

Evaluators are required to declare any actual or potential conflicts of interest towards the proposals.

Disqualification may be essential for a number of reasons:

- *if the approval or rejection of the proposal may in any way benefit or harm them;*
- *if they have or have had close collaboration with the applicant, for example;*
  - *co-authored/published articles with the applicant in the past five years,*
  - *been involved in the same group as the applicant or are involved in the publication or proposal of the results,*
  - *been a superior, subordinate or instructor of the applicant in the past five years*
- *if one member has an employment relationship or is otherwise affiliated in the same organisation as the applicant;*
- *if the applicant is a close person to them.*

A close person is:

- *spouse (also de facto), child, grandchild, sibling, parent, grandparent or a person otherwise especially close to the person (e.g. fiancé/e or a close friend), as well as their spouses (also de facto)*
- *sibling of the person's parent or his/her spouse (also de facto), a child of the person's sibling, the person's previous spouse (also de facto)*
- *child, grandchild, sibling, parent or grandparent of the person's spouse as well as their spouses (also de facto), a child of a sibling of the person's spouse*
- *half-relative comparable to the above mentioned people*

*Disqualification will also be inevitable if their impartiality may otherwise be endangered, or if they feel that they have a conflict of interest.*