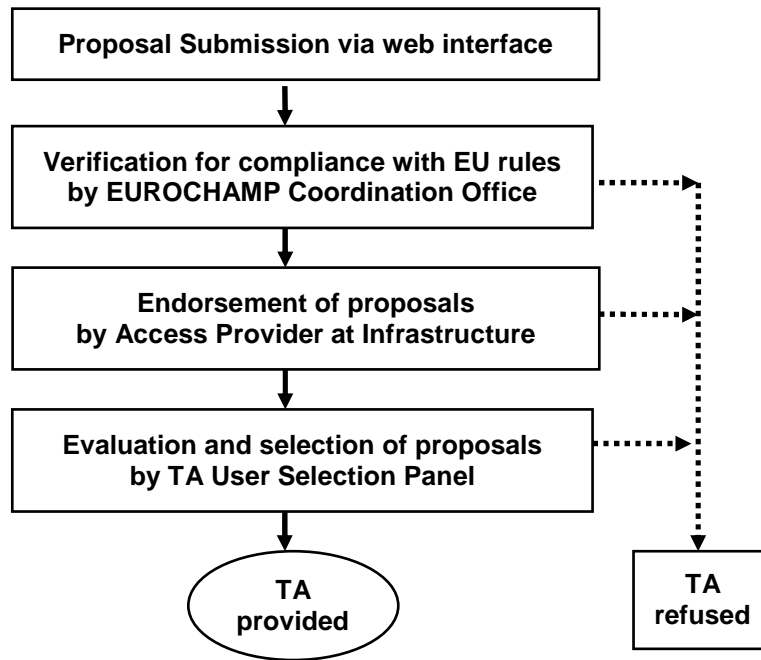




Transnational Access and Evaluation Procedure



I. Submission procedure

Interested researchers are requested to contact the access provider in charge of the infrastructure they wish to visit to obtain information on access opportunities and conditions.

Proposal submission is done via the TA page of the EUROCHAMP website

http://www.eurochamp.org/transnational_access.

II. Evaluation Procedure

1. Incoming proposals will be verified by the EUROCHAMP Coordination Office for formal compliance with the EU regulations:
 - the project group leader and the majority of research team members must come from an EU member or associated state, and
 - the requested access must be transnational.
2. The proposal will be examined by the access provider or director of the infrastructure for the scientific quality of the proposal and the necessity/feasibility for the use of the facility (keeping in mind that the access provider shall not unreasonably withhold its agreement to such request).
3. The Coordination Office will forward the proposal to the EUROCHAMP TA User Selection Panel (USP). The USP will judge the scientific content of the project and rank the proposals according to defined selection criteria (cf. IV. Proposal Assessment). The final decision will be reported to the EUROCHAMP Coordination Office.
4. The Coordination Office will notify the applicant of the decision of the USP. In case the proposal is accepted:
 - the Coordination Office will inform the access provider who will make a final decision concerning the quantity of access provided to the user group.
 - the Coordination Office will ensure that the home institution(s) of the prospective users of the EUROCHAMP infrastructure are formally associated with EUROCHAMP.
 - the applicant will have to contact the host institution about the further procedure for organizing the access to the infrastructure.

- the Coordination Office will forward to the project leader of the user group the documents required for completion after the visit at the infrastructure (TA project report, ...).

III. Organisation of the TA User Selection Panel:

The User Selection Panel (USP) is composed of eleven international experts. The USP consists of the Coordinator of the transnational access activity, five EUROCHAMP members and five members from the EUROCHAMP International Advisory Committee (IAC). The members are:

- Coordinator:
 - o Peter Wiesen (BUW, Germany)
- EUROCHAMP members:
 - o Urs Baltensperger (PSI, Switzerland)
 - o Theo Brauers (FZJ, Germany)
 - o Amalia Munoz (CEAM, Spain)
 - o Frank Stratmann (IfT, Germany)
 - o John Wenger (UCC, Ireland)
- IAC members
 - o Joachim Curtius (Universität Frankfurt, Germany)
 - o Christian George (CNRS / Université Lyon 1, France)
 - o Mattias Hallquist (Göteborg Universitet , Sweden)
 - o Timothy Wallington (Ford Motor Company, USA)
 - o Tong Zhu (Peking University, China)

IV. Role of the TA User Selection Panel (USP)

The USP is a single selection panel for each of the EUROCHAMP installations providing transnational access. It evaluates and selects the user groups benefiting from TA. The procedures applied for proposal selection are equal for all infrastructures within EUROCHAMP. The installations* providing TA are:

BU Wuppertal (BUW, DE)	FZ Karlsruhe (FZK, DE)
FZ Jülich (FZJ, DE)	Leeds University (LEEDS, UK)
Fundacion CEAM (CEAM, ES)	Sveriges Tekn. Forskningsinst.(SP, SE)
U Bayreuth (UBT, DE)	University Paris 12 (PARIS12, FR)
University College Cork (UCC, IE)	IFT Leipzig (IFT, DE)
CNRS Orleans (CNRS-ICARE, FR)	Manchester University (UMAN, UK)
Paul-Scherrer-Institute (PSI, CH)	

*Details concerning the installations are also available at <http://www.eurochamp.org/chambers/>

V. Proposal Assessment

The USP will assess the proposals on the basis of scientific merit which will take into account the following criteria:

- ▶ Originality and scientific value of the proposal
- ▶ Interest to the scientific community

The above assessment criteria will be marked from 0 to 4 (excellent = 4, very good = 3, good = 2, fair = 1, poor = 0). The final mark is the sum of both marks (maximum: 8).

The evaluation of the transnational access activity will also include the expertise of the user group in the research field or training benefit to young researchers. It is important to note that priority will be given to new users, i.e., researchers who have not previously used the infrastructure before and who would not normally have access to it.

Proposal assessment is independent from financial criteria as the acceptance of access to a EUROCHAMP installation may include financial support to the user group (e.g., travel, subsistence, ...) upon request. EUROCHAMP will provide money to the host research infrastructures in order to operate the stations (administrative support, use of the research facilities, on-site logistic support by the infrastructure staff).