FIRI Roadmap call 2020
TIPS to BUSINESS PLAN
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Strategy development area: Long-term perspective and dynamism

Long-term perspective

Research infrastructure actors shall have access to up-to-date information on the role and importance of research infrastructures in national and international research and innovation environments, on local research infrastructures and on the overall funding of research infrastructures and its long-term development and development needs.

Dynamism

The work of research infrastructure actors shall be supported by jointly developed models and incentives for long-term, but at the same time dynamic technological and financial solutions, expansion of funding bases and other new opportunities, considering financial perspectives spanning several government terms.
Why the thorough description of budget is important?

• Total, thorough budgeting is important because, it is one way to

> **show the long-term commitment and ownership to the large investments**

• Description of the total budget in the action plan:

“specify the details on the research infrastructure’s total funding (incl. expenditure and income) from the last five years. Specify also the budget plan until 2030 (incl. other host incl. other host organisations’ and funders’ funding contributions). “

Remember the infrastructure’s lifecycle described in section 2.

> **FIRI Committee needs to know the total investments (actualized and planned) to be able to see whether the services and overall operations of the RI are on a solid base financially and otherwise.**
Examples from the panel statements

• “The level of the institution’s support in terms of space, staff and facilities are very high.”

• ”The total budget is well explained and provides sufficient detail.”

• “However, how the research infrastructure could be sustained after the project period is not explained in detail. “

• ”More information would have helped to better understand the details of this plan given the large amount of funding applied for.”
Thank you!

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