**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. References should be listed in footnotes, Arial font size 8 at least. All references will count towards the page limit.

Applicants must follow the structure outline below.

Applicants must ensure that section 1 – 3 do not exceed the limit of 10 pages.

**Name:**

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**Abstract: (max. 2000 characters including spaces)**

**Key words:**

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**1. Excellence**

**1.1 Quality and credibility of the research/innovation plan (level of novelty, appropriate consideration of inter/multidisciplinary, inter/multi sectoral and gender aspects)**

* Give a clear description of the state-of-the-art of the research area supported by the relevant literature. Provide an overview of the proposal, demonstrating the originality and novelty of the research
* Provide a clear and specific description of the project objectives against the background of the state-of-art and the expected results.
* The methodology should be presented as clearly as possible. For each objective, explain a 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 advantages and disadvantages.
* Specify any particular challenging or unconventional aspects of the proposal, including multi- or inter-disciplinary aspects (if relevant). Outline how the research benefits from interaction with other disciplines or for example with other research groups.
* A gender aspect in research (if relevant) refers to any gender aspect of the research, not the gender of applicant or scientist in charge.

**1.2 Quality and appropriateness of the training and of the two-way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host organization.**

* Describe how a two-way transfer of knowledge will arise between researcher and the host organisation.
* Outline the expected scientific interaction between the host organisation or research group, describe mutual advantages that can be expected from the fellow´s cooperation in the host organisation.
* Define your previous knowledge and skills that you can share with the research group or with the host organisation.
* In terms of career possibilities as an independent researcher, provide details on the proposed secondment to the non-academic sector, desired outcome of the secondment.

*Note: A secondment is highly recommended to all fellows. A secondment must be relevant to the proposed research. During the application phase, a fully agreed secondment is not mandatory. Only general information about the type of organisation, technical objectives and goals must be provided. SASPRO 2 team will assist in choosing a relevant type of secondment organisation during negotiating period. Please refer to the Guide for Applicants for more information.*

**1.3 Capacity of the researcher to reach or re-enforce a position of professional maturity/independence during fellowship**

* Describe your previous achievements in terms of your publication history, leadership skills and independent thinking.
* Describe the match between the researcher background and the scope of the proposed research and training program.

**2. IMPACT**

**2.1 Enhancing the future career prospects of the researcher after the fellowship**

* Outline an expected impact of the planned research and training on your future career prospects.
* Describe how the research project, new skills and competencies will be used in your career after the fellowship.

**2.2 Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the project results**

* Describe your communication and results dissemination strategy. Provide details how you will disseminate and exploit the results of your research and how the new knowledge will be communicated (e.g. publications, conference attendance, poster presentations, reports, workshops, outreach activities etc.)
* Take reference to the “Dissemination and Exploitation of results”, part of Horizon 2020 Online Manual.

**2.3 Quality of the proposed measures to communicate the project activities to different target audiences including prospects for responsible research and innovations**

* Describe how your research will be communicated to various audiences (stakeholders, peers, industry, scientific public, wide public etc.).
* Refer to the Horizon 2020 Online Manual, part “Communicating your project”.
* Plan your tangible actions within the Gantt chart.

**2.4 Potential for cooperation with the application sector**

* Provide details on the proposed secondment to the non-academic sector.
* Outline a desired outcome from the secondment and its overall purpose.

**3. QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF IMPLEMENTATION (including Gannt chart)**

**3.1 Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan**

* The work plan must provide realistic objectives – work packages (management, communication activities, deliverables – overall structure of the project, coherent and effective work plan, description of the work packages and tasks, list of deliverables.
* Outline quantified outcomes of the project such as conference/workshop attendance, courses, seminars, secondment, training in specific new areas, and other professional training.
* Please include a Gantt chart (include schedule for work packages, deliverables, milestones, planned secondment, dissemination and communication activities).

**3.2 Appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources**

* Outline well-balanced and justified resources in order to achieve the proposed project objectives.
* Describe as precisely as possible activities concerning management of project, financial management.

**3.3 Appropriateness of the management structure and procedures, including risk management**

* Describe a management structure and procedures and monitoring mechanism in order to ensure that the fellowship and your research project reaches its objectives.
* Include any potential risks and mitigation measures that needed to be considered.
* Describe your proposed contingency plan.

**3.4. Appropriateness of the institutional environment (research topics, infrastructure, resources)**

* Describe an infrastructure, logistics and facilities required for a successful completion of the proposed research that should be available to the researcher at the host organisation.
* Outline and active contribution of the host to the researcher and training activities.
* Describe any other necessary required resources.

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