List of questions
to be answered in the host’s statement

Please write a statement (approx. 2 pages) answering the following questions. It should be uploaded alongside a signed confirmation that research facilities will be made available. This information is important for the members of our Selection Committee to better assess the application.

1. **How well do you know the applicant and their academic environment?**
   Please explain when and how the contact came about and how the exchange took place before and during the application process.

2. **How would you rate the academic record and academic achievements to date?**
   Please comment on the following aspects in particular: determination, mobility, thematic scope, academic productivity, prospects for the future.
   Please also take into account personal limitations or structural issues the applicant might have encountered, e.g., challenging research conditions, gender-specific disadvantages or cultural barriers to mobility.

3. **How would you rate the quality of the provided key publications?**
   Please comment on the following aspects in particular: originality, innovativeness, significance for the continued development of the subject area, applicant’s own contribution (joint authorship).

4. **How would you rate the research project?**
   Please provide a concise description of the innovative idea behind the project. Also comment on the following aspects: topicality, clarity of focus, academic (methodological) quality, feasibility, potential for advancing the applicant’s academic development, chances of success within the proposed sponsorship period.

5. **In your opinion, did the applicant prepare the submitted research project independently?**
   To what extent did you or others contribute to the development of the submitted research project? Will it overlap/interact with other work being carried out at your institute?

6. **If the project or the proposed cooperation involves security-relevant aspects, please explain why you still support the application by assessing the associated opportunities and risks.**

7. **Does the applicant have the language skills necessary to carry out the project successfully?**
   *Only required for applications submitted by experienced researchers:*

8. **How do you rate the applicant’s personal research profile?**