**NERD – experience after the first call**

Dear students,

Based on the experience from the first call of the NERD programme, we have prepared some practical advice to help you in developing you project proposals:

* The NERD project is not your dissertation. It can, of course, be related to it and represent subsearch within the framework of the given topic. Keep in mind that the output is not the dissertation as such, but a specific output (RIV or RUV) that you will be able to fulfil after the termination of the project.
* Be concise and specific, do not copy passages from your dissertation, but focus on the proposed project in the application.
* Choose rather a smaller number of outputs that you are confident to be able to achieve. One RIV output or one RUV output may be quite sufficient. Before choosing an output, read carefully the requirements for its fulfilment (RIV output characteristics).
* In case of international activity, be specific and pre-arrange it in advance. Do not list a large number of related international activities that you probably cannot manage or that go beyond the scope of your project.
* Prepare the application well in advance – inserting final annexes, signatures of supervisors, etc. may take you a lot of time. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.
* Take the opportunity to consult with the NERD programme administrators.

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