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1. Who should be considered in the table that RNs have to fill in?

All persons (who sign jobs in the case of operation CF) who have percentages in CSN2 according to the rules established by the committee

2. Will the table required in May have to be updated after July?

Yes, an updated table meeting CSN2 rules should be used for the following year (in any case before passing names to the relevant financial boards)

3. How does the FTE/quota adjustment mechanism work?

I give an example (the numbers are all fanciful): if the total CF budget of the experiment is 1.4 M€ with 280 people (including 20 Italians) you are in the 4-6 k€ bracket that requires an average FTE of 60%. If the Italians meet this requirement you are fine, otherwise you have to remove (some of) those with the lowest FTEs as long as you are within the rule. Suppose removing 3 of them fixes everything. Then the total tally will be 1400k€/277 per person who is still in the 4-6 k bracket. If, on the other hand, one gets out of the bracket needless to say, the exercise has to be redone.

4. In the case of CF experiments, how does the rule work for seniors?

As specified in the guidelines, seniors (paying or not) are excluded from the FTE count. So if a collaboration has 32 people including 2 seniors and has to pay 80 k€, the FTEs will be calculated by excluding the 2 seniors, while for the bracket you will divide the total amount by 32 (80k€/32) and then proceed to see if the average FTE value is compatible with the bracket. If so, CSN2 will match all 80k€.

5. How does the rule work for PhD students?

Generally, PhD students do not pay CF. Nonetheless, CSN2 has decided to include them in both the FTE and staggering calculations. So if a collaboration has 25 people including 5 PhD students and has to pay 92k€, the average value of FTEs is calculated considering the doctoral PhD as well and so is the bracket (so 92k€/25). If there is concordance, CSN2 will match 92k€.

6. Usually a collaboration sets the amount of CF based on the total number of authors. How do you deal with these cases?

One proceeds by successive approximations as in example number 3.

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