

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SAFIR2022 CALL 2021 (14.8.-9.10.2020)

The research needs and organisation of SAFIR2022 programme are described in the SAFIR2022 framework plan “The Finnish Nuclear Power Plant Safety Research Programme 2019-2022”, see <http://SAFIR2022.vtt.fi/>.

Proposal documents

The proposals consisting of the following documents shall be delivered to the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment (MEAE) by 9.10.2020 at 12:00 (see also the official letter opening the call by MEAE on 14.8.2020 and its Annex 1-1, in Finnish; and Annex 1-2):

1. A signed application letter of your organisation (free form) having a list of all attachments and where reference is also made to “Annex 1: SAFIR 2022 Framework Plan” and Annex 1-2: Supplement to the Framework Plan for 2021 Call (but Annex 1 and Annex 1-2 shall not be attached);
2. Annex 2: The project plan (following the instructed structure). Tick “Yes” if the proposal is proposed to be considered as an “Excellence project” (see below);
3. Annex 2-1: Resource Plan for 2021 (to be filled on the given Excel sheet). In joint projects, make a resource plan for each organisation and a summary plan for the whole project. The summary shall be the first table in the file;
4. Annex 3: “RAHOITUSESITYS ENERGIATUTKIMUS- TAI SELVITYSHANKKEEKSI” (MEAE Excel workbook with two sheets, in Finnish). In joint projects, a separate Annex 3 shall be made and signed by each organisation;
5. Other possible annexes starting from Annex 5.

The proposals should only be sent in electrical form. A special version shall also be sent to the programme director (see below for details).

Please note also the following details:

- Annex 2 and Annex 2-1 shall be written in English and Annex 3 in Finnish.
- Annex 2 - The ACRONYM (short name) of the project shall be in capitals with the maximum length of 7 characters.
- Annex 3 – The budget (“Esitettävä rahoitus”, item 3) should be filled for the planned duration of the project.
 - Do not fill the line “Muu rahoitus”, but please specify the funding organisations under the title line (lines 60-63) and their funding in different project years in the columns.

- Annex 3 – The cost breakdown (“Kustannuserittely”, item 4):
 - Do not fill the lines a (“Palkkakustannukset”, line 7) and e (“Vieraat työt ja palvelut”, line 21), but please fill the lines below them (lines 8, 22, and 23).
 - Please change the percentages related to indirect employee costs (“Muut henkilökustannukset”) and overhead costs (“Yleiskustannukset”) to the official numbers of your organisation. The calculations are made accurately although the results shown are rounded to 1000 € accuracy (this may lead to slight inconsistency of integers in the table).

Excellence projects

Projects lasting two, three or four years can be considered to be classified as “Excellence projects” (see Annex 1-1 of the letter opening the call by MEAE on 14.8.2020, in Finnish). In this 2021 call, new Excellence projects can only last two years. In order to indicate the proposal to be considered as an “Excellence project” tick “Yes” on the first page of the research plan template. SAFIR2022 Management Board (MB) may recommend funding of the “Excellence projects” for several years. In the case of several years funding recommendation, the “Excellence projects” will each year inform about the continuation of the project and update the project plan including the deliverables planned for the next research year (Annex 2) and the detailed budget for the next year (Annex 2-1). Please note that the project plan of an excellence proposal shall give such description of the whole project that the steering groups are able to evaluate it for several years funding decision.

The continuing excellence projects shall make a cover letter declaring the continuation of the project and signed by the project manager and update the project plan (Annex 2) and the resource plan for 2021 (Annex 2-1). No other documents are needed. The plan for 2021 shall be more detailed and include the planned deliverables and milestones, and up-to-date project organisation. The VYR funding in the resource plan for 2021 shall equal the amount decided by the SAFIR2022 Management Board for the original proposal. If changes are made to the original several years plan, the changes shall be clearly shown in the updated plan. The signed cover letter, Annex 2 and Annex 2-1 shall be submitted as a single PDF file to the MEAE and as separate files to the programme director (see the email addresses below). The deadline is the same as for the other proposals.

VYR funding for research organisations and companies

Research institutes, organisations carrying out technological research, and universities may receive VYR funding for up to 70% of the project’s total expenses. For the participation fees related to international treaties, however, 100% VYR funding is possible.

For companies 100% VYR funding is possible. The companies having 50 or fewer employees can report 50% indirect employee costs (“henkilösivukulut”) and 30% general overhead costs (“yleiskulut”). The company can also propose larger general overhead costs in reporting, but then it should be based on the accounting. For bigger companies acceptable indirect employee and general overhead costs are 50% and 50%, respectively. In addition, the de minimis rule of the EU subsidy regulations will be applied to companies.

In-kind contributions

If the in-kind is actual funding of the research project, it should be shown as financing in Annex 2-1 and Annex 3, and also included in the expenses of the corresponding tasks (such as in-kind related to the Halden project).

If the in-kind is other kind of contribution, such as use of equipment or human work, it shall not be included in the project budget, but it should be mentioned in the project plan and its estimated volume in 2021 shown in the "Comments" field of Annex 2-1.

Submission of proposals

The proposals should be delivered to the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment (MEAE) as a one PDF file to the e-mail address: tarjoukset@tem.fi. The deadline is 9.10.2020 at 12:00 (for details see the official letter of MEAE on 14.8.2020). Note that the signed pages shall be scanned. Other pages, however, shall not be scanned in order to limit the size of the file. The file shall be made by converting the Word and Excel documents into PDF form and then combining the files.

A special version of the proposal for the programme director

Special electrical versions of the proposal documents shall be sent to programme director Dr. Jari Hämäläinen (jari.hamalainen@vtt.fi) to be used in the evaluation process. The following documents shall be submitted:

1. One PDF file including the whole application with all annexes. It shall be identical to the official version submitted to the MEAE but without signatures and scanned pages. The file shall be made by converting the Word and Excel documents into PDF form and then combining the files.
2. Annex 2 as a separate PDF file.
3. Annex 2-1 as a separate PDF file.
4. Annex 3 as a separate PDF file (Annex 3 of each organisation as a separate file in joint projects).

The special version to the programme director shall be delivered by 9.10.2020 at 12:00.