Information for applicants to RESINNREG

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Guide for the project description

Formal requirements
- Approximate length: 10 pages + title page. This includes references, tables and figures.
- Formatting: Applicants are recommended to use arial font size 11 or Times New Roman font size 12 with 1.15 line spacing. In reference list, tables and figures font size 9 may be used.

General advice:
- The project description is a short and well-organized summing up of the research project that you propose to undertake.
- The project description will be read and assessed by the project committee for RESINNREG (Innovation and regional development). The committee has members from quite different disciplines. Hence, use a clear language and avoid the use of abbreviations.

1. Title page
Please provide
- an informative title
- your name
- the names, titles and institutional affiliation of your supervisor(s).

2. Introduction and purpose (1/2- 1 page)
In this part you want to give the reader an idea of what your project is all about. Try to make clear what are you going to do, and why your project is important.

3. Relevance for the PhD-programme RESINNREG
You should state how the project have an academic relevance for the transdisciplinary PhD-programme RESINNREG. This could include a reflection on concepts, e.g., innovation, transformation, responsible innovation.

4. Theoretical background and purpose (approx. 2-3 pages)

In this part, you give a short overview of your research topic including a short literature review / state of the art. It may be a good idea to present some central challenges or "knowledge gaps" that your project intends to fill, and why filling them is important.

Key questions for this section are:
- What is the theoretical background for your study?
- What do we know about this already, and what do we need to know? (state of the art – in brief)
- Which theoretical perspectives and/or which theoretical concepts will be useful in your project?

5. Aims and research questions

In this part you state the aim of your study and specify the research questions. If you are part of a larger project, it has to be made clear what are the aims and research questions of the overall project, and what are the aims and research questions in your personal project.

6. Methodological approaches

What are the methodological approaches you are going to use? (Please have in mind: why did you select these methods and approaches rather than someone else?)

Please clarify your
- Choice of methods / methodological design
- Data collection (If applicable: please state how you are going to do it, what, how much (criteria for inclusion/exclusion, etc)
- Data analysis (How?)

Alternatively, the candidate may explain how he/she will go about to develop appropriate methods and approaches along the way (inductively or abductively).

7. Collaboration and the applied dimension of the project

Under this you should add information on the following:
- Are you planning a stay abroad? Where, when and for what purpose?
- Who will be affected by your study? Who may have interests in the findings? Are you going to involve users in this project period (from its start to the very end)? Please note that user involvement should give an added value to the project. If user involvement is not applicable, it should be stated briefly why this is so.
- Will there be an applied dimension in the project? Describe the impact of your research.

8. Progress plan

Describe milestones and the progression of the project, e.g., in a timetable.

Please note that you need to take at least 30 ECTS. For RESINNREG candidates the PHDINN902, PHDINN903 and PHD904 are mandatory courses. In addition, all candidates need to take at least 5 ECTS in methods. The candidates are also encouraged to choose one of our thematic courses, e.g.

PHDINN906, PHDINN907 or PHDINN908. The PhD-regulation allow you to take until 10 ECTS externally.

9. Ethics

Please raise ethical considerations of relevance for the proposed study. Does the project require application to NSD or REK? If so, are such permission already obtained or will they be? If obtained, please provide the project number from NSD or REK.

10. References

Literature list

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[1] Please note that 50% research time is the minimum we require for being admissible to the programme. 50% research time normally entails a project period of 6 years if you have not already started to work on the PhD project.