

Guidance for the research plan/protocol (programme)

The annexe is to provide a complete description of the research assignment, with information under the following headings:

- **Scientific issues:** Specific goals (primary and secondary issues), together with an account of the purpose of the proposed research project or equivalent.
- **Overview of the field:** A summary of research by yourself and others, together with previous results in this field of research. Key references are to be given.
- **Project description:** A summary of the design of the project or equivalent. An account of the choice of research participants, procedures, methods, etc should be given. If there are several subsidiary projects, the sequence for their implementation should be given.
- **Significance:** A brief description of the significance of the project or equivalent for the field of research.

In relevant cases the following should also be accounted for or commented upon under special headings:

- Previous experience of methods and procedures (both your own and others), particularly with respect to risks and possible complications.
- A description of the availability of relevant safety measures and staff is to be given.
- Ethical considerations.