**Project outline for a “Pioneer Project – Impetus for the German Science System”**

**Project Title:** Title of your Project

**Main Applicant:** Titel, First Name, Last Name

**Institution:** Please enter the affiliation of the main applicant

**Budget (EUR):** Total sum in EUR

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| **Your project in a nutshell:**  *Please summarize the fundamental idea of your project in up to three sentences.* |
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| **Problem description and proposed solution:**  *Please describe the problem that you have identified and the way you propose to address it with your project. Show the relevance of the problem for the (German) science system.* Please focus on the key aspects of your approach. In what way does it address the problem at hand? Please explain also why other funders cannot be asked for support for this particular project. Furthermore, discuss the relation of your project to one or more goals of this call: *-*  *Induce structural developments*  *- Generate genuinely new ideas*  *- Increase the capacity for innovation*  *- Help to balance competition and cooperation*  *- Enhance the resilience and/or capacity for adaptation*  *You may include selected graphs, pictures or visualizations below.  Please note that this is supposed to be a project outline only. The Volkswagen Foundation will use it to decide if a fleshed out version of the application will likely be positively reviewed by experts of the respective field. The focus of this first step in the selection process lies on the extent to which your idea fits the goals of the funding scheme. The proposal should therefore be concise and well-thought-out. Please refrain from giving references and a scientific explanation of the problem. Focus on your own idea.  (max. 1.000 words).* |
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| **Strategy for consolidation and scaling of your approach:**  *Please discuss briefly how you plan to consolidate the impetus of your project after the funding of the Volkswagen Foundation has ended. How do you plan to communicate your insights to other stakeholders? And in case of a successful implementation of your project: how could it be scaled up and made accessible to others?  (max. 250 words).* |
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| **Involved Partners/Institutions:**  *Please list all collaborating partners and institutions of your project. Letters of intent are not required at this stage.* |
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| **Budget outline:**  *Please give an approximation for the necessary budget of your project, divided into broad categories of spending such as personnel, workshops, travel costs, materials etc. A more detailed budget plan will be part of a full application.   Please note that it is not possible to include your own position or PhD positions in the budget (see “Information for applicants” for further details)* |
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| **Graphs (optional):**  *Here you may include up to two graphs, pictures or visualizations.* |