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Policy on use of
Generative AI in
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call procedures

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This policy only addresses call procedures and is a specification of the general [“Policy concerning the use of Generative AI at the Netherlands eScience Center”](#)

- 1) The use of Generative AI technologies in the preparation of any of the documents which together form a Project Application for submission in a Call for Proposals published by the Netherlands eScience Center is permitted, provided that this use
 - a) follows prevailing guidelines and best practices with respect to the acceptable and responsible use of Generative AI technologies, and
 - b) complies with existing European and (inter)national legislation (where applicable).
- 2) When using Generative AI in the preparation of a Project Application, authors are advised to understand and consider the possible limitations and drawbacks of the applied AI technologies, incl. a.o.: unreliability, potential bias, obsolescence, potential plagiarism, lack of authenticity, lack of transparency, hidden costs.
- 3) Following the principles of Open Science, when using Generative AI in the preparation of a Project Application, authors are required to disclose this use properly. Specifically, it is required:
 - a) to include a statement in the main Project Proposal document, as follows:

“In the preparation of this Project Application, parts of the provided texts have been generated and/or refined using <named Generative AI> (version <number>). All AI-output has been verified for correctness, accuracy and completeness, revised where needed, and approved by the author(s).”*

(*in case multiple Generative AI tools have been used, this should be indicated).
 - b) to provide information on the specific role Generative AI has played in preparing the Project Application, the extent to which Generative AI has been used, and the reasons why.
- 4) If disclosed properly, the use of Generative AI in a Project Application *in itself* has no positive or negative impact on the evaluation of the Application. All peer reviewers and all members of the Evaluation Committee will be instructed to simply assume the Application is written by the authors in its entirety.



- 5) In case it is found – at any phase in the review and evaluation process – that Generative AI has been used in the preparation of a Project Application, while this was not properly disclosed, the Application will not be eligible for funding.

- 6) To ensure confidentiality, and to protect the intellectual rights of the authors, all peer reviewers and all members of the Evaluation Committee will be informed that the use of Generative AI in the review and evaluation of all Project Applications submitted in any Call for Proposals published by the Netherlands eScience Center is strictly forbidden. Also, the Netherlands eScience Center itself will not use Generative AI in its evaluation and review procedures, at any time, or for any reason.