Process of submission and selection of LTP initiatives

Initiation phase
- Opening of call
- Role of consortium: Develops and submits initiative to NWO
- Role of NWO: Opens call; provides information
- Product: Overview of LTP initiatives
- Support desk (informative) for LTPs
- Timeline: 6 months

Pre-proposal phase
- Submission of initiatives
- Submission of pre-proposals
- Scientific quality
- Long Term Perspective
- Strategic importance
- Quality of the consortium
- Role of NWO: Drafts pre-proposal; conducts self-assessment based on criteria; forms consortium; reaches co-funding threshold
- Role of consortium: Checks initiatives submitted; provides information
- Support desk (informative) for LTPs
- Timeline: 6 – 10 weeks

Assessment 1
- Decision by Executive Board
- Scientific quality
- Long Term Perspective
- Strategic importance
- Quality of the consortium
- Role of NWO: Checks initiatives submitted; provides information
- Role of consortium: Checks admissibility (is pre-proposal complete?); independent selection committee assesses pre-proposals; Executive Board decides to reserve budget for initiative (yes/no)
- Support desk (informative) for LTPs
- Overview of LTP initiatives
- Recommendations from selection committee; decision by Executive Board; reservation of budget for selected LTPs
- Timeline: 12 months (max.)

Elaboration phase
- Elaborates LTP plan based on committee’s feedback; secures of financial contributions; sets up of programme management structure; expands consortium; makes IP agreements
- Scientific plan
- Impact plan
- Quality of the consortium
- Long-term perspective
- Role of consortium: Offers procedural guidance (informing, nexus role), checks on progress (according to conditions upon reservation)
- Support desk (informative) for LTPs
- Overview of LTP initiatives
- Full proposals for LTPs, incl. commitment from other parties and IP agreements
- Timeline: 3 months; individually per LTP

Assessment 2
- Submission of full proposals
- Decision by Executive Board
- Scientific plan
- Impact plan
- Quality of the consortium
- Long-term perspective
- Role of consortium: Checks admissibility; processes reviews by independent referees and committee, checks IP agreements
- Support desk (informative) for LTPs
- Overview of LTP initiatives
- Recommendations from selection committee; decision by Executive Board; reservation of budget for selected LTPs
- Timeline: 3 months; individually per LTP

Start
- Active LTP
- Decision by Executive Board on funding; grant letters; cooperation agreements
- Support desk (informative) for LTPs
- Overview of LTP initiatives
- Full proposals for LTPs, incl. commitment from other parties and IP agreements
- Timeline: 10 years

Overview of LTP initiatives
- Role of consortium: Develops and submits initiative to NWO
- Role of NWO: Opens call; provides information
- Product: Overview of LTP initiatives
- Support desk (informative) for LTPs
- Timeline: 6 months