**Project title of application** max 3 page document incl key references, application should include the following paragraphs in the given order:

**Background and relevance** (max 3500 characters incl spaces)

Paragraph including information on:

* Brief background of current knowledge, and knowledge gaps, incl extent of topic problem in the horse sector /estimated extent of effect of topic on horse sector
* Relevance of the applied topic to the horse sector
* A brief description of the project in relation to existing research, or related projects financed by or applied to other funding bodies

**Project aims, methods and expected results** (max 3000 characters incl spaces)

* Aim of the project
* A brief overview of materials and methods of the project incl number of studied horses/study objects in each WP, accompanied with power calculations (not for qualitative studies)
* Ethical considerations
* Expected results

**Expected results direct benefit to the horse sector** (max 4000 characters incl spaces)

* Direct benefit of the proposed application to the topic problem
* Practical implementation and recipients of future results
* Plan for scientific publication
* A thorough plan for communication with interested parties, and the practical horse sector eg horse owners.

**Competences connected to the project** (max 2000 characters incl spaces)

* Justification of the project group composition
* Declaration of possible financial or other interests of the project to applicants
* Justification for the budget framework

**Key references** (max 2000 characters incl spaces)