

Science Fund of the Republic of Serbia Science for Industry Program – AI Application in Industry through Scientific Partnership – “From Lab to Market”		
Project Grant Strategic and Thematic Screening	Project Reference No:	
	Project Acronym:	
	Priority domain:	Choose an item.

Title of Proposed Project

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Excellence

Please comment on the excellence of the proposed research.

1.Excellence Assessment
1.1. Strategic Alignment and Relevance To what extent is the proposal aligned with national strategic priorities (e.g., Strategy for Scientific and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia "The Power of Knowledge" 2021-2025, Smart Specialization Strategy of the Republic of Serbia 2020-2027 (RIS3), Strategy for the Development of Artificial Intelligence in the Republic of Serbia for the period 2025-2030, as well as other development and sectoral strategies) and the specific objectives of the Call? Does the topic fall clearly within the thematic scope of the Program?
1.2. Clarity of Objectives and Problem Definition Are the project objectives clearly defined, measurable, realistic, and achievable? How well is the problem identified, and does the proposed solution offer a significant contribution to the current state of the art in the field?
1.3. Innovation Potential and Maturity Evaluate the innovation potential and the "Lab-to-Market" maturity of the initiative. Does the research move beyond fundamental concepts (TRL 1) toward a validated scientific solution with clear potential for industrial or institutional application?

1.4. Trustworthy AI and Ethical Compliance Does the proposal demonstrate compliance with principles of trustworthy AI, including explainability, data protection, and ethical use?

Impact

Please comment on the impact of the proposed research.

2. Impact Assessment
2.1. Application and Commercialization Potential To what extent does the proposal demonstrate a clearly identified potential for the application in the market and further development of results (products, services, technological processes or public policy solutions)? Does the project align with sector-specific characteristics to improve existing industrial processes or business models?
2.2. Pathway to Market and Industry Involvement Evaluate the clarity and feasibility of the envisaged pathway toward application or the market. Is the role of the industry partner clearly defined in the development, testing, and validation phases? How well does the proposal outline the transition from the laboratory to a real-world environment?
2.3. Exploitation and Intellectual Property (IP) Management Does the proposal provide a sound plan for the exploitation of results and the management of intellectual property? Even if commercialization is not mandatory during the project, are the basic elements for technology transfer, licensing, or other forms of market application adequately addressed?

Implementation

Please comment on the implementation of the proposed research.

3. Implementation Assessment

3.1. Consortium Capacity and Strategic Partnership

Does the project consortium possess the necessary scientific, technical, and management experience to carry out the project's activities? Evaluate the quality of the structured partnership between scientific and research organizations and industry, specifically their ability to cooperate on validation and testing.

3.2. Work Plan, Risk Management, and Mitigation Measures

Please evaluate the feasibility and structure of the proposed work plan. Assess whether the activities, especially the pilot implementation and testing phases involving industry partners or end-users, are clearly defined and realistic within the given timeframe. Furthermore, consider the adequacy of the risk management strategy - has the applicant identified potential technical or operational challenges, and are the proposed mitigation measures sufficient to ensure the successful validation of the solution in a real-world environment?

3.3. Resource Allocation and Program Eligibility

Does the proposal meet all basic thematic and eligibility criteria? Are the resources (budget, equipment, and personnel) justified and sufficient to move the solution through the identified innovation phases toward the market? Is the mandatory industry partner contribution clearly defined, and to what extent does it support project implementation, enable validation of results in a real-world environment, and contribute to the overall sustainability of the project?

Summary Assessment

Please summarize your view of the proposal, highlighting its main strengths and weaknesses. Your assessment should reflect the project’s strategic alignment with national priorities and its thematic relevance within the specific scope of this Program. Furthermore, please confirm the basic eligibility of the proposal, particularly regarding the structure of the partnership and its focus on applied solutions. Based on these considerations, conclude your narrative with an explicit recommendation on whether the proposal should proceed to the second stage of the evaluation process.

Final recommendation

Please provide an explicit recommendation on whether the proposal should proceed to the second stage of the evaluation process by placing an **X** next to the relevant option. Your recommendation should be aligned with your descriptive assessment of each evaluation criterion.

Recommended for the second stage of evaluation.	
Not Recommended for the second stage of evaluation.	