**Part C – Research project**

**proposal title - acronym**

Formatting: Arial, at least font size 10, margins (2.0 cm side, 1.5 cm top and bottom), single line spacing., Arial font size 8 at least. All references will count towards the page limit.

Applicants must follow the structure outline below.

Project proposal includes the entire period with a detailed work plan for the period of the first half of the project

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**Extended Abstract: (1 – 4 pages)**

Extended abstracts should be written according to the underlying structure of the structured abstract and in a form that is shorter than the full text. Sections of the extended abstract should cover: abstract, keywords, introduction and objectives, methodology, findings and discussion, conclusion and future research.

Extended abstracts can contain figures, tables, formulas or images. Extended abstracts should relate to the text of the call and sufficiently explain how the project will achieve the objectives.

Extended abstracts should not exceed 4 pages including the references.

**Key words:**

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**1. Excellence**

**1.1 State-of-the-art**

a) Give a clear description of the state-of-the-art of the research area supported by the relevant literature.

**1.2 Objectives**

a) Provide a clear and specific description of the project objectives and the expected outcomes within the context of the state-of-the-art.

b) Explain the scientific and technical contributions that the project is expected to make to advance the state-of-the-art within the research area covered by the project.

c) Describe the novelty and broader impact, and (if applicable) inter- and multidisciplinary aspects of the proposed project.

**1.3 Concept and methodology**

a) The methodology should be presented as clearly as possible. For each objective explain the methodological approach that will be employed in the project and justify it in relation to the project objectives. When any novel methods or techniques are proposed, explain their merits and limitations.

**1.4 Applicant and the benefit of the project**

a) Show that your skills and experience are suitable for the proposed project and outline the benefit that will be gained from undertaking the project in the chosen host organisation.

**2. Impact**

**2.1 Transfer of knowledge and estimated impact**

a) Describe the predicted impact on the society, scientific community, research area and the application sector.

b) Describe the predicted impact on future scientific career of the researcher (fellow).

c) Describe the predicted impact on the host organisation (new methods, improvement of scientific work, etc.).

d) Describe the predicted impact on the scientific community and the research area.

e) Describe the transfer of the expected results in the short, medium or long term, benefits derived from the increase of knowledge and technology.

f) Describe the dissemination plan of the results.

**3. Implementation**

**3.1 Work plan – work packages, deliverables and procedure**

a) Describe how the project objectives will be achieved by providing a specific work program (structured in 12-month periods). The work plan must provide realistic objectives – work packages (management, communication activities, deliverables, milestones – overall structure of the project, coherent and effective work plan, description of the work packages and tasks, list of deliverables.

b) Outline quantified outcomes of the project such as conference/workshop attendance, courses, seminars, secondment, training in specific new areas, and other professional training. c) Please include a Gantt chart (include schedule for work packages, deliverables, milestones, planned secondment, dissemination and communication activities).

d) Please provide a contingency plan.

e) Provide justification for scientific personnel (PhD. Students, postdocs) expected to be hired on the project (describe their roles and objectives).

**3.2 Host organisation**

a) Describe the scientific quality of the host organisation (achieved results and outputs, most important publications, patents, etc.).

b) Write a short description how the proposed project is relevant to the international scientific collaboration of the host organisation and to its short, medium- or long-term scientific objectives and priorities.

c) What are the most important projects implemented in the host institution, especially in the selected department (titles, funding resources, duration of the projects, etc.).

d) Describe how the applicant will be supported and which resources will be attributed to the project. Describe the quality of the infrastructure and personal resources, collaborations with researchers with whom the applicant have agreed to cooperate on the project.

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