# Project description template

**This project description template consists of**

**A:** Overview of the chapters and sections to be used for the project description in Phase 1

**B:** Guidance on the content in each chapter and section

**A: Chapters and sections to be used**

**1. Excellence research and innovation – SFI Phase 1**

1.1 Knowledge needs and objectives

* 1. Research tasks

**2. Impact – SFI Phase 1**

2.1 Potential impact of the proposed research

**3. Implementation – SFI Phase 1**

3.1 Project participants – the consortium

3.2 Centre organisation

**4**. **Relevance to the call – SFI Phase 1**

**B: Guidance**

**The template is designed to address the elements of the evaluation criteria used in SFI Phase 1.**

The project description is not to exceed 5 pages.

*The page format must be A4 with 2 cm margins, single spacing and Arial, Calibri, Times New Roman or similar 11-point font. It is permitted to use 9-point font for the figure captions.*

*Page 6: Reference list ONLY.*

 *If the reference list is longer than one page, you will need to use parts of page 5 for references in addition to page 6.* *If the Reference list fills less than one page, leave the rest of the page blank. It is permitted to use 9-point font for the list of references and 2 cm margins.*

*Links to webpages etc. will not be included in the assessment.*

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**Template for page 1-5:**

**Project title**

Use the same title as in the application form.

1. **Excellence Research and Innovation- SFI Phase 1**

This chapter should provide a description of the planned centre to enable an assessment of its excellence for research and innovation

* 1. **Knowledge needs and objectives**

Describe the industrial or societal challenges in the fields on which the centre will focus. Describe the underlying knowledge needs that will be significant for promoting scientific development in areas of relevance and the added value of having a centre of research-based innovation in the area.

Describe how the proposed centre will generate new knowledge, that will be of significant for promoting innovations in areas of relevance.

Provide a primary objective for the centre. Provide a bullet list of verifiable secondary objectives that will lead to the achievement of the primary objective.

**1.2. Research tasks**

Describe the main research tasks and why they will be important for achieving the objectives of the centre and the objectives of the call.

1. **Impact – SFI Phase 1**

**2.1 Potential impact of the proposed research**

* Describe how the centre will contribute to achieving the goals of the SFI scheme with main emphasis on the centre's potential to strengthen the innovation capacity of the business sector through research collaboration with the R&D institutions to address the long-term needs and challenges facing the business sector.

Describe how the anticipated knowledge developed by the proposed centre will be important to future innovation and value creation for the participating user partners (companies, public entities and other) and indicate how this conforms to their internal strategies, plans and needs.

1. **Implementation – SFI Phase 1**

**3.1 Project participants – the consortium**

* Give an account of the qualifications and research capacity of the project participants including user partners who will contribute with research performing activities.

**3.2 Centre organisation**

Describe the value added of organising the activities as a centre. Describe how the cooperation at the proposed centre will be organised and why this structure has been chosen.

Describe the active role of each centre partner (research organisations and user partners) in the implementation and performance of the centre’s activities. Describe the expected contribution of the partners beyond financing. Describe how knowledge acquired through research activities at the centre will be transferred to the individual partners to stimulate innovation and create societal value.

1. **Relevance to the call – SFI Phase 1**

Describe how the centre will contribute to developing a business sector with competitiveness in a low-emission society and sustainability regarding climate, environment, and society. The centres shall have a positive or neutral effect on the green transformation of Norwegian industry.

If relevant describe how the centre will complement other established centres mentioned under the point "Delimitation" in the section "Relevant thematic areas" in the call.

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