

Instructions: how to prepare a situational picture report

Research projects funded by the Strategic Research Council (SRC) will initially produce a situational picture report. The report shall present in a non- technical and concrete manner the starting points and objectives of the project's research and interaction at the start-up stage. The report is a public document and targeted above all at an audience beyond academia. The reports will be published on [the strategic research website](https://www.strategicresearch.fi).

The consortium shall prepare the report based on the research and interaction plan presented at the call stage. The report serves as a basis for further reflection and monitoring of the work of the consortium (in particular the impact stories used in annual reporting).

The report is written in Finnish and its length is 5–10 pages. Preferably, the report is written on the SRC report template and delivered as a Word file by email to the Division of Strategic Research at the Academy of Finland (strateginentutkimus@aka.fi) approximately within three months from the start of the funding period. A more detailed deadline will be notified to consortia separately.

The report may contain not only text but also graphics and images, but they must be in an accessible format. Please submit all graphics and images also as separate files (ppt or jpg), so that they can be used in communications on strategic research.

Structure and contents of situational picture report:

1. Summary

A summary of the below items, 2–3 paragraphs

2. Societal challenge

What societal challenge/phenomenon is the starting point for the research in the project? How does the research carried out in the project aim to help tackle the challenge, and what are the concrete impact targets of the project? (1–5 targets)

3. State of the art of the research

How does the project position itself in the international research landscape of the challenge/phenomenon? What is the state of the art of the research in this field, and how will the project advance it?

4. Multidisciplinary cooperation



Which scientific disciplines or research perspectives will be used to investigate the challenge/phenomenon and the related solutions? Which boundaries between societal sectors will be crossed?

5. Promoting interaction and impact

What kind of stakeholder cooperation and interaction does the project intend to engage in to reach the targets it has set for societal impact (item 2)?

6. References (if applicable)