

## IHI JU responses to the Independent Observer's reports

**Call ID: HORIZON-JU-IHI-2024-06-two-stage**

**IHI JU 6<sup>th</sup> Call for Proposals – stage 2**

**Dates of evaluation: 5 November 2024**

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### *Summary of Recommendations*

The HORIZON-JU-IHI-2024-06-two-stage (2<sup>nd</sup> stage) consensus evaluation process is considered successful, transparent, fair and at the highest standard possible based on the Horizon Europe rules.

It was noted that the key differences between stage 1 and stage 2 evaluations need to be further elaborated during the experts' briefing before the central evaluation, particularly regarding the progression from the short proposal to the full proposal.

The observer would like to extend his sincere thanks and gratitude to all IHI staff involved in this evaluation, for their support and invaluable assistance, enabling to fulfil the execution of the tasks, without any hindrance.

### **IHI JU responses to the recommendations**

IHI JU welcomes the Independent Observer conclusions, which confirm the high quality of the evaluation with transparent and rigorous procedures. To the best extent possible, IHI office will take into consideration the recommendation made.

We will pay special attention to reinforce even more, and throughout all the steps of stage 2 evaluation, the messages given to the experts especially at the general experts' briefing. These will include key concepts and guidelines (i.e. difference between stage 1 and stage 2) that can be used by external experts to better assess full proposals.