Template for the research network description

Note that all sections/ main points of the research network description are mandatory.

Format

- The research network proposal should be written in English, be concise and to the point.
- Length: Max. 10 pages incl. figures/tables and list of references
- Font: Arial 11 pt or Times New Roman 12 pt or similar, single spacing, min. 2 cm margins. A 9 pt font may be used for the list of references and figure texts.

Research network title
The title must correspond to the network content and should reflect that it is a research network. It should be written in English and consist of up to 150 characters. Do not use capital letters.

1. Introduction
Please provide a focused description of the scientific background for the research network and an overview state-of-the-art and key challenges in the field.

1.1. Needs description
In the eSøknad application form, give a brief account of the expected impact/benefit for patient care and/or disease prevention and/or health service organization and quality in the short and/or long term. Describe for whom the research will have an impact (target group). This may be elaborated further in the description of the network.

2. Aims and objectives
The main and secondary aims should also be stated in the application form (eSøknad) and may be elaborated in more detail in the project description. Provide a description of both short and long term aims and objectives.

3. Added value of the research network
How will the network contribute to achieving the objective of the call?

3.1. Network activities
Describe planned network activities contributing to build competence, increase research activity and collaboration and increase competitiveness for obtaining external research funding.

3.2. Participants and organization of the research network
Give an overview of the organization of the network and collaboration constellations:

- Coordinating research environment/core environment
- Active research environments/collaboration partners that participate in the network
- Other affiliated environments in the region, from universities etc.
- If applicable, other national or international collaboration partners

The most central collaboration partners in the regional research network should be listed in the application form (eSøknad).

3.3. Plan for activities

A milestone plan (activities) for the network should be presented in the application form (eSøknad). The network description should also contain a detailed description of the schedule and milestones of the network.

3.4. Budget

The budget should be entered in the application form (eSøknad). If necessary, supplementary information about the budget and use of resources could be stated in the network description. The budget should provide a clear overview of the financial framework for the network and correspond to its aims and content.

4. User involvement

Account for the user involvement at a strategic level in the network structure (e.g. reference group). In addition, describe how it will be facilitated for user involvement in research projects within the field.

5. Ethical considerations

Describe any ethical considerations associated with the proposed research network, and how these will be handled. If there are no ethical issues, this should be explained here.

6. References

The list of references should refer to literature supporting the academic content of the research network.

General advices:

- Avoid extensive use of abbrevations, tecnical jargon etc.
- It is important to stick to the format requirements. An application can be rejected if the network description is too long, written in Norwegian etc.