

Template for the project description

Please note that while all sections of the project description are mandatory, some bulleted elements will not be relevant for all types of projects.

The template is designed to address all the elements of the evaluation criteria used during the application review process.

Format requirements:

- *Language:* The project proposal should be written in English, be concise and to the point.
 - *Length:* Maximum of 10 pages including figures, tables and the list of references
 - *Font:* Use Arial, Calibri, Times New Roman 11 pt or a similar font. Single spacing with minimum 2 cm margins.
 - *References and Figures:* A 9 pt font may be used for the list of references and figure captions.
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The project description

Project title

The title must correspond to the project content, be written in English and consist of no more than 150 characters. Do not use all capital letters.

1. Scientific background and significance

Provide a focused description of the project's scientific background, the current state of knowledge, and the central challenges within the field. Explain the importance of the problem or critical barrier to progress that the proposed project addresses.

1.1. Innovation elements¹ and improvements

Explain how the proposed project will improve scientific knowledge, technical capability, and/or advance clinical practice in one or more fields. The text should relate to the needs description entered in the application form (eSøknad).

Describe any refinements, improvements, or new applications of theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation or interventions.

2. Hypotheses, aims and objectives

The main hypotheses should be presented clearly. The main and secondary aims should be briefly stated in the online application form and further elaborated on here. The objectives should be clearly defined, concrete and verifiable. Any results expected during the project period should also be entered here.

¹ «Nyskapning»

3. Approach

Describe the overall strategy, methodology and analyses to be used to accomplish the specific aims of the project.

3.1. Methods, analyses and technologies

Describe the experimental design and choice of specified scientific methods, why they are suited to resolving hypotheses and/or specific issues and how they will achieve robust results. Describe plans to address weaknesses and alternative risk management strategies for the proposed project. Include how the data will be collected, analysed and interpreted.

For trials that randomize groups or deliver interventions to groups, describe how your study design, methods for analysis, and sample size are appropriate for your plans for participant assignment and intervention delivery. Explain how relevant biological variables, such as sex, are incorporated into research designs, patient stratification and analyses.

3.2. Participants, organisation and collaborations

Include an overview of the project participants and their roles, organisation and collaboration as well as a description of:

- Competence of the research group relevant to carrying out the project
- Scope of any collaborations. These can be external, regional, national or international
- How the teaching environment facilitates completion of any PhD fellowships

All active partners in the project should also be listed in the online application form.

3.3. Plan for activities, visibility and dissemination

An activity plan with clear milestones should be entered in the online application form. The project plan and milestones supporting an efficient realisation of the project can be elaborated further in this section. Include information on visibility and any plans for dissemination of results.

3.4. Potential for implementation

Provide a description of the potential for implementing and/or translating results from the research project into clinical practice within a realistic time frame. Please also describe any dependencies, e.g. the development of competence and/or technology in other areas, which will contribute to implementation of the results of the project.

4. Budget

The budget should be entered in the online application form. The budget should provide a clear overview of the financial framework for the project and correspond to its aims and content. The module in the online form has its own text field, in which it is possible to provide detailed information on the use of budgeted funds and resources.

In the project description, supplementary information about the budget can be stated. In addition, the project's total budget must be presented, detailing the extent of the Helse Sør-Øst RHF contribution and other funding sources.

5. User involvement

Describe any plans for user involvement, the extent to which users will be involved in planning and/or carrying out the project, or if not, why this is not relevant.

- How are users involved in the planning of the project and how will they be involved in carrying out the project and disseminating the results?
- Are users involved in other ways (organisations that facilitate research/makes decisions about research)?

6. Ethical considerations

Describe any ethical consideration associated with the proposed research project, and how these will be handled. If there are no ethical issues, this should also be explained here.

7. References

The list of references should refer to literature supporting the academic content of the project.