Draft proposal

Pioneering Research –

Exploring the Unknown Unknown

Title of the project: title of the project

**Applicant(s):** academic title, first name, last name, institution

**Budget:** total amount in EUR EUR

**Project duration:** XXX years

**Keywords:** characterizing the scope of the project (max. 5)

<These grey text passages are explanations for you. Please delete them before submitting your draft proposal and keep the standard formatting (incl. page break on the cover page). The document should not exceed 4 pages including the cover page.>

The idea in a nutshell

<Summarize the essence of the project in no more than 50 words.>

Your text

Brief project description

<Define the scientific challenge you are addressing and briefly describe how you plan to implement the project.>

Your text

Fitting to the funding initiative

<To demonstrate why your project is a good fit for the funding initiative, you should address the specific criteria of the initiative (see Information for Applicants) and relate them to your project. In particular, answer the following questions:

* + What is the exploratory nature of your research idea? Where are you breaking new scientific ground?
  + What is the high scientific relevance of your research idea? Estimate the scientific knowledge potential. What new impulses do you expect?
  + What breakthrough/paradigm shift do you expect if you are successful?
  + Think about the risk of your project idea. Why might your project fail?>

Your text

Applicant(s)

<Explain why you are the right person/research team to explore the scientific challenge outlined. What qualifies you? What drives you? Do you have experience with high-risk, unconventional research projects?>

Your text

Figures

<optional, max. 2>

Brief budget plan

<Personnel, traveling, publications, other costs>

Your text or table