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2026 KCE Trials calls: information session

Practical information on submission and selection procedure

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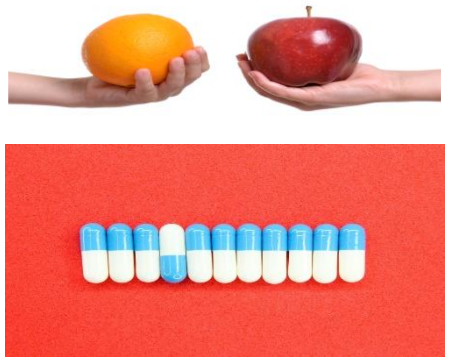
All documents and practical information are available on our website

https://kce.fgov.be/en/kce-trials/calls/open-calls:

2026 comparative effectiveness call
2026 drug repurposing call
2026 themed call 'care for addiction'
2026 themed call on palliative care

CALL TEXT



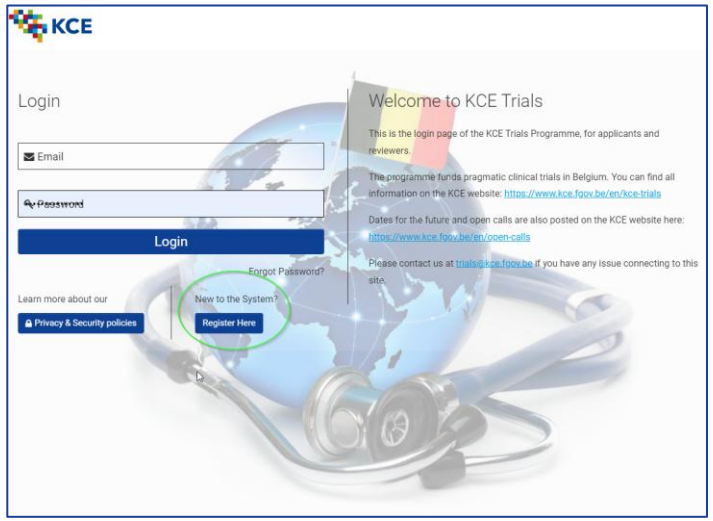
OTHER CALL DOCUMENTS

https://kce.fgov.be/en/kce-trials/resources/useful-links-resources-for-investigators
https://www.kce.fgov.be/en/frequently-asked-questions-faq

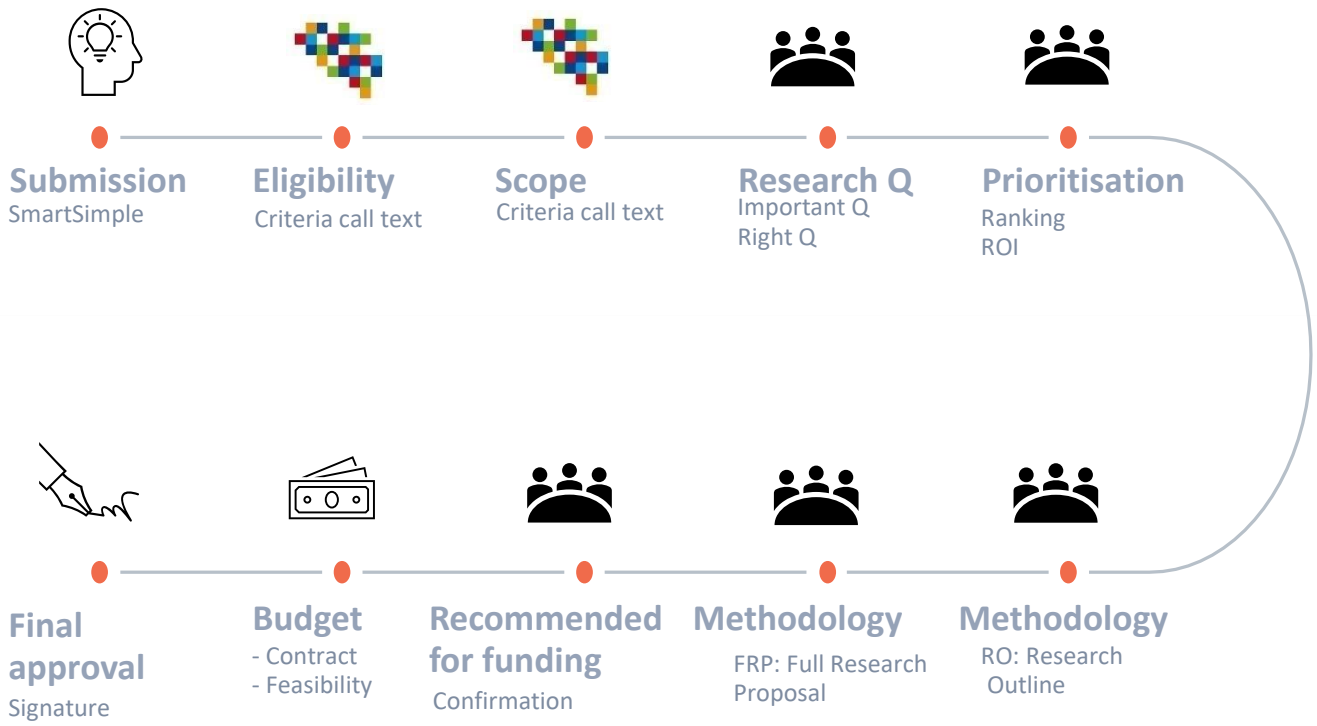
Your submission is only eligible through the portal

- All users should create a personal account
- CI (= main applicant) creates and submits application
- Collaborators can be invited to work on it in the system (CTC)
- Save and continue later
- Word version of application form (with guidance notes) available for developing proposal

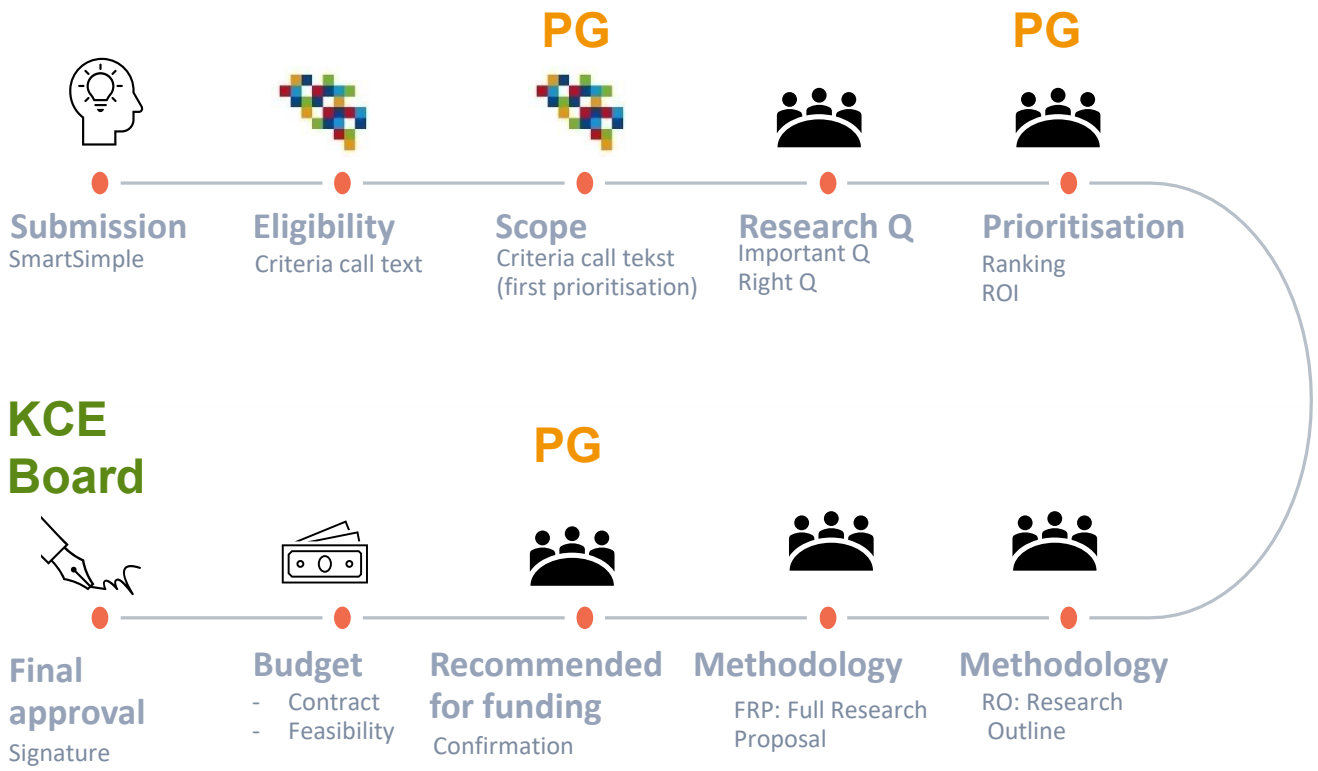
https://kce.smartsimple.ie



Several external advisory boards are involved in the selection proces



The Prioritisation Group (PG) oversees the selection proces



- Representatives KCE board and universities
- Confirms decisions other groups

The **panel** ranks the clinical questions

Clinical experts and patient representatives

- important for clinical practice in Be?
- right research question?
- need for evidence

Health economists — potential value for money

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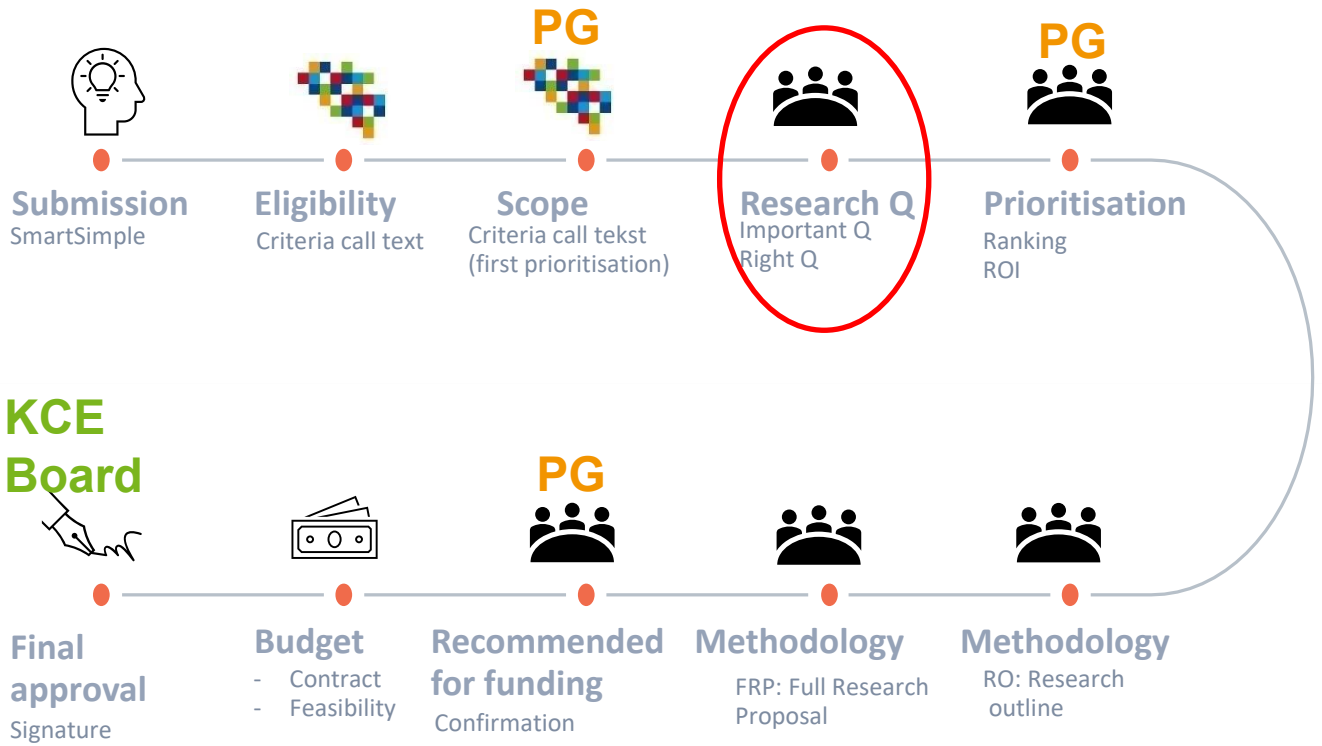
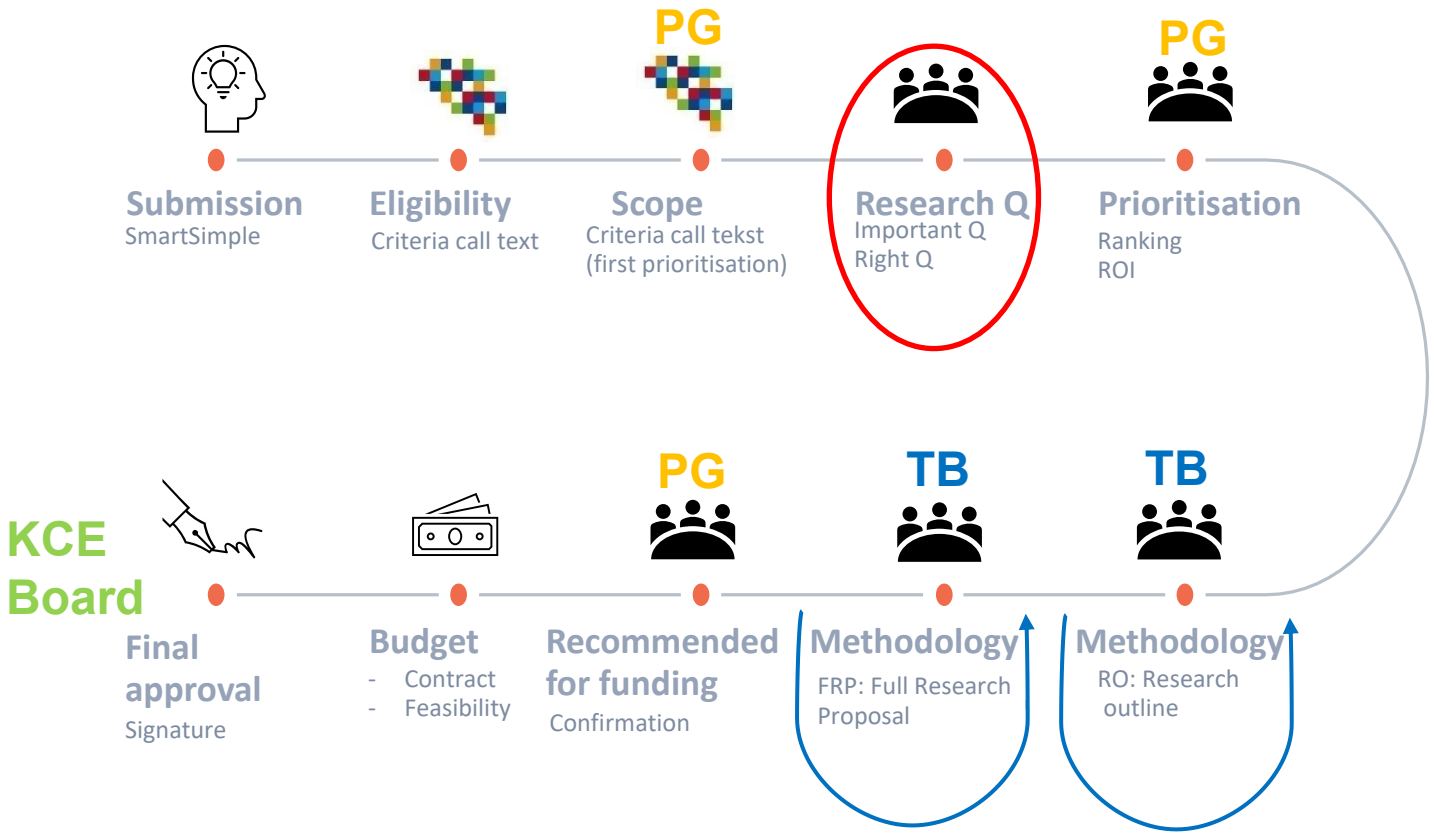


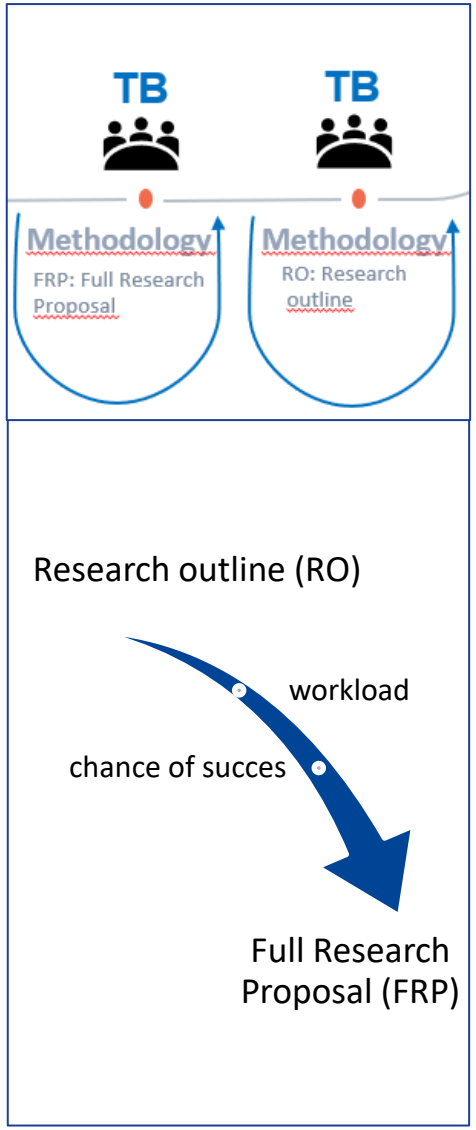
The Trials Board (TB) checks (and improves) methodology



- Experts in all aspects of trial methodology
- Ensure a study design that will give a robust answer in a timely manner
- Review and feedback
- Team to justify decisions and how they impact the proposal

The methodology review is a 2-step process (RO → FRP)

- Several cycles: max. 4(CE)/5(DR)
- Research Outline - RO
  - RO declined
  - invited to submit an updated RO
  - Shortlisted & invited to submit a FRP
- Full Research Proposal - FRP:
  - Protocol template (optional)
  - FRP advance up to 12,500 euro
- Evaluation criteria



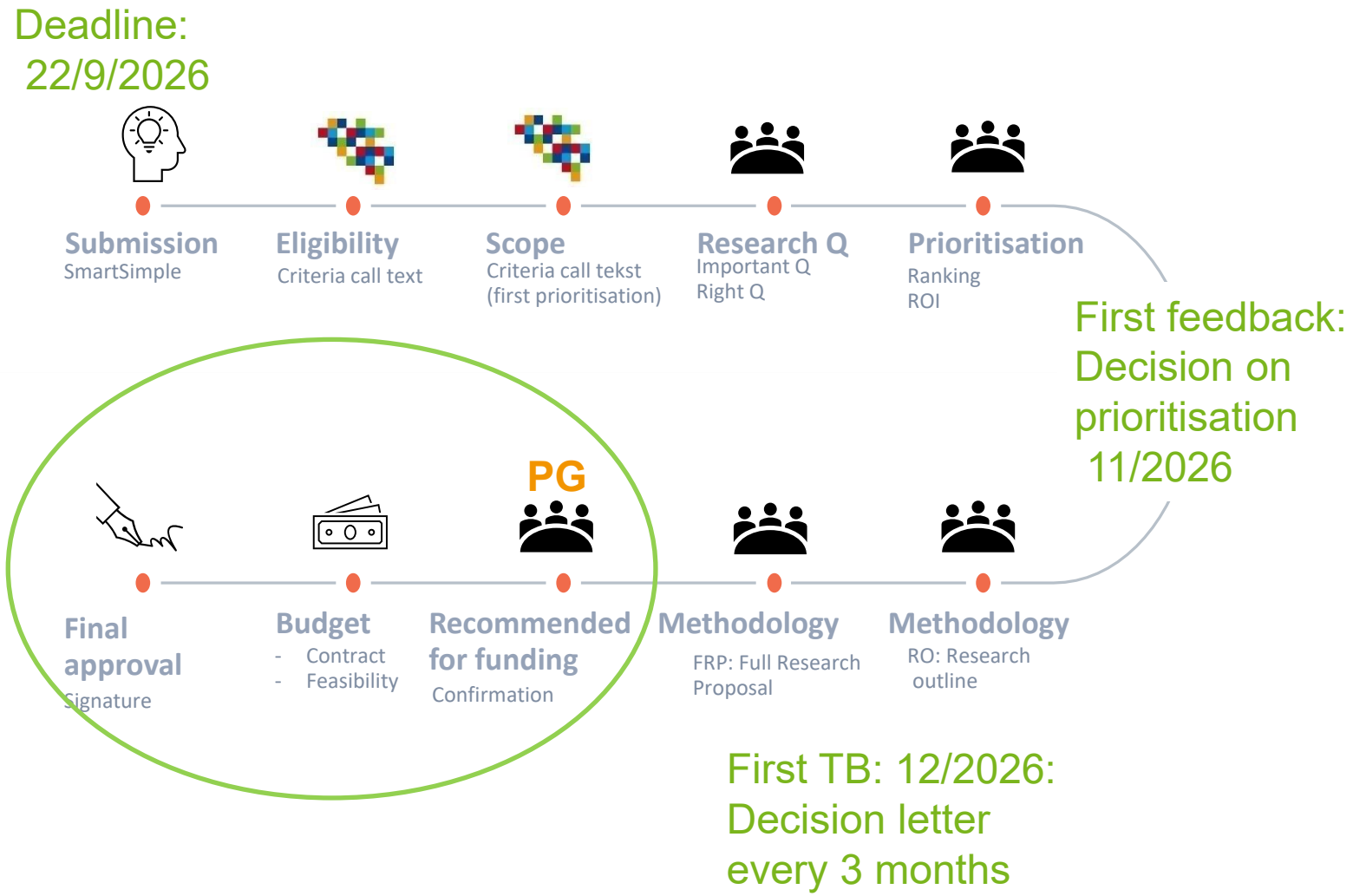
International studies follow a modified selection procedure

- International trials are eligible for all 2026 KCE Trials calls

- Belgian led:
  - normal review process
  - participation other funders

- Belgian participation
  - usually, limited support and in line with participation
  - usually, 1 methodology review round (take-it or leave-it)

When will I receive feedback?



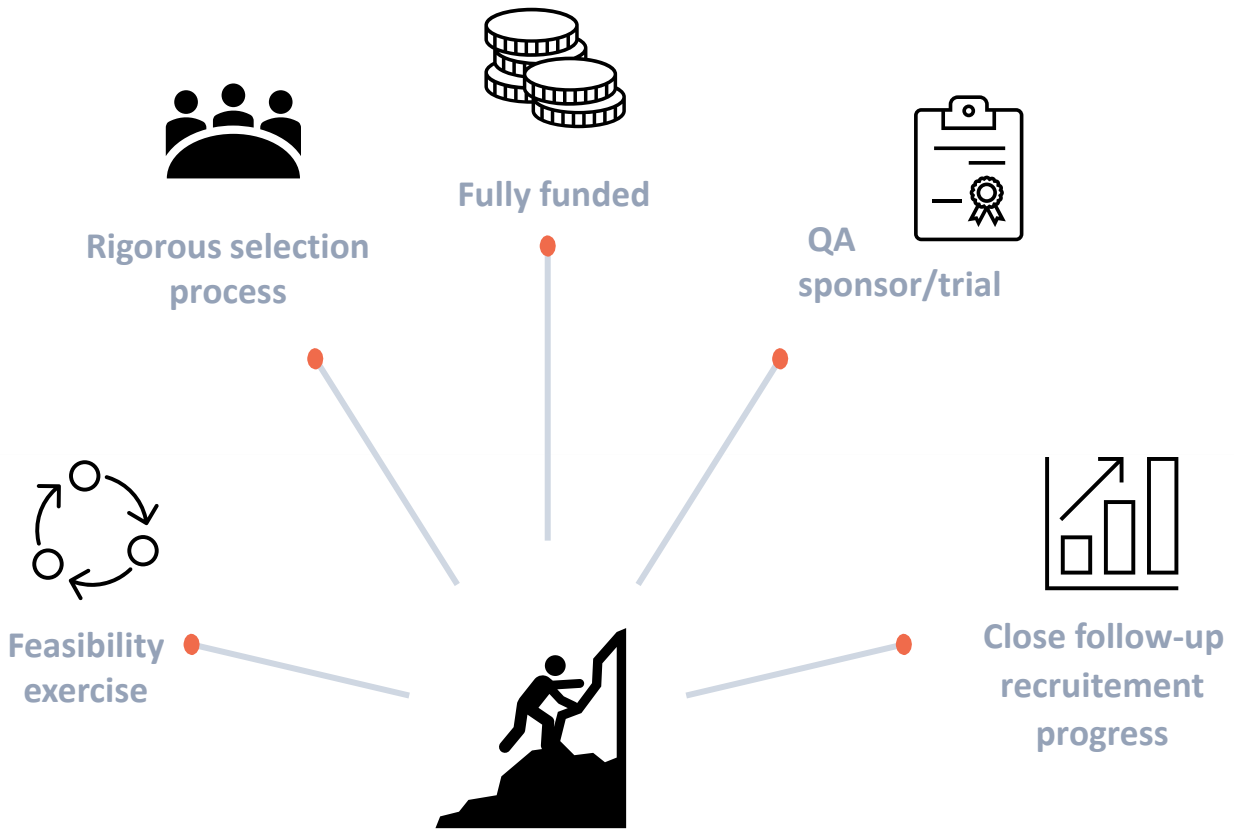
What happens after my proposal has been recommended for funding?

- KCE study Lead (and back-up)

- TB recommendation to fund (± changes)
  1. Protocol changes requested by TB
  2. Feasibility check (feasibility advance up to 12.500€)
  3. Budget & payment schedule negotiations
  4. Contract

- KCE Board approves funding (funding isn't awarded until KCE Board approval)

We would like a robust answer in timely manner



Higher chance of succes

- “Top ten tips and tricks for a successful research outline”

- Get input from collaborators well before the submission deadline
  - CTC
  - Legal/stat/HE
  - Patients!

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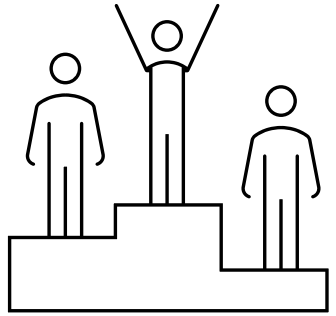
- Research application form inclu
- Budget tool (Excel) version 6.3
- Template support letter candida
- Template commitment letter pa
- Research agreement template
- IMP/MD Protocol template for
- Non IMP/MD Protocol template
- **Top ten tips and tricks** for a s
- Patient involvement plan (Word