

# Strengthening your proposal through In-House Peer Review

## There is no such thing as a surfeit of reviews

- Be proactive. Get as many reviews and as much feedback as you possibly can from your colleagues.
- For certain grants with institutional frameworks and verification mechanisms, departmental peer review is de rigueur (essential). Where this does not exist, seek it actively.

## Peer Reviewers

- Reviewers in your field could help with references, literature review, and methodology.
- Some of your colleagues may have applied for this or similar grants in the past and may bring their experience to bear on your proposal.
- Provide your reviewers with all the information they need about the grant. Don't make them do your research for you.

## Other Reviewers

- Reviewers outside of your field could help with where you've veered into jargon and field-specific terminology.
- Other readers could help with general proof-reading.

## Compliance and Ethical Reviewers

- This may not affect you directly but may affect your foreign partner in Europe and North America. There is sometimes a second layer of peer review at the office of the Vice President, Research and International.