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### ***1.1. Selection procedure for INTERACT Transnational Access Users***

The selection process for INTERACT's Transnational Access users was established already in INTERACT I and has been modified in INTERACT II to include an online platform (the INTERACCESS). Applicants submit their proposals for Transnational Access in INTERACCESS where the application is processed and recorded. INTERACT has a Trans-national Access Evaluation Board with a specific mandate to evaluate the quality and relevance of the science in the applications. The results are submitted to the appropriate station managers who make the final decisions. In addition, the Board recommends priority science areas for TA calls.

The board consists of external experts in the fields of biogeochemistry, freshwater ecology, glaciology and climatology, palaeoecology, permafrost, and human dimensions (social sciences and human health). The external experts come from Belgium, Portugal, Sweden, and the UK. They explicitly include an early career scientist nominated by APECS (Association of Polar Early Career Scientists). The Board also include INTERACT delegates who represent stations from Fennoscandia, Greenland, North America, the North Atlantic region and the Russian Federation.

TA applicants can come from any country and can apply to go to all infrastructures that are not located in their home country. The decisions who the Transnational Access users are, are only based on scientific quality.