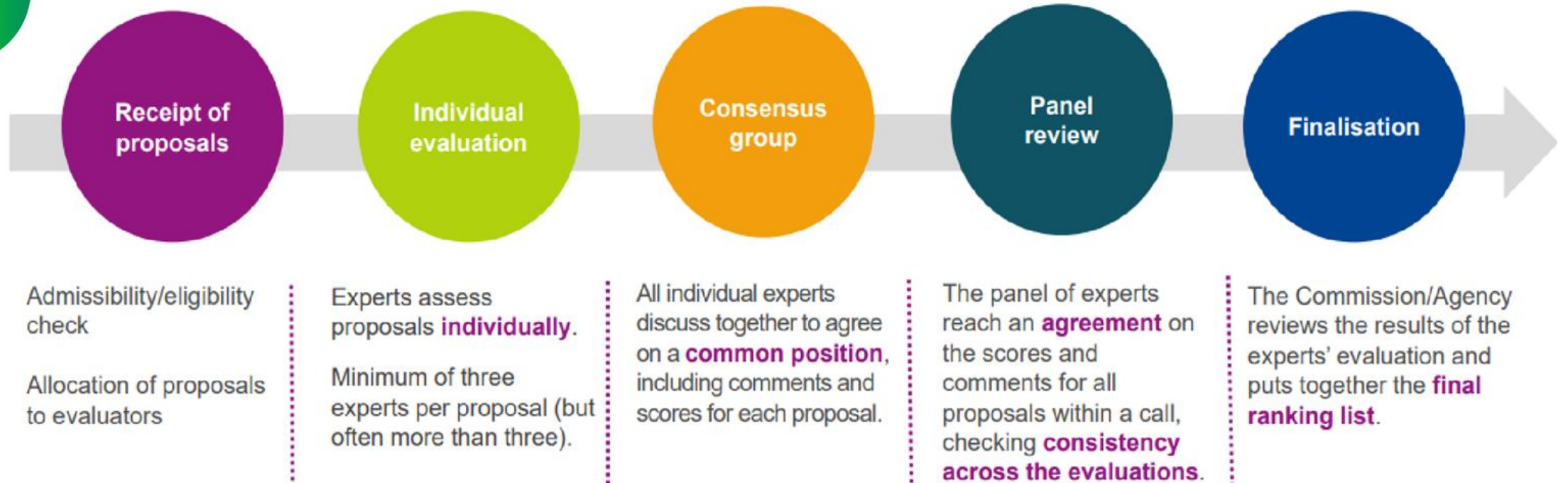
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# Evaluation



- Write your proposal in clear and simple language that individuals outside your field of expertise can understand.
- Include the researcher's CV, highlighting relevant experience and transferable skills.
- In the event of proposal rejection, carefully apply the reviewers' comments and revise the proposal accordingly to address any identified weaknesses or areas for improvement.



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# Common Pitfalls

Not considering Career development	Lack of clarity in Gantt charts and work plan	Lack of originality and innovation
Not simplifying enough	Not having a big picture about the project's goal	Failure to address the evaluation criteria
Not justifying the synergy between researcher, supervisor and host	Not considering open Science	Not having a clear risk management strategy



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# Conclusion



**CAREFUL PLANNING,  
ATTENTION TO DETAILS,  
A CLEAR AND COMPELLING  
RESEARCH IDEA**



**CONSIDERING THE CAREER  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN  
DEFINING THE TRAINING AND  
DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES  
UNDERTAKEN THROUGHOUT  
THE PROJECT.**



**FOLLOWING THE BEST  
PRACTICES  
AVOIDING COMMON PITFALLS  
SEEKING FEEDBACK FROM  
COLLEAGUES AND MENTORS**



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# Further Reading

1-MSCA Work Programme

2-MSCA PF Guide for Applications

3-MSCA Guidelines on Supervision

4-MSCA Evaluation Form

5-MSCA Green Charter

