### Template for

### mandatory outline for AI research centres

**It is mandatory to submit an outline. Only applicants who have submitted outlines are eligible to apply for funding under the main call for AI research centres, which has a tentative deadline of 15 January 2025. The deadline for submitting a mandatory outline is 7 June 2024, at 13:00 CEST.**

Please note that only approved Norwegian research organisations in effective collaboration with other research organisations, companies and/or public entities may submit applications under the main call. However, it is possible for all relevant partners and applicants to submit outlines.

**The outline must follow the template on the next page and all points must be filled in.**

*Please note that we will publish the title, name of Project Owner, contact person, actors and summary of each outline.*

The outline must be submitted via My RCN Web.

The outline must be written in Norwegian or English. The page format should be A4 with 2 cm margins, 11 pt. font (Calibri) and single line spacing. For any reference lists or figure texts, font size 9 may be used.

The outline description and table with contact information and abstracts should be uploaded as one combined PDF file. The document should not exceed five pages and it is not possible to upload more than this.

This information page and all text in italics should be deleted in the outline description you submit.

***The outline (5 pages) must be uploaded as attachment via My RCN Web.***

***Note!*** Please note that you can only submit the outline once. If you submit the outline before the deadline and afterwards see that it still needs to be changed, you can create a new outline – e.g. as a copy of the one you have already submitted – and thus submit a new version before the deadline expires.

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| Outline no.: |
| (Completed by the Research Council) |

**Title, contact information and summary**

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| **TITLE OF THE OUTLINE:** |  |
| **NAME OF PROJECT OWNER:** |  |
| **PROJECT OWNER’S WEBSITE:** |  |
| **CONTACT PERSON FOR THE OUTLINE:** |  |
| **CONTACT PERSON'S EMAIL ADDRESS:** |  |
| **CONTACT PERSON'S MOBILE PHONE NO.:** |  |
| **LIST ACTORS BEHIND THE OUTLINE:** |  |
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| **SUMMARY – will be made public (max 10 lines)** |  |
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**Objectives and rationale for the centre**

*What is the goal of the centre? What function should it have, what role should it play and what are the most important tasks? What will be the added value of such a centre and how will it complement or reinforce ongoing initiatives nationally and internationally?*

**Research and technology development**

*What will the centre work with; what research will be conducted? Which research questions will the centre aim to find answers to and which interdisciplinary issues will the centre work with? Why is this research important and how will it advance the research front (cf. state-of-the-art)?*

**Impact**

*What societal relevance and usefulness will the research have? How will the centre leave its mark and what will be the centre's most important footprint and success factors? What will be the most important effects of the centre in the short term (within five years), and in what areas can the most significant long-term impacts of the centre's activities be expected? How can this be measured compared to the current situation?*

**Implementation**

*What prerequisites must be in place and what resources (expertise, equipment, data, research infrastructure, etc.) are necessary to establish, operate and carry out the centre's activities?*

*How is the centre intended to be organised and how will you ensure good interaction between the centre's participants and partners? How will the centre involve relevant academic communities in a way that makes the collaboration truly interdisciplinary? Describe how the centre will contribute to recruitment, research training and competence building.*

*What types of knowledge and competence environments must be involved, and which actors must collaborate (R&D environments, companies, public enterprises, interest organisations, population groups, etc.) to achieve the centre's goals?*

**Dialogue and dissemination**

*How will the centre ensure visibility, dialogue, communication and dissemination of knowledge, so that research results will benefit society and increase innovation and value creation?*

**Budget and costs**

*Set up an outline for a budget with the most important cost elements ─ such as personnel costs (researchers, PhD candidates, others), equipment, data, infrastructure, other operating expenses, etc. ─ and how you intend to finance the costs.*