**Detailed Project Description (max. 15 pages).**

**Applicants must use the following formatting constraints: Arial, at least font size 11, font colour black, prescribed margins (2.0cm side, 1.5cm top and bottom), single line spacing. The document is set-up using this formatting**

**The research proposal must provide a detailed description of the scholarly, scientific and/or technical aspects of the proposal, demonstrating the originality and novelty of the research, the proposed research methodology (including key risk and contingency plans) and its potential impact. The proposal must include a detailed budget justification. Explicit and clear justification should be provided for each budget category. *References do not count towards the page limit*.**

**This document should include the following:**

**I. State-of-the-art and objectives**

Specify the proposal objectives in the context of the state of the art in the research field. It should be clear how and why the proposed work is important for the field, and what impact it will have if successful, such as how it may open up new horizons or opportunities for science, technology or scholarship. Highlight any particularly challenging or unconventional aspects of the proposal, including multi- or inter-disciplinary aspects.

**II. Methodology**

Describe the proposed methodology in detail including, as appropriate, key intermediate goals. Explain and justify the methodology in relation to the state-of-the art, including any particularly novel or unconventional aspects addressing 'high-risk/high-gain' balance. Highlight any intermediate stages where results may require adjustments to the project planning.

**III. Resources (including project costs, see Appendix 2 of Call Document).**

State the amount of funding considered necessary to fulfil the research objectives. The project cost estimation should be as accurate as possible. The requested budget should be fully justified and in proportion to the actual needs.

Describe all the cost categories considered necessary for the project. Specify your commitment in terms of percentage of working time you are willing to devote to the proposed project and, if applicable, the percentage of salary claimed on the grant.

Describe the size and nature of the team, indicating, where appropriate, the key team members and their roles. Specify any existing resources that will contribute to the project.

Describe other necessary resources, such as infrastructure and equipment. It is advisable to include a short technical description of any equipment requested, a justification of its need, as well as the intensity of its planned use.

When estimating the costs for travel, please also consider participation of the Principal Investigator and team members in conferences and dissemination events.

**Delete the above guidance, if necessary to conserve space.**