SMASH – MOTIVATION LETTER

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The document must respect the following standards:
- *A4 page size*
- *Use the reference font for the body text of H2020 proposals: Times New Roman (Windows platforms), Times/Times New Roman (Apple platforms) or Nimbus Roman No.9 L (Linux distributions).*
- *The minimum font size allowed is 11 points. Standard character spacing and a minimum of single line spacing is to be used. Text elements other than the body text, such as headers, footnotes, captions, formulae, may deviate, but must be legible; however, these elements should not be used as mechanism to circumvent the rules. For example, text within a table or graphical element should be kept to a minimum.*
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- ***Please make sure that you do not disclose any personal information in the motivational letter in order to assure anonymity for the unbiased assessment process.***
- ***You should avoid any mention of the name, surname, gender and other identifying personal information***
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1-MOTIVATION LETTER (please briefly describe motivation, personal and career development objectives. Explain your interest in the SMASH programme and the reasons behind your application, including how you will take the full advantage of the SMASH fellowship) **Maximum 2 pages**.

1. What is the motivation for your application?
2. How do you expect the program to enhance your career development?
3. How will you make sure that you will take the full advantage of 2-years SMASH fellowship?

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