

Guidelines for SINE2020-WP4 proposal process

1. Eligibility criteria

The need in characterization from a company has to be compliant with the following:

- Industrial problems: optimization of processes, issues during the R&D of a product (from the earliest towards latest stages of development);
- Peaceful end-application.

2. Service provided

The consultancy comprises the translation of the industrial request into a feasibility experiment. The number of samples should be restricted to what is necessary to prove that differences between samples can be observed. This includes: preparation of measurements (samples), period of measurements, and a report (easy-to-understand results).

3. Evaluation panel and decision

After receipt, each application will be sent to the evaluation panel. The panel consists of scientists from the participating partner facilities and/or the industry liaison officer (ILO). The panel members will discuss with their facility's instrument scientists, whether the problem of the applicant can be solved and how, or not.

The company will be informed about the feasibility, then if applicable about the place and date of the experiment either by the sine2020 ILO or by its contact person from an institute.

4. Open access regulations

All results obtained under the SINE2020 are funded by the EU and must be made available to the public. This concerns information about the name of the company receiving free measurements, the sample material and the neutron technique used in the experiment. Any background intellectual property (including sample synthesis and preparation details, composition and processing done prior to or after the measurement) can be excluded from publication.