### **Template for mandatory outlines in connection with grant applications to the National Financing Initiative for Research Infrastructure**

**Only applicants that have submitted a mandatory outline by the stipulated deadline (21 June 2023, 23:59 CEST) will be qualified to seek funding, including pre-project funding, under the main call for proposals under the National Financing Initiative for Research Infrastructure (INFRASTRUKTUR) with the application deadline 15 November 2023.**

Applications to the main call for proposals that are not based on an outline submitted by the 21 June 2023 deadline will be rejected.

The main purpose of the submission of mandatory outlines is to promote better national coordination and interaction between institutions and research infrastructures. Therefore, the Research Council will publish the project titles, project summaries and the names of the organisation responsible for the project and the proposed collaboration partners listed in the outlines to make it easier for research groups with similar infrastructure needs to contact one another and cooperate on proposals under the main call for proposals. Please ensure that no trade secrets or sensitive information appear in the project summary.

Mandatory outlines will not be assessed in terms of strategy or scientific basis, but applicants will receive brief feedback if the project does not appear to satisfy the requirements for applying under the main call for proposals. It is the applicant groups themselves that are responsible for coordinating their efforts with one another. Information about the project proposal outlines submitted by the 21 June deadline will be published on our website by 14 July 2023.

**Outlines must be submitted using the template on the following page.**

The outline is not to exceed a total of four pages. The response to “Summary” (point 4) is not to exceed half (1/2) a page, the response to “Description of the infrastructure” (point 5) is not to exceed two pages and the response to “Preliminary budget and costs” (point 6) is not to exceed half (1/2) a page. The page format must be A4 with 2-cm margins, single spacing and 11-point font (Times New Roman, Arial or Calibri). Outlines must be submitted in English.

The outline must be uploaded as an attachment (project description) to the application form via the Research Council’s *eSøknad* online submission service.

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| INFRASTRUKTUR outline no.: |
| (To be completed by the Research Council) |

**1.** **Title and contact information**

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| INFRASTRUKTUR working title |  |
| Host institution |  |
| Contact person at the host institution (name, tel., email) |  |
| Partner institutions |  |

1. **Category (more than one may be selected)**

Pre-project (Up to 2 mill. kroner)

Establish/upgrade of research infrastructure of national importance:

Advanced scientific equipment and facilities (NOK 2–200 mill. kroner)

E-infrastructure/datainfrastructure/ Scientific databases and collections (2–200 mill. kroner)

Participation in international infrastructures

Basic funding of operational costs

Research infrastructures that require external investment of more than NOK 200 million kroner in public funding allocated by the Research Council of Norway. The assessment will form the basis for a recommendation to the ministries.

1. **Main area(s) the infrastructure will serve (no more than two may be selected)**

**Teknologi og naturvitenskap**

Computer science and digital technologies

Technology and natural sciences

Energy and future energy systems

Geoscience, climate and environment

**Livsvitenskap og helse**

Bioresources

Biotechnology

Medicine and health

**Humaniora og samfunnsvitenskap**

Humanities

Social sciences

1. **Short summary (maximum half (1/2) a page)**
2. **Description of the infrastructure (maximum 2 pages)**

Please provide a brief description of the following:

* a description of the research infrastructure that is planned to be established/upgraded and which user groups the infrastructure is intended to serve;
* whether the proposal concerns a new research infrastructure or an upgrade/expansion of an existing research infrastructure;
* whether the research infrastructure is single-sited or distributed (multiple nodes located at different sites);
* how the new infrastructure will relate to existing national and international research infrastructures (will it be supplementary/complementary, will it be a cooperative effort with existing infrastructures);
* if there will be a need for resources for data storage, computing or other types of e-infrastructure services;
* If participation in international research infrastructure is involved, the outline must explain if the research infrastructure is located outside Norway (and if so, where) or whether it entails investments in a Norwegian node of a distributed international research infrastructure.

1. **Preliminary budget and costs (maximum half (1/2) a page)**

Draw up a draft budget (tables plus explanatory text) for funding of the establishment/upgrade which indicates the following:

* the total cost of the project;
* the amount of funding you plan to seek from the Research Council.

Please note, the amounts may be adjusted in connection with submission of a complete application for the deadline of 15 November 2023.

1. **List of contact persons**

List a contact person (name, tel., email) for each partner.