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| **ISAB Annual and Final Evaluation Report – 2025** | |
| 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 |
| **Principal investigator:** | Choose from the list |
| **Coordinator (Surname):** | Choose from the list |
| **Acronym of the national scientific authority (NSA)** | Choose from the list |

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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 national R&D authority towards its mission of becoming an internationally competitive, 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”.  The ISAB will critically evaluate the project and provide an 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. **The quality of the R&D conducted within the project and the international competitiveness of the project results.** |
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| * 1. **The relevance of the R&D topics and activities in relation to the project objectives; multidisciplinarity and interdisciplinarity of the research conducted within the consortium.** |
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| 1. **The relevance of gender-related topics in the R&D conducted within the project.** |
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| 1. **The intensity of cooperation in the R&D between the participating institutions; the sharing of R&D capacities between the members of the NSA.** |
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| 1. **The intensity of cooperation in the R&D with the subjects, that are not part of the NSA; utilization of the independent R&D capacities within the project (especially the so-called 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 transfer 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.** |
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| 1. **The quality of the information support provided for the relevant decision-making public institutions.** |
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| 1. **The application potential and commercialisation of the R&D results produced within the project; the protection of the intellectual property of the NSA.** |
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| 1. **The fulfilment of the objectives of the of the national authority (as stipulated in the funding contract); the visibility of the NSA in the domestic context.** |
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| 1. **The visibility of NSA in the international context; participation in the international professional structures and NSA’s involvement in the international R&D community; the achievements in the internationalisation of the consortium.** |
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| 1. **The effectivity of NSA’s management; stability of the organizational and administrative structure established within the project.** |
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| 1. **The involvement of the junior researchers and students in the project activities; the support provided for the junior researchers and students within the project.** |
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| 1. **The implementation of HR policies aimed at improving working conditions in the R&D including measures to promote equal opportunities.** |
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| 1. **The financial aspects related to the scientific productivity; the NSA’s ability to secure funds; the sustainability of the NSA’s research portfolio.** |
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| 1. **Other aspects of the NSA’s** **activities not mentioned above.** |
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| ISAB Comments and Targeted Recommendations on improvement and sustainability within the next 3 years of sustainability period: | |
| *(Objectives)* | *(Please write a comment)* |
| 1. international and national visibility; |  |
| 1. maintaining of the scientific portfolio and relevant personal and research capacities for its development; |  |
| 1. maintaining of the management structure and its personal capacities; |  |
| 1. strengthening of the application potential of provided research and general progressivity of knowledge transfer; |  |
| 1. sharing the research data and research infrastructure within the NSA; |  |
| 1. support for students and young researchers |  |
| 1. development of the NSA’s cooperation with the application sector |  |
| 1. development of the NSA’s cooperation with public authorities and state sector |  |
| 1. additional comments and recommendations, not mentioned above |  |

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| Final Comments |
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| List of ISAB Members | | | | |
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| Declaration and verification of this ISAB Annual and Final Evaluation Report by the ISAB Chairperson | | |
| I declare that we, all ISAB members participating in the 2025 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 based on 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** | **Date** (if not signed electronically | **Signature** |
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