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The Scientific Director communicates to the Scientific Committee the receipt of the book proposal, attaching short explanatory sheet on the proposal (Title, Objectives, Content, Index) and express decision regarding the start of review process on the basis of the coherence of the topics covered with the themes of the Series and of a first preliminary judgement on the overall quality of the written book. In case of disagreement, the Scientific Director will send to the Scientific Committee a full copy of the book and the decision (start or denial of the review process) will be made with an absolute majority.

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The reviewers will be in charge to evaluate based on the following areas:

1. relevance of the topic for this Series;

2. suitability, clarity and comprehensibility of the language with respect to the disciplinary reference field;

3. relevance and topicality of the topic;

4. methodological rigour;

5. relevance and novelty of the references;

6. scientific value, in terms of contribution to the progress of knowledge on the subject.

The reviewers will make a recommendation for or against publication and, if necessary, with suggestions for further improvements for a second assessment step.

If both reviewers express a positive opinion without any suggestions for revision, the book will be published.

If one or both reviewers propose corrections, the Scientific Director forwards the suggestions to the author. In case of a positive evaluation, the printing procedures start. If the second evaluation is not satisfactory, the book is not accepted for publication.

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The review form is attached.

**Review form**

**Evaluations, comments and suggestions**

Book title:

Reviewer N.

(N.B. - The "Comments" boxes are freely editable for the considerations that the reviewer intends to propose on each evaluation profile)

**1. Is the topic of book relevant to entrepreneurship and social innovation?**

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| 1= low | 10 = high |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
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**Comments**

**2. Is there a correct use in the text of technical terms related to the disciplinary context of the book? Is the form of presentation clear and comprehensible?**

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| 1= low | 10 = high |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
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**Comments**

**3. Is the subject matter topical in business economics studies and/or relevant to the current scientific debate?**

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| 1= low | 10 = high |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
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**Comments**

**4. Does the text have a good methodological rigour (Coherence of the arguments with respect to the title; Logical coherence of the structure of the text; Logical coherence within the different parts of the text? References relevant to the literature? Appropriate use of statistical models for possible empirical analysis?)**

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**Comments**

**5. Are the references on which the research is based relevant and up to date to adequately express the state of the art of the literature on the subject?**

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**Comments**

**6. Are the results of the empirical surveys traced back to the theoretical frameworks of disciplines?** (Only if the book presents results of empirical investigations)

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**Comments**

**7. On the basis of the assessments made with reference to the individual profiles, can the book be considered as scientifically relevant?** (On this point express only a quantitative evaluation)

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**The final proposal of the reviewer, taking into account all the assessments made, is:**

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|  | **A) Accept for publication** |

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|  | **B) Request minor revisions[[1]](#footnote-1)\*** |

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|  | **C) Request major revisions\*** |

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|  | **D) Reject** |

**\* Suggestions for changes (proposals B and C)**

**Comments for the Scientific Committee. (The comments in this section will not be disclosed to the author).**

Place and date…………………………………………… Signature. ………………………………….

1. \* The suggestions must be summarized in the box below the list of proposals [↑](#footnote-ref-1)