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The extended version of the Guide is available on-line on the National Research Mobility Portal (http://www.eracareers-bg.net/files/File/Guide_for_ResearchersCD.pdf).

The content of the extended version of the Guide is as follows:

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A sample of the Guide will be sent to the Commission with the final project report.