Deliverable 3 Research Proposal Guide Addendum 2. **Overall structure of the proposal and the literature review**

The literature review feeds into your proposal, so the internal structure of the literature review section mirrors the structure ofthe main proposal

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| **Literature review section outline**  Assemble useful information **from your sources** organized by proposal sections  The template for the literature review provides a structure to assist you. | **Main research proposal outline**  Describe **what you propose**, informed by what you learned from your sources |
| **2.0 List of sources reviewed and overview of the literature "landscape"** |  |
| **2.1 Discussion of the topic area, specific topic, and motivation** | **1 Introduction and background. Purpose statement** |
| No section in the literature review | **2 Literature review and synthesis** |
| **2.3 Theoretical / conceptual framework, variables, and research questions** | **3 Theoretical / conceptual framework, variables, and research questions** |
|  | 3.0 Overview |
| 2.3.1 Theories that might be helpful in studying the topic (from sources) | 3.1 Theories that might be helpful in studying the topic |
| 2.3.2 Major variables (from sources) | 3.2 Major variables for your study |
| 2.3.3 Foreshadowing questions, research questions, hypotheses (from sources) | 3.3 Foreshadowing questions, research questions, hypotheses |
| **2.4 Research design. Research methods** (**from your sources**) | **4 Research design. Research methods** |
| 2.4.1 Participants. Population. Participant selection. Sampling | 4.1 Participants. Population. Participant selection. Sampling |
| 2.4.2 Time period covered by your study. Cross-sectional vs. longitudinal | 4.2 Time period covered by your study. Cross-sectional vs. longitudinal |
| 2.4.3 Data collection methods and instruments | 4.3 Data collection methods and instruments |
| 2.4.4 Time frame and effort for data collection | 4.4 Time frame and effort for data collection |
| 2.4.5 Data analysis methods | 4.5 Data analysis methods |
| 2.4.6 Limitations | 4.6 Limitations |
| 2.4.7 Difficulties, barriers, problems that might arise during the conduct of the study | 4.7 Difficulties, barriers, problems that might arise during the conduct of the study |
| 2.4.8 Cost-benefit analysis. Ethics. Approval of studies with human or animal subjects | 4.8 Cost-benefit analysis. Ethics. Approval of studies with human or animal subjects |
| **2.5 Findings from studies reviewed [This is part of the literature review]** | **5 Results. Findings** [Not in the proposal. You do not have findings] |
| **2.6 Things learned from the literature review for the decision or action discussed in 1.6.3.** *Optional* | **6 Conclusions and implications. Applications (to design, to policy**) [Possibly in the proposal, short] 6.1 Action implications [include in proposal] |
| **2.7 Things learned from the literature review for the research proposal** |  |
|  | 7 Appendices 8 References. **9 Administrative sections** |