THE SEVENTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME

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GUIDE FOR APPLICANTS

participating in a competitive call for additional beneficiaries in an ICT Integrated Project or Network of excellence

**Additional beneficiaries in the ICT Project
Number 288535 Acronym CONFINE**

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for the selection of additional beneficiaries in an ICT Integrated Project or Network of excellence

1. Introduction

The participants in the consortium managing an Integrated project or Network of excellence funded by the *Seventh Framework programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities contributing to the creation of the European research area and to innovation (2007-2013)* can, during their initial grant agreement negotiation with the Commission, reserve a portion of the project budget for specific tasks to be carried out by a new beneficiary or beneficiaries which will join the consortium at a later date. These later-joining beneficiaries are selected by means of a competitive call.

This **Guide for applicants** contains the basic information needed to guide you in preparing a proposal to join an existing ICT project which has launched such a competitive call. It gives instructions on how to structure your proposal. It also describes how the proposal should be submitted, and the criteria on which it will be evaluated.

Conditions of participation and funding are those of the Seventh Framework programme, as defined principally in *Regulation (EC) No 1906/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 laying down the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities in actions under the Seventh Framework Programme and for the dissemination of research results (2007-2013)*. This can be found at http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/find-doc_en.html in the document "EC Rules for participation".

The proposer which is selected to join the consortium will be required to accede to the existing grant agreement; a model example of which can also be found at the above website ("Standard model grant agreement"). It will also be required to sign the existing consortium agreement, an internal project document concerning the relations between the partners.

> **This Guide for applicants does not supersede the rules and conditions laid out, in particular, in Council and Parliament Decisions relevant to the Seventh Framework Programme**

1.2 Funding of participation

Participation as a beneficiary in an FP7 project is on a <u>cost-shared</u> basis, the Commission making only a partial contribution to the total cost of the work.

The following may receive EU funding in an FP7 project:
- Any legal entity established in a Member State or an FP7 Associated country[1] (including the European Commission's Joint Research Centre), or created under Community law (e.g. a European Economic Interest Grouping),
- Any international European interest organisation

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[1] The FP7 Associated countries are Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, FYR Macedonia, Iceland, Israel, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey.

- Any legal entity established in an FP7 International Cooperation Partner Country (ICPC). A complete list of these countries is given in annex 1 of the ICT Workprogramme[2], but in principle it includes the developing countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America, as well as those European countries which are not already Member states or Associated countries.

Organisations from certain other countries may also receive a Community financial contribution, as defined in the Rules of Participation in FP7.

Fuller details of the Commission's funding arrangements can be found at http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/find-doc_en.html in the document "Guide to Financial Issues".

2. How to prepare and submit a proposal

2.1 One stage submission

Proposals for selection as an additional beneficiary in an ICT project are submitted in a single stage, by submitting a complete proposal application which is prepared as described in Annex 1 of this document.

Existing participants in the ICT project may not respond to this call.

2.2 Proposal language

The proposal must be prepared in English. Proposals submitted in any other language will not be evaluated.

2.3 Submission of proposals

Proposals must be submitted electronically in PDF format to the address given in the call announcement.

If you discover an error in your proposal, and provided the call deadline has not passed, you may submit a new version. Only the last version received before the call deadline will be considered in the evaluation.

Proposals must be received by the closing time and date of the call. Late proposals, or proposals submitted to any other address or by any other means than email, will not be evaluated.

Do not wait until the last minute to submit your proposal. Failure of your proposal to arrive in time for any reason, including communications delays, is not acceptable as an extenuating circumstance. The time of receipt of your message as recorded by the email system will be definitive

2.4 Acknowledgement of receipt

You should request a delivery receipt for your email (For example, in Microsoft Outlook select this under View/Options)

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[2] Obtainable at http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/

As soon as possible after the close of call, an Acknowledgment of receipt will be emailed to you by the ICT project. The sending of an Acknowledgement of receipt does not imply that your proposal has been accepted as eligible for evaluation.

3. Proposal evaluation and selection

The ICT project will evaluate proposals received in the light of the criteria that governed the Commission's original evaluation and selection of their project, using the form shown in Annex 2 of this document and with the assistance of at least two experts who are independent of any member of the consortium and of any proposer. The experts will be individuals from the fields of science, industry and/or with experience in the field of innovation and also with the highest level of knowledge, and who are internationally recognised authorities in the relevant specialist area.

Each independent expert will record his/her individual opinion of each proposal on the attached form. They will then meet or communicate together to prepare a "consensus" form for each proposal. Using the results given on the consensus form, the consortium will normally select the proposal with the highest overall score.

However, the ICT project is not obliged to select the highest scoring proposal where it has objective grounds, for example commercial competition. In this case the choice may pass to the next-ranked proposal.

Also the ICT project may conclude that even the highest scoring proposal is of inadequate quality, in which case it will make no selection. In the event of no selection being made, the project may or may not re-open the call at a later date.

4. Support to proposers

4.1 Call Helpdesk
For further information on the call, contact:

Name: Felix Freitag, UPC
Email (preferably): opencall2@confine-project.eu
Tel: +34 934011609

4.2 National Contact Points
The ICT Theme supports a network of National Contact Points (NCPs), which can be helpful to organisations from their country both in general advice and particularly on preparing proposals. Organisations should contact the NCP of their own country for further information. http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/ncps_en.html .

4.3 The Intellectual Property Rights Helpdesk
The IPR-Helpdesk has as its main objective to assist potential and current beneficiaries taking part in Community funded projects on Intellectual Property Rights issues, and in particular on Community diffusion and protection rules and issues relating to IPR in international projects. http://www.ipr-helpdesk.org

Annex 1 – Proposal format for a proposal

> **Proposals must be submitted:**
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> **as a single file in PDF format**
> **in English**
> **to the address given in the call announcement (request a delivery receipt)**
> **before the date and time given as the call deadline in the call announcement**
> **with, as the subject line of your message, "Competitive call – Confine2"**

Front page
Full title of the existing project: Community Networks Testbed for the Future Internet
Acronym of the existing project: CONFINE
Grant agreement number of existing project: 288535
Type of instrument: Integrated project

Full title of your proposal:
Acronym of your proposal (optional):
Category (exactly one category must be selected)

A) Experiments relevant to community networks using the Community-Lab testbed	
B) Expansion of the Community-Lab testbed over other community networks	

Date of preparation of your proposal:
Version number *(optional)*:

Your organisation name:
Your organisation address:
Name of the coordinating person:
Coordinator telephone number:
Coordinator email:

> **Email address to which the Acknowledgement of Receipt should be sent:**
> *(insert)*

Proposal abstract
(Minimum 400 words - maximum 800 words summary of your proposed work)

Contents page
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Cost and funding breakdown

	RTD	Demonstration	Other	Management	Total
1. Personnel costs		0	0	0	
2. Other direct costs		0	0	0	
3. Total direct costs (Sum of row 1 and 2)		0	0	0	
4. Indirect costs		0	0	0	
5. Total costs (Sum of row 3 and 4)		0	0	0	
6. Requested EC contribution		0	0	0	

<u>In row 1, insert your personnel costs for the work involved, differentiating between:</u>
RTD activities: activities directly aimed at creating new knowledge, new technology, and products including scientific coordination.
Demonstration activities: activities designed to prove the viability of new technologies that offer a potential economic advantage, but which cannot be commercialised directly (e.g. testing of product like prototypes).
Other activities: any specific activities not covered by the above mentioned types of activity such as training, coordination, networking and dissemination (including publications). These activities should be specified later in the proposal.
Management activities include the maintenance of the consortium agreement, if it is obligatory, the overall legal, ethical, financial and administrative management including for each of the participants obtaining the certificates on the financial statements or on the methodology, the implementation of competitive calls by the consortium for the participation of new participants and, any other management activities foreseen in the proposal except coordination of research and technological development activities
Normally proposals for experiments or new facilities should not have management activities and usually all tasks expected from open call participants can be considered RTD.

<u>In row 2, insert any other direct costs, for example equipment or travel costs.</u>
<u>In row 3, calculate the sum of your personnel and other direct costs</u>
<u>In row 4, insert your indirect (overhead) costs.</u>
Indirect costs are all those eligible costs which cannot be identified by the participant as being directly attributed to the project but which can be identified and justified by its accounting system as being incurred in direct relationship with the eligible direct costs attributed to the project
You may use your actual overhead costs if this is possible within your organisation's accounting system. If not, you may use a calculated figure of 20% of the sum in row 3. If you are a non-profit public body, a research organisation, a secondary or higher education establishment or a small or medium enterprise, you may use a calculated figure of 60% of the sum in row 3.
<u>In row 5, calculate the sum of your direct and indirect costs.</u>

<u>In row 6, insert your requested EC contribution</u>

RTD activities: you may request up to 50%of the total cost figure. If you are a non-profit public body, a research organisation, a secondary or higher education establishment or a small or medium enterprise, you may request up to 75% funding.
Demonstration: you may request up to 50% funding
Other, **Management**: you may request up to 100% funding

Note: If you are successful in the evaluation, your final costs and funding estimates agreed with the ICT project will also be subject to legal and financial verification by the Commission services

Section 1: Scientific and/or technical quality, relevant to the topics addressed by the call

*The total section 1 must not exceed 10 pages **including** all tables*

1.1   Concept and objectives

Describe in detail the S&T objectives of your proposed action. Show how they relate to the topic(s) addressed by the competitive call. These objectives should be those achievable within your proposed action, not through subsequent development. They should be stated in a measurable and verifiable form.

(1) Provide a clear indication why Community-Lab is the right platform for you. For experiment proposals, indicate which aspects attracted you to this testbed for the execution of your envisaged experiment. For proposals of an expansion, motivate why you want to join Community-Lab.

(2) Explain how do you plan to provide feedback on how Community-Lab could be improved.

1.2   S/T methodology and associated work plan

A detailed work plan should be presented, broken down into work packages[3] (WPs) as proposed. Since this proposal targets the addition of additional project partners to the CONFINE project, the appropriate options for proposals to integrate in the existing CONFINE work plan are given in this template. The specific appropriate choice will depend on category of participation (experiment or expansion).

Please present your plans as follows:

i)   Describe the overall strategy of the work plan

ii)   Show the timing of the different activities (Gantt chart or similar).

iii)   Provide a detailed work description according to the work package template:

- Work package list (please use table 1.2a);
- Description of each work package (please use table 1.2b)
- Deliverables list (please use table 1.2c);

iv)   Provide a graphical presentation of the components showing their interdependencies (Pert diagram or similar)

v)   Describe any significant risks, and associated contingency plans

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[3] A work package is a major sub-division of the proposed work with a verifiable end-point - normally a deliverable or a milestone in the overall action.

Table 1.2a: Work package list

Work package list

Work package No	Work package title	Type of activity[4]	Person-months[5]	Start month[6]	End month[6]
4	Experimentally-driven research with the facility	RTD		M29	M?
	TOTAL				

Work package No	Work package title	Type of activity	Person-months	Start month	End month
3	Operation of the experimental facility	RTD		M29	M?
	TOTAL				

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[4] Please indicate <u>one</u> activity per work package:
RTD = Research and technological development; DEM = Demonstration; MGT = Management of the consortium; OTHER = Other specific activities if applicable in this call, including any activities to prepare for the dissemination and/or exploitation of project results and coordination activities.

[5] The total number of person-months allocated to each work package.

[6] Measured in months from your action start date (month 1).

Table 1.2b: Work package description

Work package description (for experiments, category A, otherwise remove this WP)

Work package number	4	Start date or starting event:	M29 (M1)
Work package title	Experimentally-driven research with the facility		
Activity type[7]	RTD		

Objectives

- Perform research on specific obstacles for setting up or extending a large-scale testbed or large-scale systems based on the testbed model
- Provide specific guidance and support for two experiments selected in open calls.
- Offer to researchers a number of open data sets which they can use for experimentation.
- Develop a framework which allows benchmarking components studied in the experiments.
- Provide documentation which easily shows the type of experiments and how they can be made on the experimental facility.

Description of work (possibly broken down into tasks)

T4.2 Experimentally-driven research from open calls (from M09 to M42): This task is a place-holder (no effort from initial consortium partners) for the effort from the external partners selected as a result of the two open calls for innovative usage experiments. The promotion of the calls will be part of the dissemination activities in T5.2, the selection will be done as part of the technical management in T1.2 and the experiments will be supported by WP3. The achievement of significant results will be explicitly supported (T3.2) and may include the development (T2.4) of customized services, tools and firmware for specific nodes, such as making available dedicated nodes for the selected experiments.

T4.2.1 Describe the scenario and goals of your experimentation. What is the starting point for the research (baseline): evaluation methods, pre-existing results, and pre-existing software used as a basis. What research topics will be studied beyond the baseline work. What work and specifically what experiments to be done in this project and what Community-Lab resources and how many to use. Expected effect or results from the experimentation. Expected impact on community networks and on research, industry and social communities.

For the second open call, intermediate results for experiments will be reported as part of D4.3

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[7] Please indicate <u>one</u> activity per work package:

RTD = Research and technological development; DEM = Demonstration; MGT = Management of the consortium; OTHER = Other specific activities, if applicable in this call, including any activities to prepare for the dissemination and/or exploitation of project results, and coordination activities.

(M36). The final results will be reported in D4.7 (M42), three months after the estimated end of the second batch of experiment.

T4.3 Best practices of experimentation (from M13 to M48):

This task comprises the:

T4.3.1 Creation of open data sets for experimentation: generation of different data sets which are provided to the researchers in using traces from the testbed for off-line experimentation. Having these open data sets available to all the researchers will allow a faster experimentation and ease the comparison of experimental results. Examples of data sets that can be collected are: spectrum usage at each wireless node, node availability, utilization, load and latency parameters, traffic (anonymized, aggregated, per protocol, per source/destination, per latency). User level parameters such as QoE and usability of the infrastructure will also be considered for inclusion in integrated experimental evaluations.

The results of this task will be reported in D4.9 (M36) will describe new data sets generated during the third year, requested by researchers or considered useful in order to take advantage of new opportunities. D4.10 (M48) will update and complete the description of the available data sets.

T4.3.2 Development of benchmarking framework: In order to ensure repeatability, reproducibility and verifiability of the experimental research, this sub-task will develop the tools that allow the control of different parameters of the testbed, and for being able to work with stable experimental configurations and integrate the data sets obtained in task T4.3.

The results of this task will be reported in the following deliveries: D4.9 (M36) describes the development and deployment of the benchmarking framework. D4.10 (M48) will report evaluate the benchmarking framework and document any enhancements made.

T4.3.3 Documentation of best practices: This sub-task consists in generating a documentation which in a practical way describes the different experiments which have been made and which can be made on the experimental facility. The description of each experiment should contain the setup, configuration, the tools used and any additional hints which are helps to make experimentation easier. This documentation will be hosted in a repository accessible for the users. During the second year of the project (corresponding to the first year of the open testbed availability to researchers), project partners themselves will run a number of experiments in order have early documentation about best practices available.

Optionally describe how you can contribute to T4.3.

Best practices will be reported in deliverable D4.9 (M36) will mainly report the experiments and experiences of external researchers and users of the testbed. Deliverable D4.10 (M48) will be revise the previous deliverables D4.8 and D4.9 and produce an elaborated guide regarding the experiments and experimentation on the testbed.

Contribution to Tasks 4.2 is mandatory; contribution to task 4.3 is optional.

Deliverables (brief description) and month of delivery

Del. no.	Due Date (Month)	Delivery Name
D4.3	M36	Experimental research on testbed for community networks (year 3)

D4.4	M48	Experimental research on testbed for community networks (year 4)	
D4.7	M42	Results of second batch of selected experiment	
D4.9	M36	Tools for experimental research (Year 3)	
D4.10	M48	Tools for experimental research (Year 4)	

Total effort (person months) – <mark>**Please fill in your total effort**</mark>

Work package description <mark>(for expansions, category B, otherwise remove this WP)</mark>

Work package number	3	Start date or starting event:	M29 (M1)
Work package title	Operation of the experimental facility		
Activity type[8]	RTD		

Objectives

The main objective addressed in WP3 is the operation of the testbed for facilitating to perform the experiments by researchers in WP4 or external users of the testbed, addressed by task T3.1. This provision starts based on the tools and services developed in WP2 in the first year.

The provision of the experimental facility implies two sub-objectives: (1) supporting researchers as users of the testbed including documentation to facilitate the preparation of experiments, supporting researchers as experiments are being carried out, and collecting feedback from the uses of the testbed, and (2) managing the infrastructure of the testbed to ensure it is operating correctly, including handling incidents of all type, and corrective measures.

The technical and scientific objectives therefore are:

Availability and usability of the testbed beginning operation on the second year

> Support to researchers using the testbed

> Management of the testbed to ensure its correct operation

Extension of the testbed by the deployment of new nodes

> Install and configure new nodes in the testbed

> Define test procedures, metrics and benchmarks for new nodes

> Run experiments for testing new nodes

Description of work (possibly broken down into tasks)

<mark>In CONFINE, WP3 is broken down three tasks:</mark>

T3.1 Experimental facility provision (management of the testbed) (from M06 to M48): This task is responsible for the provision of a continuously operating testbed and the provision of the specified tools, services and features to allow users carrying out experimental research. This task includes the administration of the testbed, monitoring of services and traffic. <mark>Describe how you can coordinate with the existing partner in charge of the management of the testbed and the maintenance tasks on the newly deployed nodes.</mark>

The results will be reported in D3.4 (M36), a revised testbed management guide which include the description of the extension and integration of new features in the experimental facility made during

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in each reporting period.

T3.2 Support services for research experiments (support for users of the testbed) (from M07 to M48): This task provides direct help to the researchers who carry out experiments by facilitating a close interaction through a help desk, customized support, and mailing lists. The task also includes documenting for the users new features and updates, and producing user manuals and guides. <mark>Optionally describe how you can contribute to the existing effort.</mark>

The problems and solutions found in these interactions will be gathered and classified in order to provide them to the researchers and users as a document. The support provided will be reported in deliverable D3.3 (M36), which provides a consolidated deployment guide for users.

T3.3 Deployment of new nodes (from M7 to M36): In this task the physical deployment of new nodes in the testbed will be undertaken. Feedback from user and usage experiments in the second year will broaden the required hardware platforms to be used in the nodes. New sets of nodes with different features will therefore be deployed and integrated over the duration of the project.

<mark>Describe how you can contribute in this task in the deployment (not maintenance that is in T3.1).</mark>

The results of Task 3.3 will be reported in deliverable D3.4 (M36), which will report on the nodes in the testbed in the first three years.

<mark>Contribution to Tasks 3.1, 3.3 is mandatory; contribution to task 3.2 is optional.</mark>

Deliverables (brief description) and month of delivery

Del. no.	Due Date (Month)	Delivery Name
D3.3	M36	User and deployment guides (Year 3)
D3.4	M48	Manangement guide for deployed testbed (Year 4)

Total effort (person months) - <mark>**Please fill in your total effort**</mark>

Table 1.2c: Deliverables List

Del. no. [9]	Deliverable name	WP no.	Nature [10]	Diss. level [11]	Delivery month [12]
D4.3	Experimental research on testbed for community networks (year 3)	4	R	PU	M36
D4.4	Experimental research on testbed for community networks (year 4)	4	R	PU	M48
D4.7	Results of second batch of selected experiment	4	R	PU	M42
D4.9	Tools for experimental research (Year 3)	4	R	PU	M36
D4.10	Tools for experimental research (Year 4)	4	R	PU	M48

Del. no.	Deliverable name	WP no.	Nature	Diss. level	Delivery month
D3.3	User and deployment guides (Year 3)	3	R	PU	M36
D3.4	Manangement guide for deployed testbed (Year 4)	3	R	PU	M48

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[9] Deliverable numbers in order of delivery dates. Please use the numbering convention <WP number>.<number of deliverable within that WP>. For example, deliverable 4.2 would be the second deliverable from work package 4.

[10] Please indicate the nature of the deliverable using one of the following codes:
R = Report, **P** = Prototype, **D** = Demonstrator, **O** = Other

[11] Please indicate the dissemination level using one of the following codes:
PU = Public
PP = Restricted to other programme participants (including the Commission Services).
RE = Restricted to a group specified by the consortium (including the Commission Services).
CO = Confidential, only for members of the consortium (including the Commission Services).

[12] Measured in months from your action start date (month 1).

Section 2.   Implementation

The total section 2 must not exceed 2 pages. For each additional participant one further page is allowed.

2.1 Management structure

Should mention that you will adopt the CONFINE management structure.

2.2   Participant

Provide a brief description of your organisation, and your previous experience relevant to the tasks you will undertake in this action. Provide also a short profile of the main individuals who will be undertaking the work.

2.3 Consortium as a whole

Not required for one proposer. If more than one proposer, show the complementarity.

2.4   Resources to be committed

Describe how the totality of the necessary resources will be mobilised, including any resources that will complement the EC contribution. Show how the resources will be integrated in a coherent way, and show how your overall financial plan for the action is adequate.

Please identify any major non-personnel direct costs and explain why they are necessary for the activity you propose.

Section 3.   Impact

The total section 3 must not exceed 4 pages.

3.1   Expected impact

Describe how your activity will contribute towards the expected impact of the ICT project. Mention the steps that will be needed to bring about these impacts. Mention any assumptions and external factors that may determine whether the impacts will be achieved.

3.2   Dissemination and/or exploitation of results, and management of intellectual property

Describe the measures you propose for the dissemination and/or exploitation of the results of your action, first within the ICT project and then show how your contribution will increase the impact of the project as a whole.

As part of the work executed within WP3 or WP4, the following two dissemination activities will be undertaken:

- The results of the experiment/expansion will be published in an international publication (journal, conference, professional magazine ...).
- This outcome will also be presented and demonstrated at a FIRE event (e.g. FIA).

If appropriate, describe your plans for the management of knowledge (intellectual property) acquired in the course of the action. However, a summary of the policy in CONFINE is as follows:

The intellectual property (IP) background of the partners will be defined by each before signing the Consortium Agreement (CA).

Pre-existing know-how or IP (background) or generated during the project (foreground) will be made available to the consortium members for the execution of the project work free of charge unless otherwise agreed in the Background list.

If an IP cannot be directly exploited within the IP owner, the consortium will put in place a fair transfer mechanism in accordance with EC contract rules, taking into account that it should not interfere or compete with the existing business of project partners.

It may occur that a publication according to the dissemination plan compromises potentially valuable IP. In that case, the Technical Manager (and in case of further doubt, the General Assembly) has to review the publication in order to determine whether valuable IP is revealed or partner's interests are adversely affected.

As a general rule CONFINE will provide the knowledge gained as open content and the software developed as Open Source software. This software will be published on well-known sites such as Sourceforge, or any other repository with a expected long-term availability beyond the lifetime of the project. This will facilitate the use of that software by the community in future research and other software systems. By default jointly developed software algorithms will be disseminated using a BSD or Library GPL licence type. Tangible software results of this project can thus be used without the user having to reveal his IP-carrying code, as would be the case in the general GPL licence, although this does not preclude using a GPL licence to facilitate open and widespread adoption of the software developed in the project.

Section 4.   Ethical Issues

Describe any ethical issues that may arise in the action.

Section 5.   Use of proposal information

Proposals are treated in a confidential way, meaning that only successful proposals may be disclosed to the CONFINE consortium. Open calls previously organized by other FIRE projects were very successful and have revealed that many submitted non-granted proposals also contain very interesting and valuable information that could be used for setting up collaborations or to extract ideas for further improving the testbed. Therefore the project would like to have the opportunity to further use this information, also if the proposal is not selected for funding. In any case, the CONFINE consortium will treat all information of this proposal confidentially. Two types of information usage are envisaged:

- Information which is part of the Proposal Abstract, and the clear indication why CONFINE is the right platform for you as specified in section 1.1 will be used within the CONFINE project as input for tasks related to architectural optimizations, sustainability studies, etc. The same information can also be used in an anonymous way to create statistics and reports about this open call. All proposals submitted to this competitive open call are obliged to allow this form of information access and usage.
- The CONFINE consortium is also allowed to access other information belonging to this proposal. Any use of such information will be discussed and agreed upon with the proposers. Proposals have the freedom to select if they wish to support this kind of information usage.

The proposers are therefore asked to include the following statements below in their proposal and tick the corresponding boxes.

I allow that the Proposal abstract and the clear indication why CONFINE is the right platform for you as specified in section 1.1 may be accessed by the CONFINE consortium, also if the proposal is not selected for funding. In any case, the CONFINE consortium will treat all this information confidentially. It will be used within the project as input for tasks related to architectural optimizations, sustainability studies, etc. The same information can also be used in an anonymous way to create statistics and reports about this first open call.	YES	

Furthermore, I allow that the CONFINE consortium may access other parts of this proposal, also if the proposal is not selected for funding. In any case, the CONFINE consortium will treat all information of this proposal confidentially. Any use of this information will be discussed and agreed upon with the proposers.	YES	NO

Annex 2 – Template for an evaluation form

Proposal No. :	Acronym :

1. Scientific and/or technological excellence (relevant to the topics addressed by the call) *Note: when a proposal only **partially addresses the topics,** this condition will be reflected in the scoring of this criterion*	**Score:** *(Threshold 3/5; Weight 1)*
2. Quality and efficiency of the implementation and the management	**Score:** *(Threshold 3/5; Weight 1)* *For the purposes of any subsequent negotiation, an above-threshold score for this criterion is regarded as an indication that the proposer(s) has the operational capacity to carry out the work*

0 The proposal fails to address the criterion under examination or cannot be judged due to missing or incomplete information; 1 Poor The criterion is addressed in an inadequate manner, or there are serious inherent weaknesses; 2 Fair While the proposal broadly addresses the criterion, there are significant weaknesses; 3 Good The proposal addresses the criterion well, although improvements would be necessary; 4 Very good The proposal addresses the criterion very well, although certain improvements are still possible; 5 Excellent The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion in question. Any shortcomings are minor.

3. Potential impact through the development, dissemination and use of project results	Score: *(Threshold 3/5; Weight 1)*
Remarks	**Overall score:** *(Threshold 10/15)*

Does this proposal contain ethical issues that may need further attention ?	**NO**	**YES**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge, I have no direct or indirect conflict of interest in the evaluation of this proposal

Name	
Signature	
Date	

Name	
Signature	
Date	

0 The proposal fails to address the criterion under examination or cannot be judged due to missing or incomplete information; 1 Poor The criterion is addressed in an inadequate manner, or there are serious inherent weaknesses; 2 Fair While the proposal broadly addresses the criterion, there are significant weaknesses; 3 Good The proposal addresses the criterion well, although improvements would be necessary; 4 Very good The proposal addresses the criterion very well, although certain improvements are still possible; 5 Excellent The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion in question. Any shortcomings are minor.