

NB! The (preliminary) application form for PoC grants has to be filled in in Estonian, since the applications will be evaluated by Estonian reviewers. The application can be submitted in English only in exceptional cases when the applicant and/or the senior member(s) of the research team have no knowledge of Estonian.

This is a sample application form for proof-of-concept grant applications. The application has to be submitted via the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS). In order to create the application, you should fill in the compulsory fields (marked with a star). Before filling in the (preliminary) application form, please see also the Evaluation Guidelines for PoC Grant Applications in which the evaluation criteria have been stipulated. When filling in the preliminary application form, only the tabs “General data” and “Preliminary application” are unlocked. All the other tabs will be unlocked after the preliminary application has been approved and considered eligible for the second stage of the application process.

NB! While filling in the application form in ETIS, please use the “Save” button frequently to save changes to your application and prevent data loss. If you keep the form idle for too long, the system can time out and you may lose any data that were unsaved.

Tab: General data

Project title in Estonian	*
Project title in English	*
Principal Investigator	*
Institution	*
Project start (year, month)	*
Project end (year, month)	*

Field of research, speciality and %	*
Requested grant amount in the preliminary application	<i>(The requested grant amount will be automatically also indicated in the full application)</i>
Co-funding instruments (if present)	
Short presentation of the project in Estonian	<p>* Please write, in Estonian, a short presentation of your project, explaining a) what is the problem addressed in the project, and why it is necessary and important to solve this problem? b) how will this problem be addressed in the project? c) what are the expected outcomes, and where can they be applied?</p> <p>This description should be understandable for a non-specialist audience. If the project will receive funding, this summary will be made public. <i>(The maximum length is 1,000 characters (incl. spaces))</i></p>
Short presentation of the project in English	<p>* Please write, in English, a short presentation of your project, explaining a) what is the problem addressed in the project, and why it is necessary and important to solve this problem? b) how will this problem be addressed in the project? c) what are the expected outcomes, and where can they be applied?</p> <p>This description should be understandable for a non-specialist audience. If the project will receive funding, this summary will be made public. <i>(The maximum length is 1,000 characters (incl. spaces))</i></p>
Keywords	* Please include 3-6 keywords for indexing purposes (select the keywords that will make it easier to find the best reviewers for your application).

Tab: Preliminary application

Requested grant amount in the preliminary application	*
Proof-of-concept idea: main objectives and outcomes, their novelty and estimated technology readiness level (TRL) by the end of the project, and their competitive position with respect to the existing solutions, products and/or services, incl. short market analysis of the sector	* Please briefly describe the idea, main objectives and expected outcomes of the project, incl. their estimated TRL according to the guidelines provided by the Council. Write a short overview and/or market analysis of the existing solutions, products and/or services, explain how the outcomes of the project will help to improve them, and indicate possible directions for future developments. <i>(The maximum length is 5,000 characters (incl. spaces))</i>
Results of the previous research on which the idea for the project is based on, incl. the identification of the TRL of these results	* Please describe only those results of the previous research, which are directly related to the proposed project. Justify the TRL of these results according to the guidelines provided by the Council. NB! The applications in which the TRL is evaluated as being less than 4 or greater than 6 by the Expert Panel, do not qualify for funding. <i>(The maximum length is 2,000 characters (incl. spaces))</i>
Potential impact, incl. the expected effect or benefits of the outcomes of the project for Estonian economy, society, public policy, and/or services; the scope of the impact; the ways to achieve the impact and to extend its scope; the possibilities for achieving the commercialisation or applicability of the outcomes	* Please describe the expected effect or benefits of the outcomes of the project for Estonian economy, society, public policy, and/or services. Please assess the scope of the impact, the ways to achieve this impact and extend its scope, and the possibilities for achieving the commercialisation or applicability of the outcomes. <i>(The maximum length is 2,000 characters (incl. spaces))</i>

<p>Has an enterprise expressed interest in the project and/or wishes to collaborate?</p>	<p>Please explain why the enterprise(s) wish to collaborate and/or has (have) an interest in the outcomes of the project, or which agreements have been made with the enterprises regarding the use of the outcomes of the project (if applicable). If there is a plan to cooperate with an enterprise and the preliminary application is eligible for the second stage of the application process, then it will be necessary to add a letter of intent including an explanation from the enterprise to the full application.</p>
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Once you have filled in the tabs "General data" and "Preliminary application", you can submit the preliminary application.

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