**Annex 1:**

**PhD Support Program 2021**

**Research Project Proposal Structure**

**I. Title Page**

1. Research Project Title
2. Research area
3. PhD student and Supervisor

* Name, surname
* Position, Lab/Department/Faculty
* Research Institution/University
* Contact details (E-mail, Mobile)
* Links of profiles (ResearchGate, Academia, Google Scholar, LinkedIn)

1. Abstract (100-200 words)
2. Key words
3. Signatures of both PhD student and supervisor

**II. Table of Contents**

The proposal has to include the following sections:

*Research proposal*

1. Introduction (1 page)
2. Background (1 page)
3. Problem definition (2-3 pages)

* Research question(s)/hypothesis
* Scientific objectives
* Novelty/Innovation
* Applicability/Adaptability

1. Research plan, materials and methods, technical approach (2-3 pages)
2. Expected results and outcomes (1-2 pages)
3. References (list of publications cited in the proposal)

*Technical proposal*

1. Implementation schedule and milestones (1 year)
2. Expected challenges
3. Team and partners (include the selected publications with links, if any)
4. Appendixes (include previous results and other related information, if any)

The milestones should be presented using the table format, as demonstrated below:

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| **Action/Milestone** | **Deliverables** | **Due Date** |
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The team and partners part should be presented using the table format, as demonstrated below:

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| **Name surname/Partner** | **University/Institute, Department/Faculty/Lab** | **Responsibilities** |
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The selected publications should include only the publications of the PhD student and his/her supervisor, which are related to the topic presented in the proposal. It should be presented using the table format, as demonstrated below:

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| **Name, surname of the author(s)** | **Title** | **Key words** | **Journal** | **Impact Factor** |
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