

Questions and answers

KON-4963 RnD project proposals: Open for questions until 11.4.2019 update with answers to the latest questions

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Statnett

Questions from the tender conference

- Q: Which languages is ok to use?
- A: English and Norwegian
- Q: Can we put the cost of PhD or post doc for the cost in the proposal?
- A: Yes
- Q: Do we need to have external funding ready to deadline 30.4.19?
- A: No, but inform about cost. If you have suggestions to co-partners or funding, please inform

Questions from the tender conference

- Q: Any specific things for non-norwegian research partners to take into account?
- A: No, but it could be beneficiary to include Norwegian partners from research centers etc.
- Q: The templates for the tender letter and the project description is in PDF format, is it possible to get in word/PPT?
- A: send an e-mail and ask for it to:
ellen.sande@statnett.no

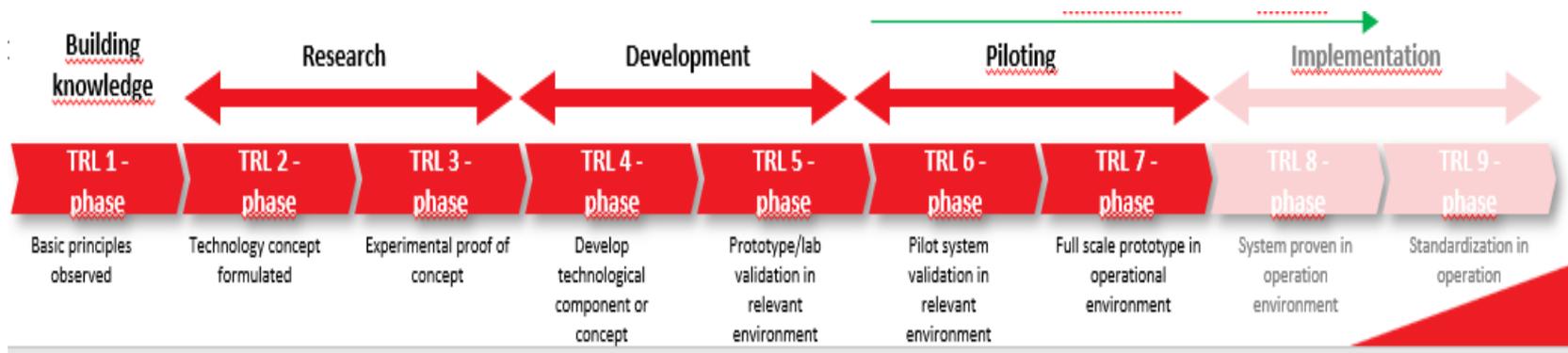
Questions sent by e-mail

- Q: In the preliminary assessment it is stated that the project's budget should be realistic in relation to Statnett R&D's resources. Could you reveal somehow on what size of project Statnett would like to aim for, which project would be indeed realistic and/or what is the budget and number of projects this remark is referring to? Many projects can be made small or large, progressing more or less in a certain direction, which is why this information is crucial to tailor anything to Statnett's needs as good as possible.
- A: Based on historical data our projects has an annual value from 250 000 NOK to 10 MNOK. The total budget is close to MNOK 100 from Statnett. NFR or others might contribute to increase the total value of the projects.

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- Q: What set of R&D partners would Statnett prefer to have involved? Although as many and broad may sound good, a larger number of parties usually also involve much more administration and overhead and sometimes political/strategical issues that only one or two partners may not have. This makes this also a matter of Statnett's preferred choice, which is why it would be good to have some insight in this.
- A: This depend on the TRL level and the complexity on the project. The ideal project spends over several TRL level and include partners that cover more then one phase of the TRL.

Answer to questions



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- Q: What project duration would Statnett prefer? Many R&D project would involve one or more PhD students, which will need a commitment of 4 years. Is this something which is in line with Statnett's view on that. By the way, this does not mean there cannot be any intermediate results, but is just related to the duration of the overall commitment.
- A: 4 years might be a ok timeframe. Normally the PhD is not a goal by itself for Statnett, but it might be part of the way leading up to the results we want. We have today projects that spends from 6 months to 8 years.
- Q: Will there be any further possibility to ask questions (between now and submission deadline)?
- A: Until 11th of April end of business day. Answers will be published shortly after Easter.

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- Q: Is there any minimum budget limit? If my project idea is relatively small (<1 year and <1mil NOK) is that okay?
- A: yes, Based on historical data our projects has an annual value from 250 000 NOK to 10 MNOK. The total budget is close to MNOK 100 from Statnett. NFR or others might contribute to increase the total value of the projects.
- Q: What does 'EHS' mean in the sentence "DescriptionofpotentialEHS gains:"?
- A: Environment, Health , Safety (Usually HSE)

Further questions sent by e-mail

- Question: Submission webform: Do you have a description of the programs and different project types so that I can make the right selections?
- Answer: No, please note that you do not need to fill in this information
- Question: Do we need to include the Tender Letter template?
- Answer: the invitation to tender and the information given elsewhere states that you need to submit the tender letter and the project description. The project description template is also used for other purposes, hence there is no reference to the tender letter there.