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Name of the applicant (university):

Application number:

The Competitive funding to strengthen university research profiles (**Profi**) instrument is designed to support and speed up the strategic profiling of Finnish universities to improve the quality of research.

The panel review is based on both the application and the interview.

Rating of a profiling area:

6/6: The measures, schedule, resources, follow-up of the implementation and impacts, and risk management plan are clearly very viable, feasible and plausible. The arrangements for distribution of work and collaboration have significant added value for the aspired level of research. The measures strongly promote knowledge transfer, competence-based growth and other needs in society.

5/6: The measures, schedule, resources, follow-up of the implementation and impacts, and risk management plan are viable, feasible and plausible. The arrangements for distribution of work and collaboration have added value for the aspired level of research. The measures promote knowledge transfer, competence-based growth and other needs in society.

4/6: In general sound but contains a few elements that could be improved.

3/6: In general sound but contains important elements that should be improved.

2/6: In need of substantial modification or improvement.

1/6: Severe flaws in the plan.

Review questions (1–5 for each profiling area):

1 Justification for the selection as a strategic profiling area

1 How plausible are the arguments for the area being selected as a strategic profiling area?

2 Measures, resources, schedule, follow-up, risk management

1 How viable, feasible and plausible is the action plan with regard to the measures, schedule, resources, follow-up of the implementation and impacts, and risk management?

3 Level of research

1 How viable, feasible and plausible is the plan to reach or to maintain the aspired international level of research and to renew research?

4 National and international collaboration

1 How viable are the arrangements for distribution of work and collaboration with other Finnish universities, Finnish research institutes, polytechnics, hospital districts and other partners in the profiling area including international collaboration? E.g. complementarity, research-related added value, infrastructures and data sharing.

5 Societal impact

1 What is the relevance and significance of the measures with regard to promoting knowledge transfer, competence-based growth and other needs in society?



6 Overall assessment and rating

Overall rating:

6 Outstanding: The action plan includes viable, significant and very concrete profiling measures that clearly promote strategic profiling within the university and that contribute significantly to enhancing research quality in the Finnish research and innovation system.

5 Excellent: The action plan includes viable, significant and very concrete profiling measures that promote strategic profiling within the university and that contribute to enhancing research quality in the Finnish research and innovation system.

4 Good: The action plan includes viable and concrete profiling measures. The proposed profiling measures should have been more extensive to reach the target and to contribute to the Finnish research and innovation system.

3 Modest: The action plan includes moderate profiling measures. For instance, the profiling measures should have been more extensive or viable.

2 Weak: The action plan is not viable in its present form.

1 Unsatisfactory: The action plan is out of scope.

- 1 How justified and clear is the action plan as a whole in relation to the university's strategic profiling areas and themes? To what extent will the action plan strengthen the implementation of the strategy? What is the university's overall commitment to the action plan?
- 2 Summary of key strengths and weaknesses of the proposed action plan
- 3 Recommendations and other feedback for the university; development needs and opportunities

7 Overall rating

