[Project ID]

[Project Title]

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## Pitch

[Maximum 75 words

Argue convincingly and concisely as to why this research question is critical to achieving national energy and climate targets/visions in the Nordic region and how this project will make an impact.]

**Template guidelines** (please leave these guidelines on the title page of the submitted proposal)

* The project description must be in English. All monetary amounts must be in 1000 NOK.
* All sections must be completed and their headers may not be edited, reordered or reformatted.
* The content of the project description (sections 1 to 7, not including this title page) may not exceed 15 pages including all tables and references. The budget (section 8) does not have a page limit. Links within in the project description will not be included in the assessment.
* The page format must be A4 with 2 cm margins, body text must be 10-point Times New Roman with 14-point line height. 8-point Times New Roman with 10-point line height is permitted for references, figures or figure captions. Tampering with the formatting may result in the application being disqualified.
* The proposal must be uploaded to the electronic call system in PDF format with the filename: “NFP\_FP\_[full proposal application ID number provided within call system]\_[project owner].pdf”
* The *project title* will be used in external communication about the project. It should be short, descriptive, memorable and unique. It should ideally reflect the core activity of the project and potentially its deliverables. Short titles of less than 50 characters in length including spaces are required. The title should ideally include more than one word in order to be descriptive. The *project subtitle* should elaborate on the project title, using up to 120 characters including spaces.
* All explanatory text [marked with square brackets] in the template should be deleted before submitting. Please leave the text in this box.

# Project summary

[Approximately 200 words]

# Problem statement, primary and secondary objectives

[Approximately 2 pages

Describe the background for the project, position the project in relation to the state-of-the-art and explain how the project will address relevant research gaps. List the project’s primary and secondary objectives.]

# Relevance to the call

[Approximately 1 page

Describe the relevance of the project to the following criteria: Nordic Added Value, System Perspective, Political Relevance and Strategic Relevance. Please consult Attachment 2 to the call text to ensure you understand how these terms are defined in this call.]

# Hypotheses / research questions, analytical and practical approach

[Approximately 3 pages

Present approaches to the research problem and/or hypotheses using language that will be understandable to individuals with a general understanding of the field. Please avoid excessive use of abbreviations or overly technical terminology.

It is essential to describe how the project will expand existing knowledge as well as explain how it represents original thinking and scientific renewal (figures may be used). The application should describe the analytical approach, clarify how research problems have been defined as well as justify the scientific methods that will be applied. The application should also explain the appropriateness of these methods in relation to the project’s research problems and/or hypotheses. Alternatively, you may describe how the project will refine existing or introduce new methodologies and/or theories. When appropriate, describe the use and structure of the multidisciplinary approach.]

# Project organisation and progress plan

[Approximately 5 pages including tables

Provide an account of the planned project implementation. It is important to describe the planning of the individual scientific components as well as how interaction between these will take place. If the project is organised into work packages, subsidiary tasks or sub-projects, the specification of parts should be organised accordingly. Figures may be used.

Provide an overview of the expertise, partners, infrastructure and other resources from the applicant organisation(s) that will be significant to the implementation of the project. Outline the role and extent of involvement of key members of the project team. This is in addition to the table of partners below.

Describe the extent, substance and importance of Nordic network-building and international cooperation.

Describe any guiding bodies within the project, their roles and how these groups will be organised.

For projects involving PhDs or post-docs, provide a brief summary about the teaching environment and the framework in place for ensuring that the candidate(s) complete the programme.

Nordic Energy Research has a general objective of increasing the recruitment of women and improving the gender balance in funded projects. Please include a brief description of how gender balance will be promoted in the project.]

## Table A. Partners

[The partners that will be under obligation to contribute to the project by performing R&D activities and/or providing funding, and/or that will be granted rights to the project.]

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Organisation | Country | Contact person | Title | Role (e.g. work package leader) | Email and telephone |
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## Table B. Other participating organisations

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Organisation | Country | Contact person | Title | Role (e.g. advisory board member, involved end user) | Confirmed (y/n) |
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## Table C. Progress Plan

[List key milestones in the project, encompassing both research activities and dissemination activities. The table should be approximately 1 page in length]

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Milestone | Year | Quarter |
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# Dissemination plan

[Approximately 2 pages

Describe plans for peer reviewed publication in the project, including details such as the journals that will be targeted for publishing.

Describe plans for broader dissemination activities to user groups. Specify targeted user groups that are relevant for the project. Specify the involvement of end users in the project. Specify the information channels that will be used to communicate research findings to user groups. Specify in detail the key dissemination deliverables of the project. Describe the expected impact of the project and how user groups are expected to benefit from the project results and put them into use. If relevant, explain how deliverables will be focussed or adapted to end users in different Nordic countries.]

## Table D. Dissemination activities

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | Total |
| Peer reviewed articles, books, book chapters etc. published with or submitted to academic publishers |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-peer reviewed publications (reports, briefs, books, articles targeting policy-makers, industry or other end users) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Media coverage (opinion pieces or interviews/appearances in all types of mass media) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Events targeting end users organised by the project (such as conferences, side events or workshops) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Presentations targeting end users given by project participants (including participation in panel debates) |  |  |  |  |  |  |

# References

# Budget

[This section has no page limit.

In addition to filling out the tables below, you may use this space to briefly explain any relevant aspects of the budget. All co-financing must be confirmed and is binding. All monetary amounts should be in 1000 NOK.]

## Table E. Total budget

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Organisation | Country | Own financing (in-kind) | Own financing (financial) | Sought from NER |
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|  |  |  |  |  |
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| Total (in 1000 NOK) |  |  |  |

## Table F. Annual financing plan

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | Total |
| Own financing (in-kind)  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Own financing (financial) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sought from NER |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total (in 1000 NOK)  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Table G. Annual budget by expense

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | Total |
| Salary |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overhead |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Equipment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Meetings, conferences  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Communication services |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Travel (incl. external experts) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total (in 1000 NOK) |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Table H. Annual budget by partner

[This page should have a horizontal layout. The table includes both own financing and financing sought from NER. Overhead, equipment and all other costs should be included in the Other column.]

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Organisation | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | Total |
| Person months | Salary | Other | Person months | Salary | Other | Person months | Salary | Other | Person months | Salary | Other | Person months | Salary | Other | Person months | Salary | Other |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Total (in 1000 NOK)  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |