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Call for Expressions of Interest Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEI) on Microelectronics and Communications Technologies

Proposal Template

Please use this template to complete your project outline. (Font: Calibri, size 12 pt, single space line with margins at 2.0 cm)

Your proposal must be **no more than 7 pages**, **excluding the cover page**. This is simply an outline of the proposed project at this stage, a more detailed project proposal along with a funding gap analysis will be required at a later stage should the project be selected for possible inclusion in the IPCEI. However, please ensure that sufficient detail is provided to allow for evaluation against the conditions and criteria set out in the Criteria and Scope of Call document published as part of this call for expressions of interest.

Each project should be submitted as a separate proposal and applicants may submit more than one proposal. It is possible to reference other proposals you are submitting if links between them exist. You may also reference proposals from other applicants if the proposals are linked; however, multiple applications for the same proposal cannot be submitted. This does not guarantee any proposals linked to successful applicants will also be selected.

Completed proposals should be **sent to <u>industrial policy@enterprise.gov.ie</u>** with Microelectronics IPCEI Proposal as the subject line by **noon on 27 August 2021**.

The submission of a project concept within the framework of the call for expressions of interest neither establishes a claim to, nor is it a prerequisite for, public funding in the intended IPCEI or any other form of public funding.

Cover Page

Organisation and Contact

- Please tell us the name of the organisation, address, and contact details
- Please tell us the name of the contact person, their email address and telephone number

Proposal

- 1. Brief introduction of the company and relevant experience
 - Please include details of how the organisation forms part of the relevant value chain
 - Please outline prior work in the relevant area
- 2. Describe the planned project and how it meets the IPCEI criteria (no more than 2 pages)
 Please give an overview of the project content and aims including
 - Where will the proposed project be implemented?
 - How does the proposed project constitute R&D and / or the first phase of industrial deployment of new technologies developed?
 - How does the proposed project go beyond state of the art for the sector?

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- How does this proposal differ from other projects in Europe?
- What, if any, impact will the proposed project have on the environment?
- What, if any Socio-economic impact and expected benefits will arise from the project?

Please note that, should your proposal be selection some of the information in this section may be shared publicly with other Member States and companies in order to help with the integrated IPCEI project process.

3. Goals and reference to national and European strategies
Please describe the project goals and how these related to national and European strategies.

4. Overview of investments

Please give an overview of the planned costs

- Please include investments as well as your financing plan and the amount of requested
 State aid
- Please provide details to demonstrate that under market conditions the proposed project could not be financed or implemented without the funding

A full list of eligible costs is included in the Annex of the State Aid Communication on IPCEI.¹

5. Overview of project-related co-operations

- If known, please tell us about other companies that are interested in the IPCEI and you intend to co-operate with and include details about the planned form of co-operation
- Please note any other linked proposals
- If applicable, please give information on any pan-European IPCEI consortium your project will be part of

6. Time plan

Please provide an overview (month-year) of the:

- Milestones
- Go/No go decisions
- Final Investment Decision

7. Spillover Actions

Please outline proposed spillover actions², which go beyond business as usual.

8. Status

Applicants should confirm that they are not

- i. undertakings which are subject to an outstanding recovery order following a previous European Commission decision declaring an aid illegal and incompatible with the internal market; or
- ii. an undertaking in difficulty according to the definition of the European Commission Guidelines on State aid for rescuing and restructuring non-financial undertaking in difficulty ((2014/C 249/01) Article 2 point 2.2).

¹ Communication from the Commission — Criteria for the analysis of the compatibility with the internal market of State aid to promote the execution of important projects of common European interest (europa.eu)

² The benefits of the project must not be limited to the undertakings or to the sector concerned but must be of wider relevance and application to the European economy or society through positive spill-over effects which are clearly defined in a concrete and identifiable manner