**Maximum 10 pages including graphs and figures**

We expect the project description to include the following points:

**1. Summary of the project (abstract)**

**2. Main objective and 3 sub objectives**

Present the main objective and up to three sub objectives.

*(Definition of objective: The goals of the work performed within the project, in terms of its research and innovation content. This will be translated into the project’s results. These may range from tackling specific research questions, demonstrating the feasibility of an innovation, sharing knowledge among stakeholders on specific issues. The nature of the objectives will depend on the type of action, and the scope of the topic.)*

**3. Project background and scientific basis**

Provide a brief survey of existing research efforts and scientific basis, with references to scientific literature. Explain what scientific gap(s) you intend to fill. If your project is part of a larger research effort requiring coordination, explain specifically your planned contributions within the larger framework.

**4. Research questions, scientific challenges, and approach**

Outline your research questions and scientific challenges. Explain their scientific foundation and your approach to address them. Describe your ambitions of reaching beyond the state-of-the-art and how to reach these goals.

Outline your methods for reaching your scientific goals. Describe how you are planning to use empirical, analytical, or other methods for your research. Please state how these methods relate to the expected scientific contributions of the thesis. If applicable, describe the source of your data.

**5. Expected results**

Describe expected research results and research outcome.

*(Definition of results: What is generated during the project implementation. This may include, for example, know-how, innovative solutions, algorithms, proof of feasibility, new business models, policy recommendations, guidelines, prototypes, demonstrators, databases and datasets, trained researchers, new infrastructures, networks, etc.*

*Definition of research output: Results generated by the action to which access can be given in the form of scientific publications, data or other engineered* *outcomes and processes such as software, algorithms, protocols and electronic notebooks.)*

**6. Expected impact**

The description of impact should address the general scientific impact, the specific impact towards the goals of the research programme, as well as any broader societal impacts. *(Make sure to stress how you meet the two strategic assessment criteria : 1) Alignment with the overall objectives and the thematic framework of this call and 2) The impact of the proposed research collaboration for the region*)

**7. Project implementation and risk assessment**

Present the implementation of the project. Include work packages.

Arrange the project around key milestones. Show that the pathway from research questions to results and impact are logical and attainable. Include deliverables that can be used to monitor the progress. Explain the roles of the different members of the consortium.

*(Definition of milestones: Control points in the project that help to chart progress. Milestones may correspond to the achievement of a key result, allowing the next phase of the work to begin. They may also be needed at intermediary points so that, if problems have arisen, corrective measures can be taken. A milestone may be a critical decision point in the project where, for example, the consortium must decide which of several technologies to adopt for further development. The achievement of a milestone should be verifiable.*

*Definition of deliverables: A report providing information to ensure effective monitoring of the project. We suggest using a Gantt Chart and/or PERT Chart)*

Include a risk assessment with considerations on possible threats to the project implementation and suggestions as how to handle possible project modifications.