



# Preparing Your Interim Report

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DFG funding comes from public sources.

The DFG is held accountable to spend funding for given causes by the *Bundesrechnungshof*.

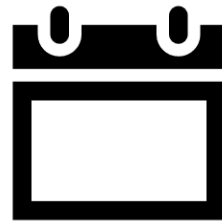
You are held accountable to spend your funding for your cause by the DFG.

A three year term is longest possible grant duration without *Rechenschaftsbericht*.  
(see also “Individual Research Grant)

The DFG requires an interim report after three years, in order to be able to approve and fund the second three year period of your Emmy Noether Grant.

## When is the interim report due?

Six months before the end of the third funding year.



# What are the contents?

Guidelines: [10-223-en.pdf](#)



**a) Project History**



**b) Development of the Group**



**c) Academic Environment**



**d) Career Path**

Regarding the **programme objectives**:

a. Project history

- progress of the project
  - to what extent the progress is in line with your project planning
  - But also: how this progress matches up against your original plan
- deviations from the project plan or difficulties
  - strategies for completing the project successfully
- outline your further plans for the second funding phase

Regarding the **programme objectives**:

**b. Development of the group**

- Setting up the group
  - Recruiting staff
- development of the group under your leadership
- Difficulties
  - Did any difficulties arise?
  - How have you addressed them?

Regarding the **programme objectives**:

c. Academic environment

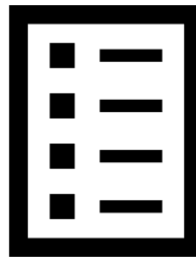
- integrating the group and your leadership position
- Host declaration:
  - Are able to make full use of the rights granted to you?
  - Difficulties?



Regarding the **programme objectives**:

## d. Career path

- your individual career path to achieving professorship eligibility
  - your progress
  - Any difficulties; e.g. teaching or doctoral supervision



## The interim evaluation

What happens with my report?

## Your interim evaluation

Scheduled at the end of the third funding year

based on your **interim report**  
(without referring to additional literature)

Examination & Approval by DFG head office.  
External review only in unusual cases.



## Criteria for External Review

Strong deviation from the initial proposal

Severe problems, notable underperformance  
(*did the wrong things – or nothing*)

Scientific misconduct  
/ administrative misconduct



## **What are the consequences of a failed interim evaluation?**

Funding ends

(with or without exit funds, depending on the case)

No rebuttal





**The Emmy Noether funding is for 6 years.**

The interim evaluation is a formal check-up.

Use it to think back and look forward on your own Emmy Noether journey.



# Mehr Informationen:

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