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Infrastructure Program - Development of online support for project proposals - S4P

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Infrastructural program Online Support for Development of Project Proposals – S4P will support the Slovenian research organizations and other users in the preparation of project proposals to the calls in EU programs and national calls. The main objective of S4P is to raise the success rate of applicants on the Slovenian EU research competitions and national competitions through raising the quality of project proposals and increase the number of cast-quality project proposals. We intend to achieve the goal of supporting the process of preparing the project design proposals using the following infrastructure tools:
• Database of best practice projects in EU programs and national calls.
• Online tools to support the development of project proposals in calls in EU programs and national calls.

Database of good practices in projects in EU and national calls will support the preparation of project proposals, review of appropriate methodologies of project preparation, and facilitate the preparation of the research content of the project proposals.

Online tool will methodologically support the applicants by using the best practices for the preparation of the structure of online project documents and the workflow, and offer assistance in preparing a formally correct proposal by implementing the formal requirements of each tender document in the structure of online project documents and the value checks of the individual input fields.

In addition, the online tool will offer methodological support through quantitative verification of the key parameters of project design and notifying the applicants of potential problems in project implementation based on the analysis and comparison with best practices and common mistakes of applicants according to the experience of project evaluators.

The online tool will allow the preparation of a project that will meet the requirements of each call in its structure and formal properties, and allow export of the resulting project documentation to the application forms and documents using a standard format based on XML.

Special attention will be given to the security and confidentiality of the data entered by applicants do to its sensitive nature. Among the security mechanisms, there will be authentication of users with their qualified digital certificate, strong encryption of content using the user specific key, and protection against intrusion. The system will be developed according to the guidelines for security of cloud based data and the relevant national legislation on personal data protection and electronic commerce.