**APPENDIX 2 - The funding application** (to be filled out in English)

*The document uses Times New Roman font type, 12 font size, 1 line spacing and 2 cm margins. Any modifications to these parameters are forbidden (excepting the tables, figures or their captions). The pages exceeding the established limits will not be taken into consideration in the evaluation process.*

*The black text marks the mandatory sections of the funding application and the grey text contains the requested information to be filled out by the applicants.*

**The Project leader:** *Name and First name*

1. **The project leader** (maximum 3 pages)

**B1. Curriculum Vitaeof the project leader** *(There will be indicated the BrainMap ID (the person unique code) from the* [www.brainmap.ro](http://www.brainmap.ro) *platform)*

**B2. Defining elements of the outstanding scientific achievements of the project leader**

1. Articles

*There will be indicated the most relevant papers (maximum 5) published by the project leader, from the theme field of the project proposal, explicitly mentioning of the own contribution to these papers. There can be indicated also articles accepted for publication, mentioning the date of acceptance. The evaluation will look in particular to the articles in which the project leader is the main author4, but where there are published paper works as co-author which the project leader considers relevant to his or hers scientific production, they may be indicated.*

1. Books/ chapters (including monographs):

*There will be indicated the most important (maximum 5) works: books, chapters, monographs, articles, critical editions, dictionaries or encyclopedias.*

*School or university textbooks are not taken into account even if they are published in prestigious international publishing houses.*

1. Patents:

*There will be indicated especially the patents/utility models with technology transfer obtained in EU countries or OECD member countries.*

1. Scientific presentations

*There will be indicated scientific invited presentations to international conferences representative in the field.*

5. Research projects:

*There will be indicated the research projects/grants awarded based on competition where the project leader was project coordinator or responsible for the project. There will be indicated the achieved results (articles, patents, books, also including the webpage of the funded project).*

**B3. Significant and representative scientific achievements**

*There will be presented the most important contributions of the project leader in hers or his research field (e.g. findings or results that have led significantly to a better knowledge in the field). Within the presentation, there will be highlighted the following aspects: (1) relating the achievments of the project leader in the research topic in which the funding application is submitted; (2) relating these contributions to the topic of the proposed project; (3) reflecting these contributions in its publications (especially as main author); (4) how these scientific contributions illustrate the independent researcher activity of the applicant and its scientific visibility, (5) HIRSCH Index (there will be indicated according to Web of Science Core Collection, SCOPUS and Google Scholar).*

4 According to OMECTS no.4478/2011, Appendix 2, Section Definitions, art. 1

1. **Research project description** (maximum 8 pages)

*In this chapter there will be indicated, in detail, the scientific context, the goal, the objectives, how to implement the objectives (the project activities), the outputs and the necessary resources.*

**C1. Issues**

*There will be justified the scientific motivation of the project theme by delimiting the issue addressed in the context of the state of the art in the scientific field. There will be highlighted the following three issues: (1) the importance of the issue from scientific, technological, socio-economic or cultural point of view; (2) the elements of difficulty of the issue; (3) the limitations of current approaches by analyzing the state of the art of the knowledge related to the project topic.*

**C2. Objectives**

*There will be presented the project approach in principle, highlighting the following two aspects: (1) the specific objectives of the project; (2) the elements of originality and innovation that the implementation of the objectives brings to the field, in relation to the state of the art of the knowledge and related to previous projects implemented by the applicant.*

**C3. Impact**

*There will be discussed the aspects related to the potential impact of the project in the broader frame of the scientific field, with emphasis on the following aspects: (1) the potential to significantly influence the scientific field through new concepts or approaches, and if necessary, by opening of new themes or research directions; (2) discussing the potential impact of the project in the scientific, social, economic or cultural environment and/or the applicative directions to be explored within the project (where applicable for the proposed research direction).*

**C4. Methodology**

*There will be presented in detail the methodology of the research, stating, where possible, certain key intermediate goals. In elaborating this section there will be highlighted the following aspects: (1) choosing the methods and instruments of investigation, in relation to the newest approaches from the theme field, and how they will be integrated; (2) a work plan, spread in time, which will describe the organization and planning of the project in relation with the proposed objectives; (3) description of the potential risks and approaches through which these risks would be addressed; (4) description of the undertaken outputs.*

**C5*.* Ethical aspects (if appropriate)**

*There will be made a short description of the ethical aspects involved, including the source of the biological material; how are treated the ethical aspects according with the standard rules and the applicable regulations; there will be highlighted the benefits of the research as well as its effects and how the ethical aspects will be involved.*

**C6. Resources and budget**

*There will be presented the relevant existing resources for the project implementation, as well as the neccessary resources, which will be procured within the project. There will be also presented the estimation of the time allocated for the project by each team member, in units months/member. There must be described in detail the existing research infrastructure and laboratories where the research will be made (please indicate the link in* [*www.erris.gov.ro*](http://www.erris.gov.ro) *platform) and how they can support the research activities presented in the project. When new equipment will be procured with a value higher than 60,000 lei (price that includes VAT) is necessary to include a justification of the role of such equipment within the project. The budget breakdown by types of expenses and project years must also be detailed and justified. The types of expenses that are distributed in the budget are: personnel, logistics, travel and indirect expenses (overhead).*

Bugdet Breakdown (in lei):

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| **Budget chapter (expenses)** | **Year 1**  **(lei)** | **Year 2**  **(lei)** | **Total budget**  **(lei)** |
| **Personnel** |  |  |  |
| **Logistics** |  |  |  |
| **Travel** |  |  |  |
| **Indirect** |  |  |  |
| **Total** |  |  |  |

**C7. Bibliography** (maximum 2 pages)