

## IHI JU responses to the Independent Observer's reports

**Call ID: HORIZON-JU-IHI-2022-02**

**IHI JU 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Proposals**

**Dates of evaluation: 19 – 26 October 2022**

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### *Summary of Recommendations*

The evaluation process of the HORIZON-JU-IHI-2022-02-two-stage call kept a very high quality, robust and excellently performed with an outstanding professionalism from the staff.

A few suggestions that could be considered for the future:

- ✓ Taking into consideration that evaluations of IHI calls are very tight, when possible, the time allocated to the assessment of each proposal during the consensus meeting might be reconsidered to allow for more time per proposal
- ✓ When having full online meetings time management is key with a clear time schedule communicated ahead of the meetings and making sure that the time is respected by all participants. Consider allocating more time to rapporteurs. Regular shorter breaks could be in the schedule to keep up the concentration and also allow for some physical movements.
- ✓ Online meetings have many positive aspects, for example allowing for more flexibility and experts don't have to travel, however they also require a different way of running the meeting to assure that all experts will be able to speak. One suggestion could be to develop some "guidelines" to share ahead of the meeting, i.e. using the raising hand symbol and reminding the participants to be clear and to the point in their interventions. It might be helpful for any future full online consensus meeting to provide the experts with guidelines how to run an efficient online meeting. Such guidelines could also include recommendations on how to structure the discussions.

### **IHI JU responses to the recommendations**

IHI JU welcomes the Independent Observer conclusions, which confirm the high quality of the evaluation. To the best extent possible, IHI office will take into consideration the recommendations made:

- 1) Whenever possible, IHI will try to benchmark the time allocated for each proposal, although the planning of the central consensus weeks is done months before the actual number of proposals is known.
- 2) Along the same lines of response (1) IHI office will try allocating more time to CR drafting, whenever the conditions will allow it.
- 3) IHI has developed some guidance in this respect and takes note of this recommendation to improve it for future consensus meeting discussions