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The following term sheet builds on the legal framework from ODIN (2020-2023).

A formal ODIN collaboration agreement will be drafted to define the terms and conditions, if the present application is granted.

The topics presented below represent some of the most central and important terms to agree on before the legal agreement is drafted and the proposed approach for each term. All core partners in a continued ODIN have been given the opportunity to shape and comment on the terms.

Please be aware that the description below is simplified and the legal agreement will be more explicit.

Term 1: Intellectual Property Rights

The idea behind this project is that any and all IP generated under the project is made available free of charge to the public. This means that the results generated under the project may not be protected by a patent or other IP protection measures.

The Parties as well as everyone else are entitled to conduct applied research on the basis of the fundamental research conducted under ODIN (2024-2028).

The generated results generated are to be published as soon as possible. Ownership to results shall follow the parties' intellectual contribution. The owner is responsible for making the results open.

Term 2: Confidentiality

To ensure the quality and relevance of the subprojects and the parties' interests in securing sensitive information we propose that the parties of the subprojects can exchange confidential information necessary for the subproject.

Confidential information can consist of the parties' background knowledge and information clearly marked as confidential information. Results generated in the subprojects are to be published as soon as possible.

Term 3. Publication

Because confidential information can be exchanged between the parties, a publication procedure is needed. This means that before publication, the intended publication must be sent to the other parties participating in the specific subproject. The parties will then have a maximum review period of e.g. 45 days to react if confidential information belonging to the party is included in the publication. The confidential information belonging to the objecting party will be removed. After the maximum review period the publication is permitted.

Term 4. Background Knowledge (incl. materials)

It should be possible for the parties in a specific subproject to exchange background knowledge, incl. material in order to complete the subproject. If a party makes background knowledge available to other parties, such background knowledge remains the property (and/or under the control) of such party.

Background knowledge (incl. materials) are provided “as is”. Any foreground knowledge generated on the basis of the background knowledge must be made available to the public as any other foreground knowledge generated under the project. Publication of knowledge shall take place with due respect of the duty confidentiality.

The Parties agree and respect that they will include confidential background knowledge to the project in alignment with the overall principles of open innovation in science. The Parties will therefore not include confidential information into the project that effectively would hinder or significantly reduce the scope of publication of foreground knowledge.

Term 5. Personal Data

It is expected that some subprojects may contain personal data. It is important the parties make all the necessary requirements in due time to make this possible to be able to abide by GDPR and other privacy regulations. To obtain the necessary agreements may take time and the parties should take this into account when planning the project. Personal data is subject to confidentiality. ODIN (2024-2028) will provide general principles for personal data and templates for the sub-projects sharing personal data.

Term 6. Scientific Integrity

Each knowledge institution shall adhere to general principles of scientific integrity and each project shall be governed by both the NNF's terms and conditions and each institution's applicable, national code of conduct for research integrity. Results and conclusions shall not be influenced by any party's interests or wishes.

Term 7. Animal Studies

Animal studies shall be conducted in accordance with applicable law and relevant guidelines.