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| **NCCR 6th Call 2023** ***Project Pre-proposal*** |

***--------- Formal guidelines: -----***

*The project pre-proposal has to be submitted by* ***December 1st, 2023*** *as one single pdf document to the* ***SRIT (******benedetto.lepori@usi.ch******)****.*

*The document is written in English and has a maximum length of 5 pages* ***excluding*** *title page and appendices (Arial, typesize 10, linespacing of 1.15). Project sketches that are incomplete, exceeding page limits, or not submitted on time will not be considered.*

*Instructions: please complete the following forms (title page and project details) by filling out each box.*

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NCCR Title

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| *Tentative title of your NCCR*Click or tap here to enter text. |

Designated NCCR (Co-)director(s):

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| *Indicate the name(s), affiliation(s), position(s) and contact details of the designated NCCR director(s).*Click or tap here to enter text. |

Leading House and Co-Leading House(s):

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| *Indicate the institutions that act as (i) Leading House and (ii) co-hosts for the NCCR.*Click or tap here to enter text. |

Leading house faculty(ies):

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| *Indicate up to two faculties that are foreseen as leading house faculty(ies) for the NCCR within the USI. The leading house faculty(ies) serve as the locus of structural change and accommodate the project management personnel (ensuring the corresponding relief for the NCCR management).*Click or tap here to enter text. |

Tentative consortium

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| *Indicate the name, institution, faculty, institute, and position of each member of the consortium (to the extent already established), including project leaders within the USI and partner institutions within Switzerland.*Click or tap here to enter text. |

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*Date and signature of the designated director*

# Scientific content and aim

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| *Briefly outline the background and rationale of the NCCR; Present the general idea and objectives of the NCCR; Mention central concepts, methods, and theories to be used.* Click or tap here to enter text. |

# Relevance of the research topic for USI and nationwide

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| *Elaborate how the NCCR topic aligns with the strategic research priorities of USI and the leading house faculty(ies); Describe the suitability of USI as leading house / co-host institution; Describe the relevance of the research topic nationwide.*Click or tap here to enter text. |

# Added value of an interdisciplinary approach and innovation potential

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| *Elaborate on the expected added value and innovation potential gained through the interdisciplinary cooperation within the NCCR compared to the sum of individual projects; Highlight innovative methodologies and approaches, and the potential to stimulate new interdisciplinary cooperation.*Click or tap here to enter text. |

# Possibilities for knowledge and technology transfer and society outreach

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| *Briefly discuss the envisaged results of the NCCR and their significance for the scientific community, policy-making and society at large (on a local, national and international level); Indicate the possibilities of transferring envisaged results to the academic sector as well as the private and public sector. Outline any foreseen potential for commercialization. Describe the possibility for outreach to society at large and for local community*Click or tap here to enter text. |

# Budget and required duration

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| *Indicate the tentative overall budget of the project for the first four years, divided between:* * *SNSF funds,*
* *available resources,*
* *additional institutional support required and*
* *third-party funds.*

*Indicate the share of USI for each category.* Click or tap here to enter text.*Specify the intended duration (up to 12 years).*Click or tap here to enter text. |

# Support of USI and Leading House / Co-leading Houses (if any)

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| ***Describe the financial and infrastructural support requested to USI****; Describe the contributions of the institution(s) which serve as* ***Leading House / co-leading house****(s) (if not USI); Describe their suitability as Leading House / co-leading house.*Click or tap here to enter text. |

# Existing and planned new structures or initiatives in the research area (on institutional and national level)

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| *Provide an analysis of the existing research structures or initiatives and planned new structures within the USI and* ***leading house / co-leading house institution(s)*** *and within Switzerland in the context of the NCCR; Elaborate on the necessity to restructure the research field of the NCCR.*Click or tap here to enter text. |

# Unique Selling Point

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| *Discuss the unique selling point of the NCCR and how the NCCR differentiates from other initiatives.*Click or tap here to enter text. |

Appendix: (to be submitted in the same pdf)

A1: CV of the designated (co-)directors of the NCCR (1 page per person) and list of five major achievements or most important research outputs of the last 10 years including an URL to a complete publication list (ORCID, Scholar, Scopus, ZORA, etc.) (max. 1 page per person)