Template
for a Concept Paper for a Collaborative Research Centre

Preliminary note

This template offers guidance in the process of preparing a concept paper for a Collaborative Research Centre or a CRC/Transregio. Please also refer to DFG form 60.003 for guidelines for the consultation phase.

Please refer to the annotated German version for detailed information on all sections and templates.

Concept papers comprise three sections and an appendix. All three sections combined should not exceed 100 pages. Concept papers are to be submitted in DIN A4 and a font size of at least 10 pt.
1. **Key data**

1.1. Title 
1.2. Research areas 
1.3. Spokesperson 
1.4. Participating institutions 
1.5. Principal investigators 
1.6. List of projects 

2. **General section**

2.1. Summary of the research programme 
2.2. Research programme and long-term research objective 
2.3. Positioning of the proposed Collaborative Research Centre within its general research area 
2.4. Research profile of the applicant university/universities 
2.5. Support structures 
2.5.1. Early career support 
2.5.2. Gender equality 
2.6. Funding of the proposed Collaborative Research Centre 

3. **Projects**

3.1. Code and title 
3.2. Principal investigator(s) 
3.3. Project description 
3.3.1. Summary and main research question 
3.3.2. Current state of research and preliminary work by principal investigators 
3.3.3. Research programme and role within the proposed Collaborative Research Centre 
3.4. Project-related publications by participating researchers 
3.5. Project funding 

**Appendix**

1. Research profiles 
2. Collaboration with researchers outside the CRC 
3. Signature(s) of the head(s) of the applicant university/universities