**Romania’s National Recovery and Resilience Plan**

**Pillar III. Smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, including economic cohesion, jobs, productivity, competitiveness, research, development, and innovation, and a well-functioning internal market with strong small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)**

**Component C9. SUPPORT FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR, RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION**

**“I8. Development of a program to attract highly specialised human resources from abroad in research, development and innovation activities”**

Annex 1 – Funding application

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**A. General information**

**Project title (maximum 200 characters):**

**Summary in Romanian (max. 2000 characters, including spaces):**

**Summary in English (max. 2000 characters, including spaces):**

**Project director and host institution:**

Name:

Previous names (if applicable):

First name:

Date of birth:

PhD graduate since (year):

Telephone:

E-mail address:

Name of the institution:

Address of the institution:

The contact person in the institution:

**Research team structure/** (nominated team members/ the team structure in case the team structure is not nominated):

**Fields in which the project fits** (according to Annex 3).

*(The chosen main field also represents the field of the project proposal)*

Main domain:

Subdomains:

Main research area:

Secondary research area:

Secondary research area:

**Keywords:**

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**Project duration: min. 24 - max. 36 months**

**Requested budget (RON):**

**The requested budget (EUR; InforEuro rate August 2022):**

***B. Project director***

***B1. Important scientific achievements of the project director*** (max. 4 pages)

*The most important contributions of the project director in his field of research will be presented (for example, discoveries which significantly led to a better knowledge in the field provable through publications and patents).*

*The following categories of information will be presented:*

* + 1. *the total number of citations (excluding self-citations), according to the Web of Science/ Publons;*
    2. *the Hirsch index, according to the Web of Science/ Publons;*
    3. *the address of the Web of Science/Publons or ORCID profile will be indicated;*
    4. the most representative publications will be indicated *(max. 10):*
    5. projects that the project director has done as principal investigator/group leader (the link/ project web page will be indicated)

***B2. Curriculum Vitae (max. 2 pages)***

**C. Funding application (*max. 11 pages*)**

*In this chapter, the scientific context, the purpose, the objectives, the way of implementing the objectives (project activities), the deliverables and the necessary resources will be specified in detail. The evaluation of the project proposal will be done taking into account ONLY the specified number of pages.*

**C1. Motivation of the proposed topic in the current scientific context. Border-like character, relevance and expected impact. Originality and degree of innovation.**

*The scientific motivation of the project theme will be justified by delimiting the problem addressed in the current scientific context; It will be justified to what extent the proposed research addresses important challenges (complex/frontier issues). The following two aspects will be highlighted: (1) the importance of the problem from a scientific, technological, socio-economical or cultural point of view, the elements of difficulty of the problem, the limitations of current approaches, through the analysis of the current state of knowledge in the project’s topic; (2) the originality and innovation elements that the proposed project brings to the field, in relation to the current state of knowledge. If the proposed topic has been addressed in previous projects, the details of the previous projects need to be indicated (financier/funder, name and code of project, web page, obtained results) and the novelty elements need to be clearly mentioned in relation to the previous studies.*

**C2. Objectives, methodology and work plan**

*The approach taken within the project will be presented, at a principal level, highlighting the following three aspects: (1) the concrete objectives of the project; (2)* *the proposed work strategy, including investigation methods and tools; (3) a work plan, staggered over time, which will describe the way in which the project will be organised, in relation to the proposed objectives.*

**C3. Project feasibility: available resources, research team structure and preliminary results**

*The existing resources in the host institution, relevant for the development of the project (the link from* [*https://eertis.eu/*](https://eertis.eu/) *platform will be indicated) will be presented, as well as the necessary ones that will be purchased within the project. In particular, the following aspects shall be specified: (1) the estimation of the time allocated to the project by each member of the project team, in months / member units, in accordance with the work plan presented in section C2; (2) the argumentation of the project team’s adequacy and the research infrastructure available to the fulfilling of the project’s objectives in the allocated time; in the case of the vacancies the expected competencies will be briefly described (3) the preliminary results that support the working hypothesis of the project (if there are any).*

**C4. Risks and alternative approaches**

*The potential scientific and administrative risks will be described, alongside with the approaches through which these risks would be going to be addressed.*

**C5*.* Impact and dissemination**

*The expected impact of the project will be discussed within a wider area of the scientific field, with an emphasis on the following aspects: (1) the estimated scientific results of the project, with the mentioning of the expected result indicators; (2) the potential impact of the project on the host institution, the project team, the scientific, social, economic and cultural environment (if the latter three are relevant to the field or theme of the project) and/or the applicative directions which will be explored in the project (if it’s applicable for the proposed research direction); (3) concrete elements of the strategy for disseminating scientific results.*

**C6. Requested budget**

*The following aspects will be presented, in detail: (1) The distribution of budget by type of expenses and by project year must be indicated and justified; (2) Justification for the purchase of new equipment with a value higher than 250 000 lei (price without VAT), with reference to the project objectives; (3) The budget is distributed on types of expenses as follows: staff expenses, logistics expenses, travel expenses, and indirect costs (overheads).*

*Section C6 will not receive points in the evaluation; the evaluators' comments associated with this sub-criterion will only be used in the negotiation and contracting process, in the case that the project will be funded.*

Quotation estimate (in RON, by calendar years):

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| **Budget chapter** | **First year** | **Second year** | **Third year** | **Total budget** |
| **Staff expenses** |  |  |  |  |
| **Logistics expenses** |  |  |  |  |
| **Travel expenses** |  |  |  |  |
| **Indirect costs** |  |  |  |  |
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| **Indirect costs** |  |  |  |  |
| **Total** |  |  |  |  |

**C7. Bibliography**