

## EVALUATION OF RESEARCH UNITS AND FEDERATED RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS

### Group B (2012-2015)

### Position of evaluation

The purpose of evaluating research units is to help them to characterise their research potential and clarify their position in their regional, national and international environment with regard to their missions and in accordance with the strategic objectives of their affiliated organisations or institutions. These evaluations also provide research organisations and university bodies with information on which they can base their action. Lastly, they are one of the aspects of integrated evaluation conducted by the department for the evaluation of institutions at the AERES.

Research will be evaluated according to the AERES' multi-criteria approach which assesses production, appeal/impact, strategy and plan: download the [« report writing and scoring processes in the evaluation of research units »](#).

### Presentation of documents in a research unit's evaluation application

A research unit's evaluation application<sup>1</sup> comprises five documents:

- scientific report (appendix 3.01),
- report form (appendix 3.02),
- scientific plan (appendix 3.03),
- plan form (appendix 3.04),
- individual activity sheets (appendix 3.05).

The scientific sections present the past (appendix 3.01) or future (appendix 3.03) scientific activity in its national and international context. The scientific plan (appendix 3.03) is drawn up on the basis of the unit's self-analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) and explicitly discusses the suitability of the resources that the unit intends to use to meet the objectives it sets itself. The two "forms" (appendices 3.02 and 3.04) gather together tables that are intended to provide factual information about the unit (lists of staff members, etc.).

The presentation of units whose size justifies it - and depending on the research fields - will be broken down so as to reflect their actual organisation (teams, main objectives, themes, etc.). The chosen subdivisions must attest to shared research (common scientific themes, pooled budget, joint publications, etc.).

For Very Large Units (> 200 FTE), the report and plan forms may be divided up as agreed with the AERES.

### Evaluation of federated research organisations

There is only one document in a federated research organisation's evaluation application that contains both the report and the plan (appendix 4).

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<sup>1</sup> This application is compiled jointly by the AERES, French Ministry of Higher Education and Research and a working group made up of university representatives and the main research organisations.

## Calendar:

### List of organisations to evaluate:

Format: slip attached (Appendix 2)

Completed by: supervising body or organisation responsible for submitting the application

**Deadline: 1 June 2010**

### Common application

Format: documents attached: appendices 3.01 to 3.05 for research units and appendix 4 for federated organisations

Completed by: organisation director

Submitted by: supervising body or organisation responsible for submitting the application

**Deadline: 15 October 2010**