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| **ISAB Annual Evaluation Report – 2024** | |
| Identification of the Project | |
| **Project ID:** | **LX22NPO510x** |
| **R&D&I Priority Area:** | Choose from the list |
| **Project Acronym:** | Choose from the list |
| **Project (English Name Equivalent by IS VaVaI)** | Choose from the list |
| **Beneficiary:** | Choose from the list |
| **Main Investigator (Surname):** |  |
| **Coordinator (Surname):** |  |

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| The Role and Activities of the International Supervisory and Advisory Board (ISAB) |
| The International Supervisory and Advisory Board (ISAB) of the beneficiary established for the project funded by the programme EXCELES (LX) is responsible for monitoring/controlling the quality of the processes within the project implementation and that these processes are in compliance with the programme LX conditions (<https://sdv.msmt.cz/research-and-development-1/programme-exceles-implementation-tool-for-component-5-1-of>). ISAB is also actively involved in assessment/evaluation of the results and outputs of the project.  The ISAB oversees and evaluates the progress of the project activities that should steer the project consortium towards its mission of becoming an internationally competitive, national R&D authority in a selected specific priority R&D area by the end of 2025.  Outcomes of the ISAB activities, i.e., results and conclusions of its evaluation shall be submitted to the grantor in the “ISAB Annual Evaluation Report”.  A representative of the ISAB will participate (if requested by the grantor) in an on-site peer-review in Q2/2024.  The ISAB will critically evaluate the project and provide a written expert opinion and recommendations regarding the items in section C of this report. |

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| ISAB Expert Opinions – Results of the Critical Evaluation focusing on: |
| * 1. **relevance, consistency and targeting of the current project agenda and project activities in relation to the LX programme and project objectives; relevance of the depth of scope and its multidisciplinarity and interdisciplinarity within the R&D subject being funded as set out in the contract project proposal;** |
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| * 1. **the ongoing fulfilment of the objectives and the mission of the consortium as a national R&D authority in the selected priority research area; the status and role of the project consortium in international networks and R&D&I communities and the overall status of its internationalisation;** |
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| * 1. **the sharing and offering part of the consortium's R&D project capacity to other research organizations outside the project in an open access regime under “fair” conditions;** |
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| * 1. **the use of existing relevant offers and the current opportunities effective use of capacities of large research infrastructures (listed in the ESFRI Roadmap or in the Roadmap of Large Research Infrastructures of the Czech Republic);** |
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| * 1. **the current state of internationalisation of the project consortium, its involvement in international professional structures and the way of using human resources from abroad and the potential of people with international experience;** |
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| * 1. **the effectiveness of project management, the use of staff and research capacities within and outside the project consortium;** |
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| * 1. **the transfer of knowledge, utilisation of application potential and protection of R&D results applicable in practice;** |
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| * 1. **the sharing of knowledge, scientific know-how and the scientific data according to the “as open as possible – as closed as necessary” principle in the context of the implementation of the European Open Access Strategy and the FAIR principles in scientific practice;** |
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| * 1. **the concept of importance and relevance of gender aspects in project activities, in the methodological approach to research content, in the evaluation of research results and impacts, or in the implementation of HR policies;** |
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| * 1. **financial aspects relating to the efficiency, effectiveness and economy of the resources and capacities of the consortium and the scientific productivity of the project;** |
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| * 1. **the professional profile of the project's research agenda for the coming period; the scope and relevance/importance of an inter- and multidisciplinary approach to the content of the R&D project;** |
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| * 1. **the other aspects of establishment, operation, and sustainability of the national R&D authority, in particular the sustainability of its highly experienced and productive personal/staff and newly established/created research capacities.** |
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| ISAB Comments and Targeted Recommendations on: | |
| 1. **the quality of research and R&D results achieved by the project activities in relation to the ambitions of the project** | (Please write a comment) |
| 1. **the quality and management of the research in the project in relation to ambitions of the project** |  |
| 1. **the quality and relevance of the results of applied research; the application potential, the relevance of their protection; effectiveness of their licencing or other means of implementation** |  |
| 1. **the progressivity of knowledge transfer** |  |
| 1. **the quality of expertise and capacity of the research team in relation to the scope and subject matter of the project** |  |
| 1. **the quality of infrastructure and scientific equipment of the R&D project in relation to the scope and subject matter of the project** |  |
| 1. **the appropriateness of HR policy in place within the project consortium, gender balance in the teams** |  |
| 1. **the extent and the quality of scientific education/training and support for students and young researchers within the project** |  |
| 1. **the quality and intensity of international cooperation** |  |
| 1. **the quality and intensity of cooperation within the R&D and academic sector** |  |
| 1. **the quality and intensity of cooperation with the application sector** |  |
| 1. **the quality and intensity of cooperation with public authorities and state sector** |  |
| 1. **the compliance with the principle “do no significant harm”** |  |

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| General Recommendations of the ISAB on the Next Steps in the Establishment of a National R&D Authority | |
| 1. **strengthening internationalisation** | (Please write a comment) |
| 1. **increasing international prestige and competitiveness** |  |
| 1. **effectively increasing the quality of scientific publications (up to the Q1, top 10…)** |  |
| 1. **achieving and maintaining scientific excellence** |  |
| 1. **attracting more younger internationally experienced scientist to permanent positions** |  |
| 1. **enhancing the better use of gender in science and achieving gender balance** |  |
| 1. **encouraging the better evaluation and application of project results and outputs** |  |
| 1. **finding the current updated frontiers of ongoing scientific knowledge – progressive, high-risk but highly innovative and highly profitable scientific topics** |  |
| 1. **effectively achieving faster development and progress** |  |
| 1. **achieving institutional stability and sustainability** |  |

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| Final Comments and Recommendations |
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| List of ISAB Members in 2024 *(alphabetically)* | | | | |
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| Declaration and Verification of this ISAB Annual Evaluation Report by the ISAB Chairperson | | |
| I declare that we, all ISAB members participating in the 2024 annual evaluation of the LX22NPO510x project,   1. have refrained from any action that might bring our own interests in relation to the evaluation of the project into conflict with the interests of the Czech Republic and the European Union, understanding that a conflict of interest exists where the impartial and objective evaluation of the project proposal is compromised for reasons relating to family, emotional life, political or national affinity, economic interest or other direct or indirect personal interest. 2. have not provided any information on the process and results of the evaluation of the project to any parties other than the project beneficiaries and the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports as a grantor. 3. did not participate in the project evaluation activities as members of the project implementation teams. 4. have prepared this ISAB evaluation report solely on the basis of objective criteria.   I also declare that more than one half of the ISAB members were foreign experts and that ISAB contained a lawyer, economic expert, and a representative of the application sector from the appropriate field in this evaluation period. | | |
| **Full Name of the Chairperson of the ISAB for Annual Project Evaluation in 2024** | **Date** | **Signature** |
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