**Project plan – appendix to the application**

**RISE TO CHALLENGE 2025: Project name**

**COVER PAGE – SUMMARY**

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| **NAME OF PROJECT:**  **Public summary in Finnish and English**  Max 2000 (FI) + 2000 (EN) character summary of the project's main content and goals |

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| **DURATION OF THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROJECT:** xx.xx.2025 – xx.xx.202x  **DURATION OF POSSIBLE CONTINUATION PHASE:** xx.xx.202x – xx.xx.20xx  **FUNDING APPLIED FROM BUSINESS FINLAND IN PHASE 1 OF THE PROJECT (total of joint project parties + share of individual parties)**   * Total cost estimate and per party (€): * Total funding requested from Business Finland and per party (€):   **ESTIMATION OF FUNDING TO BE APPLIED FOR FROM BUSINESS FINLAND IN THE SECOND PHASE OF THE PROJECT**   * Total cost estimate and per party (€): * Total funding requested from Business Finland and per party (€): |

**Project Plan**

**In the case of a joint project, the descriptions in paragraphs 1-4 must be identical in the project plans of different applicants!**

1. **Mission and situational picture** (up to 2 pages)
   1. **Mission**

What challenge/future need is being addressed, the uniqueness, significance and relevance of the idea to Finnish society. A concise description of the mission.

* 1. **Situational picture**

Where are we in the world and in Finland, the level of competence and competence gaps, are similar solutions being studied elsewhere? Alternative/competing approaches. What is Finland's competitiveness and desired competitive advantage, why is this a relevant topic for Finland?

1. **Impact and indicators** (up to 2 pages)
   1. **Impact of the entire project**

A view of the new business potential created by research, the estimated time span for utilising the results. Assessment of other impacts of the project (e.g. effects on RDI investments/ new competence and competence clusters/ theses/ number of students in the field/ employment/ productivity/ patents/ clean transition / digitalisation/ etc.)

* 1. **Indicators set for the first two-year phase of the project**

Achieving the indicators set for the first phase of the project is a prerequisite for the further phase. Describe the target levels of the indicators and the methods of improving.

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| Indicator | Objective & how to verify | |
| Initial researcher resources and a plan for their development |  | |
| Progress during the first phase towards the mission, i.e. the realisation of the project in accordance with the roadmap and the project plan |  | |
| Identification of exploitation paths and evidence of the engagement of the exploiting parties during the second phase of the research |  | |
| Optional indicator | |  |

1. **Research roadmap towards mission** (up to 2 pages)
   1. **Roadmap to solve the mission**

High-level visualization and description of the roadmap and project: what will be done during the first two years of the project, how the project will expand during the next three years, at what stage and how users will be engaged, what other disciplines may be included later, how international cooperation is planned to be built, what and how stakeholder cooperation will be built.

* 1. **Other possible funding**

Preliminary funding plan for the expansion of the project for the applicant's other projects in the same subject area and forming a research entity (Academy of Finland, EU and other international funders)

* 1. **Existing initiatives that can be relied on or joined**

Projects and initiatives supporting the project in Finland and around the world, especially in the EU.

* 1. **What other national and international efforts are needed to advance the topic?**

Legislative, standardisation and other policy measures that may be required in relation to the topic

1. **Project team** (up to 2 pages)
   1. **Project leader, manager's abilities and experience**
   2. **Project team members, competencies, other human resources**

Describe the initial resources and R&D capabilities and the plan for strengthening them. Describe the applicant organization's commitment to strengthening resources and to the project as a whole.

Describe the varied competences and level of expertise of the research group(s) in international comparison. Describe the research group's most significant national and international networks. CVs can be attached.

1. **Project plan** (as needed, up to 20 pages)
   1. **In the case of a joint project: Description of the joint work**

Roles of the different applicant parties, brief description of the project entity and responsibilities, management and administration of the project entity.

* 1. **The applicant organisation's own project plan**

Use the work package template below to describe the implementation. Copy the required number of tables. Some work packages may be limited to one phase of the project or continue throughout the five-year period.

* Describe the first two years in more detail, the next three years on a rougher level.
* Describe the objectives, who does what and how, related costs, results and outputs by work package.
* One work package should focus on project management, communication and preparation for further phase and utilization. Key outputs are exploitation and dissemination plans.

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| *Work package x* | *Name of work package* | | |
| *Start date* | *End date* | *Total workload*  *(person months)* | *Total costs of work package €*  *Purchases €* |
| *Goals* |  | | |
| *Description* | Describe who does what and how. | | |
| *Deliverables* |  | | |
| *Travel* | Separated by work package or aggregated for the entire project | | |
| *Materials and supplies* | Separated by work package or aggregated for the entire project | | |
| *Equipment purchases and rentals* | Separated by work package or aggregated for the entire project | | |
| *Services to be purchased* | Separated by work package or aggregated for the entire project | | |
| *Other costs* | Separated by work package or aggregated for the entire project | | |

* 1. **Risk assessment** (up to 0.5 pages)

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| Risk | Propability/Impact  low/medium/high | Mitigation measures |
| Risk 1 |  |  |
| Risk 2 |  |  |
| Risk x |  |  |

* 1. **IPR issues** (up to 0,5 pages)

Describe the IPR situation. Will the project generate protectable intellectual property rights?

[Funding terms and conditions for research organisations](https://www.businessfinland.fi/4b142f/globalassets/finnish-customers/01-funding/08-guidelines--terms/funding-terms/public_research_funding.pdf)

1. **How do you plan to continue towards the mission after the project ends?**

(up to 0,5 pages)