## **Q&A** session – questions and issues raised from applicants

Novelty and High risk	<ul> <li>What is the novelty of your research?</li> <li>What is most groundbreaking aspect?</li> <li>What are the high risk aspects of the project?</li> <li>How is you project original?</li> <li>What is the expected paradigm shift?</li> <li>It seems that your two last objectives are not as much of a breakthrough as the first one.</li> </ul>	
Interdisciplinarity	<ul> <li>Concept definition: Can you define 'x' as the main concept? What do you mean by 'Y'?</li> <li>Your strongest publications are on different topics, how will this affect your ability to face the research challenge?</li> <li>Please explain the nature of your multidisciplinary and holistic dynamic approach, and how will it work in the project.</li> <li>How will the different disciplines interact in the research?</li> </ul>	
Team	<ul> <li>You ask for students. How would you get them to work on this project?</li> <li>Interdisciplinary nature of the team – what background will they come from and which areas will they cover? How will they work together?</li> <li>You do not seem to have experience in advising students/You don't have experience as PI, how do you see yourself in that role?</li> <li>What is the role of each person declared in your proposal?</li> </ul>	
Personal	<ul> <li>Why do you need the grant? You made good publications so far and you will probably keep publishing good results without the grant.</li> <li>Your dedication time to the project seems low.</li> <li>How are you planning to spit you time between the different projects that you have?</li> <li>You have been quite successful in obtaining projects. How will you be able to devote 75% of your time to this project?</li> <li>You are applying to another grant with large intersections with this grant - what do you plan to do?</li> <li>Where do you see yourself in 5 years?</li> </ul>	
Methodology	<ul> <li>Why did you choose these specific case studies? Can you explain their diversity?</li> <li>What kind of data would be used?</li> <li>Questions relating to specific tasks and achieving their noted targets</li> </ul>	

Feasibility	<ul> <li>What makes you certain that a breakthrough can happen?</li> <li>This is long standing problem in the field, and you use the same methodology as before. Why should a breakthrough happen now?</li> </ul>	
Impact	<ul> <li>What is the potential impact that the project's result could have?</li> <li>If this grant is successful, what will be the main achievement after the 5 years?</li> </ul>	