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on the terms and regulations for awarding funding to incoming researchers for research projects funded by the National Science Centre under POLONEZ BIS 3

Pursuant to Article 18 (4) of the Act on the National Science Centre of 30 April 2010 (uniform text in Journal of Laws of 2019, item 1384) and pursuant to the Grant Agreement No 945339 concluded with the Research Executive Agency (REA) on 14 May 2020, the Council of the National Science Centre hereby lays down **the terms and regulations for awarding funding to incoming researchers for research projects funded by the National Science Centre under POLONEZ BIS 3**. The purpose of the call is to help researchers develop their professional careers by supporting their international mobility and to fund ambitious research projects at the best Polish research institutions. The call has received funding from the Horizon 2020 programme under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie COFUND.

Chapter I General Provisions

§ 1. Whenever this Resolution refers to:

- 1) NCN, it shall mean the National Science Centre;
- 2) NCN Act, it shall mean the Act on the National Science Centre of 30 April 2010 (uniform text in Journal of Laws of 2019, item 1384);
- 3) Director, it shall mean the Director of the National Science Centre;
- 4) Council, it shall mean the Council of the National Science Centre;
- 5) call text, it shall mean all documents approved by the NCN and laying down the terms and conditions of the POLONEZ BIS 3 call;
- 6) disciplines or groups of disciplines, it shall mean NCN panels determined by the NCN Council, covering research in three scientific areas: Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (HS), Physical Sciences and Engineering (ST) and Life Sciences (NZ), within which calls for proposals are launched and held;
- 7) auxiliary review panels, it shall mean review panels specifying disciplines covered by a specific NCN review panel;
- 8) ranking list, it shall mean the document drawn up by the Expert Team and including all proposals evaluated at a given stage of merit-based evaluation, ranked according to the scores awarded;
- 9) projects, it shall mean research projects within the meaning of Article 2 (2) of the NCN Act, funded under NCN calls;
- 10) OSF, it shall mean an electronic proposal submission system (*Funding Stream Support System*);
- 11) host institution, it shall mean a participating entity, i.e. the institution specified



- in the proposal as the location of a POLONEZ BIS 3 project;
- 12) mentor, it shall mean an employee of the host institution who supervises the implementation of the project and acts as mentor to the principal investigator;
 - 13) intersectoral secondment, it shall mean a mandatory project phase which lasts from 2 weeks to 1 month, during which the applicants shall carry out their professional goals described in the proposal outside of the host institution, in an organisation of their choice located in Poland or in any EU Member State or Associated Country. An intersectoral secondment outside the host institution's location shall be deemed a business trip. The intersectoral secondment institution shall be chosen subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - a) the first type of eligible secondment institutions includes public or private higher education institutions awarding academic degrees and public non-profit research organisations for whom one of the main objectives is to pursue research or technological development,
 - b) the second type of eligible secondment institutions covers all other entities, which can employ researchers, e.g. enterprises, hospitals, government institutions, cultural institutions, non-governmental organisations such as foundations, associations or other legal entities,
 - c) applicants who carry out their research projects in an institution listed in point (a) must complete their intersectoral secondment in an institution listed in point (b), whereas those who carry out their research projects in an institution listed in point (b) must complete their secondment in an institution referred to in point (a),
 - d) an intersectoral secondment must not be completed in an institution that has previously employed the applicant;
 - 14) applicant, it shall mean a natural person submitting a proposal under POLONEZ BIS 3 and named as principal investigator in the proposal;
 - 15) refugee procedure, it shall mean time spent as part of a procedure for obtaining international protection (under the 1951 Geneva Convention and the 1967 Protocol), from the submission of the application in this regard until the date of the final decision granting the refugee status or other form of subsidiary protection. This period shall also include periods of appeal with the Refugee Council or appeal against the decision with the Administrative Court;
 - 16) expert team, it shall mean the expert team selected by the Council in charge of evaluation of proposals submitted to the calls launched by the NCN or settlement of funds for research;
 - 17) mentoring, it shall mean the support granted by a well-established researcher to, e.g. a PhD student or less experienced researcher, in terms of training, professional challenges and the next steps of their research career, in the decision-making process and finding solutions to work-related problems; mentoring shall also include facilitation of contacts with the local research community.

Chapter II

Eligible Applicants and Host Institutions

§ 2. Subject to § 3, the POLONEZ BIS 3 call is open to incoming researchers who hold a PhD degree or have at least 4 years of full-time research experience and are planning to conduct their research projects at an institution located in Poland.

§ 3. The researchers shall be considered **ineligible** if:

- 1) they have lived, been employed¹ or studied² in Poland for more than 12 months in total in the 3 years immediately before the date of the call launch (15 September 2022). The 12-month period shall exclude:
 - short holidays,
 - time of mandatory military service,
 - time spent as part of a procedure for obtaining refugee status,
 - time spent in Poland, beginning on or after 24 February, in the case of persons defined in the Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/382 of 4 March 2022 establishing the existence of a mass influx of displaced persons from Ukraine within the meaning of Article 5 of Directive 2001/55/EC, and having the effect of introducing temporary protection;
- 2) they were funded as POLONEZ or POLONEZ BIS fellows in any of the previous calls;
- 3) within 3 years prior to the call launch, they have held the role of principal investigator³ in a research project carried out at a Polish institution, including projects funded by the NCN;
- 4) they have had the role of principal investigator in any other proposal submitted to the NCN in an answer to the call launched on 15 September 2022 (including POLONEZ BIS 3) or in a proposal for which a funding decision was issued and remains in legal force or in any proposal under evaluation or under appeal;
- 5) they represent the host institution.

§ 4. The host institutions shall be considered eligible if they are specified in Article 27 (1) (1) (3)-(7a) and (1) (1) (9) of the NCN Act⁴ and are located in Poland, subject to § 5 and § 6.

§ 5. The host institutions shall be considered **ineligible** if:

- 1) they granted the applicant the PhD degree, unless since the PhD award the applicant has completed a documented post-doctoral fellowship(s) outside Poland, lasting a total of at least 3 years, including at least one fellowship lasting an uninterrupted period of 12 months;
- 2) they employed¹ the applicant within 3 years before the proposal submission deadline (15 December 2022);
- 3) they constitute a group of entities;
- 4) they are under receivership, in liquidation or subject to bankruptcy proceedings.

The period referred to in 5 (2) above shall exclude the period of employment of the applicant in the host institution beginning on or after 24 February 2022, if the applicant arrived in Poland on or after 24 February 2022 as a result of the military aggression of Russia against Ukraine.

§ 6. Project funding may constitute state aid to the host institution and may be granted pursuant to the Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education issued on the basis of Article 37 (2) of the NCN Act.

¹ Employment in Poland shall mean employment at an institution located in Poland, pursuant to the Polish Labour Law under an employment contract, regardless of the working time.

² Studying in Poland shall mean having the status of a student of first or second-cycle degree programme or uniform Master's studies at universities in Poland or status of a participant in PhD programmes pursuant to the Act on Higher Education of 27 July 2005 or PhD student at doctoral schools pursuant to the Act on Higher Education and Science of 20 July 2018.

³ Holding the role of the PI refers to the period from the date of concluding a funding agreement for a project until the day of submitting the final report on the completion of the research project.

⁴ A host institution may include a university, federation of science and HE entity; research institute of the Polish Academy of Sciences, research institute, international research institute, Łukasiewicz Centre, institute operating within the Łukasiewicz Research Network, Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences, other entity not listed above mainly involved in research independently on a continuous basis, scientific and industrial centre, research centre of the Polish Academy of Sciences, scientific library, company operating as R&D centre within the meaning of the Act on certain forms of support for innovative activities of 30 May 2008, legal entity established with registered office in Poland, President of the Central Office of Measures, a company conducting research in another organisational form than laid down above.

Chapter III Terms of Entry

§ 7. The following proposals may be submitted to the call:

- 1) to carry out research that neither is nor was funded by the NCN or from any other sources;
- 2) which comprise basic research laid down in Article 2 (1) of the NCN Act in any of the academic disciplines defined in the NCN panels adopted by the NCN Council;
- 3) which cover a research project planned for a period of 24 months;
- 4) for projects that start on the first day of the calendar month: 1 September, 1 October or 1 November 2023, and in the case of projects carried out in a host institution for which funding constitutes state aid: 1 October or 1 November 2023; and
- 5) which include the documents and information specified in § 15 hereof.

§ 8. The host institution must employ the applicant for the entire project funding term pursuant to a full-time employment contract, exclusively for the implementation of project tasks and participation in the project-related training courses.

§ 9. The principal investigator must reside in Poland and be available to the host institution. This obligation does not apply to documented project-related business trips, as well as holidays, time off work and other excused absences from work regulated by generally applicable laws.

§ 10. During the project funding term, the principal investigator must not use any other sources of funding their arrival to or stay in Poland⁵.

§ 11. During the project funding term, the principal investigator must not be involved in international mobility activities, subject to § 9⁶.

§ 12. The mentor must have research experience sufficient to allow for adequate supervision of the project and mentoring of the principal investigator.

§ 13. The host institution must employ¹ the mentor on the date of the call launch and throughout the entire project funding term, whereas the number of working hours should be sufficient to allow the mentor for adequate supervision of the project and mentoring of the principal investigator.

Chapter IV Submission of Proposals

§ 14. Proposals together with the required annexes must be submitted electronically via the OSF electronic submission system available at <https://osf.opi.org.pl>, between **15 September and 15 December 2022 before 4 p.m. Polish local time**.

§ 15. Proposals submitted to the POLONEZ BIS 3 call must include information specified in the form available in the OSF proposal submission system; the template of which is published together with the call announcement, and must comprise:

- 1) the research project title (*in English*);
- 2) the project's abstract (*in English*);

⁵ For example individual fellowships under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Programme, POLISH RETURNS Programme, Ulam Programme and other fellowships granted by the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA), Scholarship Programme of the Government of Poland for Young Scientists, etc.

⁶ Including actions financed by external funds, e.g. individual fellowships under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Programme, NAWA's Bekker Programme, ERASMUS Plus, etc.

- 3) the project's abstract for the general public (*1 page in English*);
- 4) research project descriptions:
 - a) short description (*up to 5 pages in English*),
 - b) detailed description (*up to 15 pages in English*).

Descriptions shall contain the scientific goal of the project, significance of the project, general concept and work plan, research methodology and project literature applicable to the subject of the project;

- 5) a work plan presenting the research tasks (*in English*);
- 6) information on the research team (*in English*), including:
 - a) information on the principal investigator, including:

- academic and research career,
- 1-10 most important papers published or accepted for publication (letter of acceptance required) in the proposal submission year or over a period of 10 years prior to the proposal submission year⁷, with 1-3 of them uploaded as PDF files.

For research in art, 1-10 of the most important papers published or accepted for publication (letter of acceptance required) or artistic achievements and achievements in research in art in the proposal submission year or over a period of 10 years prior to the proposal submission year⁷. If one or more papers are listed, 1-3 of them should be uploaded as PDF files,

- information on previous research projects or other funding awarded under NCN calls in the proposal submission year or within 10 years prior to the proposal submission year⁷, in which the applicant acted as the principal investigator;
- information on previous research projects funded under other national or international calls⁸ in the proposal submission year or within 10 years prior to the proposal submission year⁷, in which the applicant acted as the principal investigator (*up to 5 projects*),
- description of the most important research achievement,
- research experience gained in Poland or abroad,
- the most important national or international distinctions for research and/or other activity in research and/or art,

- b) information on the mentor, including:

- their academic and research track record,
- 1 to 10 of the most important papers published or accepted for publication (letter of acceptance required) in the proposal submission year or over a period of 10 years prior to the proposal submission year⁹.

⁷ The 10-year period can be extended by continuous long-term documented career breaks (over 90 days) related to: 1) sickness benefits or physiotherapy benefits on account of being unfit for work, 2) mandatory military service, 3) employment outside the academic sector, 4) time spent as part of a procedure for obtaining refugee status, 5) stay in Poland, beginning on or after 24 February 2022, in the case of persons defined in the Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/382 of 4 March 2022 establishing the existence of a mass influx of displaced persons from Ukraine within the meaning of Article 5 of Directive 2001/55/EC, and having the effect of introducing temporary protection. Overlapping career break periods caused by coexisting reasons may be included in the extension period only once. The 10-year period may be additionally extended by the number of months of child care leave granted pursuant to the Labour Code and in the case of women, by 18 months for every child born or adopted, whichever option is more advantageous.

⁸ Acting as a principal investigator also means managing/coordinating the work of a research group in international research projects or programmes.

⁹ The 10-year period can be extended by long-term (over 90 days) documented sickness benefits or physiotherapy benefits on account of being unfit for work. The 10-year period may be additionally extended by the number of months of child care leave granted pursuant to the Labour Code and in the case of women, by 18 months for every child born or adopted, whichever option is more advantageous.

- For research in art, 1 to 10 most important papers published or accepted for publication (letter of acceptance required) or artistic achievements and achievements in research in art in the proposal submission year or over a period of 10 years prior to the proposal submission year⁹,
 - information on previous research projects or other funding awarded under NCN calls in the proposal submission year or within 10 years prior to the proposal submission year⁹, in which the mentor acted as the principal investigator,
 - information on previous research projects funded under other national or international calls⁸, in the proposal submission year or within 10 years prior to the proposal submission year⁹, in which the mentor acted as the principal investigator (*up to 5 projects*),
 - description of the most important research achievement,
 - research experience gained in Poland or abroad,
 - the most important national or international distinctions resulting from research and/or other activity in research and/or art,
 - experience in mentoring or supervising research;
- c) information on the required qualifications and scope of work of the members of the research team;
- 7) a copy of the principal investigator's PhD diploma or documents confirming that the principal investigator has at least 4 years of full-time research experience, the supporting documents should follow the requirements specified in the proposal. Persons defined in the Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/382 of 4 March 2022 establishing the existence of a mass influx of displaced persons from Ukraine within the meaning of Article 5 of Directive 2001/55/EC, and having the effect of introducing temporary protection, who do not have the above mentioned documents, may submit letters of recommendation to confirm the required experience;
 - 8) documents confirming the principal investigator's compliance with the eligibility criteria laid down in the call text, drafted pursuant to **Annex 1** hereto;
 - 9) a Preliminary Career Development Plan drafted pursuant to the template given in the proposal (*in English*);
 - 10) Host Institution Capacity Form drafted pursuant to the template given in **Annex 2** hereto (*up to 5 pages, in English*);
 - 11) research project budget drafted pursuant to the requirements specified in **Annex 3** hereto (*in English*);
 - 12) in the case of research projects carried out in cooperation with partners from foreign research institutions, information on international cooperation as well as a description of the benefits that may result from such cooperation (*in English*);
 - 13) information on the Data Management Plan concerning data generated or used in the course of the research project, as required by the proposal (*in English*);
 - 14) information on the ethical aspects of the project, including any consents, opinions, permits and/or approvals necessary to carry out the project pursuant to generally applicable laws and best practices adopted for a specific academic discipline, as required by the proposal (*in English*);
 - 15) in the case of research projects which include clinical trials with a medicinal product or a medical device, a detailed justification of the non-commercial nature of the trials (*in English*);
 - 16) in the case of research projects covering research being performed or completed

by the principal investigator, or with respect to which the principal investigator applies for funding under other NCN calls or from other sources, description of similar research tasks with reasons justifying the need to have them funded under the project (*in English*);

- 17) in the case of research projects to be carried out in host institutions that do not receive any institutional core funding for research, information on research carried out over the last 2 years, together with a list of publications and information on research equipment and other infrastructure crucial to research (*in English*);
- 18) administrative declarations by the principal investigator, as required by the proposal;
- 19) administrative declarations by the host institution, as required by the proposal, including the host institution's obligation to:
 - a) employ the principal investigator for the entire project funding term pursuant to a full-time employment contract, exclusively for the implementation of project tasks and participation in the project-related training course, pursuant to the requirements specified in **Annex 3** hereto,
 - b) provide the principal investigator with the conditions necessary to carry out their research, including a laboratory/office space and research equipment necessary to complete the research,
 - c) provide administrative and financial support, including support related to the principal investigator's arrival and stay in Poland as well as employ (for at least 0.25 full time equivalent) an administrative officer to ensure administrative and financial project coordination,
 - d) support the principal investigator with regard to the required consents, opinions, permits and/or approvals if formal confirmation of compliance with the ethical standards is required before the start of the research task for which they are necessary,
 - e) allow the principal investigator to carry out an intersectoral secondment at the time and place of their choice;
- 20) the mentor's declaration that they have read the project description and agree to supervise the project and mentor the principal investigator;
- 21) in the case of entities for which project funding will constitute state aid, a detailed breakdown of costs as well as other documents and declarations related to the request to receive state aid via the NCN, as required by the proposal (*in Polish*).

§ 16. Only complete proposals that meet all the requirements set forth in the call text shall be considered eligible under the call.

Chapter V Evaluation of Proposals

§ 17. Proposals submitted to the call are subject to an eligibility check and merit-based evaluation.

§ 18. The eligibility check shall be performed by the Coordinators.

§ 19. The eligibility check of proposals shall comprise:

- 1) verification of the proposal's completeness;
- 2) verification of whether the proposal meets all the eligibility criteria set forth in the call text;
- 3) verification of whether the expenditures outlined in the proposal conform to the requirements stated in Annex 3 hereto: "Costs in research projects funded

by the National Science Centre under the POLONEZ BIS 3”;

- 4) in the case of host institutions outside of the public finance sector or institutions that do not receive any institutional core funding for research, an analysis of their legal, organisational and financial situation necessary to assess whether they can provide a sufficient warranty of proper implementation of the project; the analysis may, in particular, cover the period in which the host institution has carried out research on a continuous basis, examination of its assets, including availability of the appropriate research, administrative and office infrastructure and examination of the statutory documents that constitute the basis for the host institution’s business.

§ 20. In the event of any doubt regarding the eligibility check referred to in § 19, a Coordinator may request that the NCN Director seek an external reviewer’s opinion.

§ 21. Whenever any doubts arise during the analysis referred to in § 19(4) as to whether the host institution can provide a sufficient warranty of proper implementation of the project, the proposal may be conditionally referred to merit-based evaluation, in which case the Director shall request the host institution to provide additional explanations concerning their legal and organisational and financial situation or provide documents to confirm the same within the deadline provided.

§ 22. Only proposals approved as eligible shall be subject to merit-based evaluation, subject to § 21.

§ 23. A proposal may also be rejected on formal grounds at a later stage of evaluation, in particular if the deadline referred to in § 21 is not adhered to or the analysis of the explanations or documents does not dispel the doubts as to whether the host institution can provide a sufficient warranty of proper implementation of the project.

§ 24. The merit-based evaluation of proposals shall be carried out by Expert Teams established for a specific group of disciplines, i.e. Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (HS), Physical Sciences and Engineering (ST) and Life Sciences (NZ) as well as external reviewers.

§ 25. Evaluation of proposals under POLONEZ BIS 3 shall be carried out in two stages:

1) **Stage I:**

- individual reviews are drafted by two members of the Expert Team. In the case of a proposal which is assigned to an auxiliary NCN Review Panel specifying disciplines covered by NCN review panels other than the one to which the proposal was submitted, the chair of the Expert Team may decide to seek a second opinion from a member of another Expert Team;
- consensus is reached by the Expert Team on the final score assigned to each proposal, taking into account the individual reviews;
- the list of proposals recommended for the second stage of evaluation is agreed upon;
- final justifications are drafted for proposals not retained for the second evaluation stage.

During stage I, the evaluation is based on the data provided in the proposal and annexes thereto, with the exception of the detailed project description.

2) **Stage II:**

- individual reviews are made by at least two external reviewers based on the data provided in the proposal and annexes thereto, with the exception of the short project description;
- individual reviews of the ethics issues are drafted by at least two ethical experts for all proposals in which the applicant flagged at least one issue in the Ethics Issues section and for proposals in which, in the opinion of the Expert Team in stage I, ethics issues in research have not been appropriately addressed;

- an interview is conducted with the principal investigator by members of the Expert Team. The principal investigator may read the reviewers' opinions 14 days in advance of the interview date;
- consensus is reached by the Expert Team on the final score assigned to each proposal, taking into account the individual external reviews, reviews of the ethics issues and the results of the interview;
- the ranking list of proposals recommended for funding is agreed upon;
- final justifications are drafted for all proposals evaluated in stage II.

§ 26. In the evaluation of proposals, the following criteria shall be reviewed in particular:

- 1) compliance with the criterion of basic research laid down in Article 2 (1) of the NCN Act;
- 2) quality of research and innovative nature of research or tasks to be carried out;
- 3) research achievements of the principal investigator, including publications in renowned academic press/journals;
- 4) evaluation of other projects carried out by the principal investigator and funded by the NCN or from other sources;
- 5) research achievements of the mentor, including publications in renowned academic press/journals and mentoring experience;
- 6) potential impact of the research project on the research field(s) indicated in the proposal;
- 7) potential impact of the project on the career development of the principal investigator;
- 8) dissemination of the project results;
- 9) appropriateness of the host institution selected by the principal investigator;
- 10) justification of the costs as regards the subject and scope of research; and
- 11) diligence in the preparation of the proposal and compliance with other requirements of the call text.

§ 27. The following principles shall apply to the evaluation of proposals by the Expert Team:

- 1) the project budget may not be modified;
- 2) the percentage contribution of specific criteria in the individual assessment of proposals and the nature of the assessments are specified in **Annex 4** hereto;
- 3) each proposal is allotted a score;
- 4) additional information received during an interview referred to in § 25(2) may impact the final score assigned by the experts to particular criteria making up 100% of proposal evaluation value pursuant to **Annex 4** hereto;
- 5) the decision of the Expert Team on the final score of a given proposal is based on an analysis thereof and a discussion on the legitimacy of funding the proposal against other proposals reviewed in the call;
- 6) a proposal with a “zero” score or “no” decision agreed by the Expert Team in any reviewed criterion, except for the data management criteria, is awarded “0” points and cannot be recommended for funding;
- 7) proposals deemed non-compliant with any requirements of the call text by the Expert Team are awarded “0” points and cannot be recommended for funding.

§ 28. The Expert Team may recommend for funding proposals awarded at least 70 percentage points out of the total number of 100 points, subject to § 29.

§ 29. The Expert Team recommends for funding those proposals whose aggregated cost requested

from the NCN does not exceed the funds set by the NCN Council for research projects under specific groups of disciplines.

§ 30. If any proposals on the ranking list have been awarded the same score, their position on the ranking list will depend on the degree to which they take an interdisciplinary approach to research, whereby projects with a more interdisciplinary approach shall enjoy priority. The degree to which proposals are interdisciplinary shall be evaluated by the Expert Team.

§ 31. The Expert Team may conditionally recommend for funding one proposal, which only partly falls within the amount of funds available within specific groups of disciplines.

§ 32. The funding decision with regard to proposals referred to in § 31 shall be taken by the NCN Director, after considering the percent ratio of oversubscription of the POLONEZ BIS 3 budget in the specific groups of disciplines.

§ 33. Proposals that meet the criteria referred to in §28 but fall outside the limit of resources allocated by the Council for research projects within specific groups of disciplines may be conditionally recommended for funding from a waiting list.

§ 34. The NCN Director may recommend for funding proposals referred to in § 33, if the principal investigators decide not to sign the funding agreement for the research projects referred to in § 28 and § 31. Proposals conditionally recommended for funding shall be funded according to their order on the waiting list. § 30 shall also apply to proposals conditionally recommended for funding.

§ 35. The value of a proposal recommended for funding from the waiting list may exceed the value of the proposal whose principal investigator did not sign the funding agreement, in so far as the total allocation for the POLONEZ BIS 3 call is not exceeded.

Chapter VI

Selection of expert team Members

§ 36. Pursuant to Article 18 (7) of the NCN Act, the Council shall select members of the Expert Team responsible for evaluating proposals submitted to POLONEZ BIS 3. In the selection process, the Council shall follow the following principles:

- 1) candidates shall be selected from among outstanding Polish and foreign researchers, holding a minimum of a PhD degree, including former principal investigators of NCN calls, considering their research achievements and experience in assessment of research projects in Poland and abroad and experience in performance of research projects funded under calls in Poland and abroad;
- 2) an important element of the assessment covers information available from bibliometric sources for tracking researchers' achievements, subject to the specific nature of respective research domains and information from available lists of recipients of funds granted in the calls for research projects conducted in Poland and abroad.

§ 37. The detailed criteria and procedure for selecting the Expert Teams shall be set forth by the Council in the following document: "Expert teams of the National Science Centre – Establishing and Appointing".

Chapter VII

Funding Decision

§ 38. The call shall be concluded and the results shall be published within 6 months of the proposal submission deadline.

§ 39. The call results shall be announced by way of a decision of the NCN Director.

§ 40. In the event of a breach of the call procedure or other formal infringements related to actions performed by the NCN, the applicant may lodge an appeal against the decision of the NCN Director

with the Committee of Appeals of the NCN Council within 14 days of the date the decision is served.

§ 41. The Committee of Appeals of the NCN Council shall decide on the appeal within 3 months of the date on which the appeal was lodged.

§ 42. If the NCN Director's decision to reject funding is cancelled by the Committee of Appeals of the NCN Council and the proposal is forwarded for reassessment, the following principles shall apply:

- 1) this Resolution shall apply to proposal reassessments which must be completed within 5 months of the date the decision by the Committee of Appeals of the NCN Council to cancel the NCN Director's decision becomes final;
- 2) the assessment of a proposal may not be made by the experts and Coordinators who were involved in the previous assessment that ended with a decision of the NCN Director which was subsequently cancelled by the Committee of Appeals of the NCN Council;
- 3) as a result of reassessment, the Expert Team shall issue an opinion on the legitimacy of funding the proposal assessed, subject to the level of proposals reviewed earlier in the call;
- 4) if the Expert Team issues a positive opinion, the Director shall approve it and issue a funding decision; and
- 5) the decision referred to in point 4) shall have no legal or financial consequences for the other applicants whose proposals have been recommended for funding in the call even if the funds available for the call have already been used up.

Chapter VIII **Funds allocated to the call**

§ 43. The Council of the National Science Centre hereby decides to allocate **PLN 27,000,000** for research projects carried out under the POLONEZ BIS 3 call.

Disclaimer:

The English version of this Resolution does not constitute a sworn translation and has been prepared as an auxiliary document for your convenience. In case of any doubts as to the interpretation of its provisions, the Polish version shall prevail.