Guidelines for the project plan – PhD in health and medicine

Title page – working/project title, association, supervisory team, funding, date of employment, date of submission of dissertation
(Title page does not count towards maximum number of pages (10))

Summary – summary of the research project (300 words)

Relevance – why is the project relevant and what are the challenges it intends to contribute towards solving/investigate

Background – Background info on the thematic area and state of knowledge (based on research literature, public documents, regulations etc.)

Aim and research questions/hypotheses – overall purpose of the work and problem / research questions / hypotheses

Theoretical perspectives – what central concepts and theoretical perspectives will the thesis use and how?

Methods
• Methodological considerations
• Design
• Description of any sub-studies or phases in the project. Here you can show what purposes each study covers and what data collection methods, samples and analyzes are done for each sub-study.
• Data collection (including methods and selection, inclusion and exclusion criteria)
• Data analysis

Ethical considerations – Here we briefly describe whether the study requires research ethics approval from Regional Committees for Medical and Health Research Ethics (REC) or from Norwegian Centre for Research Data (NSD), and how participants should consent.

Supervision, dissemination and communication of results – This part describes competence in the supervisory team, and in what articles / monographs the thesis should result. For articles, a preliminary title and possible journals should be set up.

Schedule – including doctoral courses, conferences, international stays, data collection, analyses, publication of articles / popular scientific contributions and submission of dissertation. (Should be set up in a table to save space and provide overview).

Technical requirements
Reference style: can be decided by the candidate
Maximum number of pages: 10, including references, excluding title page
Font size: 12; font size reference list: 9
Line spacing: single
Margin width: Microsoft Word normal (2.5 cm)