Recommendations for the Writing of Expert Opinions for the Innovation Award / for the Awards granted by Vodafone-Foundation for Research in Mobile Communications (Vodafone-Stiftung für Forschung in der Mobilkommunikation)

The expert opinions should comment explicitly on the following aspects:

1. **Nominated projects**

1.1 Academic profile of the nominees and outline of their academic achievement in national and international comparison

1.2 Introduction to the nominated topic, work, project, research study

1.3 Theory, methodology, solutions
   - Position of the nominated project in its respective field of research as well as in regard to the current state of research
   - Challenges and solutions (contributions to problem solving)
   - Results, advantages and progress in comparison to existing solutions
   - Theoretical-methodical standard and scientific quality
   - Future achievements to be expected from the nominee
   - Previous awards of the nominee
   - **Innovation Award**: expected effect on the nominee’s national and international cooperation

1.4 Degree of innovation
   - Scientific originality and excellence of problem solution
   - Effect of the work on the research area
   - Does the project strengthen Germany as a research location?

1.5 Interdisciplinarity

1.6 Practical Implementation and/or commercial usability
   - Usability in practice
   - Assessment of market opportunities

1.7 Possible reference to shortcomings of the nominated work, e.g. solutions, methods etc.

2. **Outstanding character traits of the nominee**
   - Team spirit
   - Management qualities
   - Social competence
   - Further characteristics