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OF THE COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE CENTRE

of 13 June 2019

on the terms and regulations of granting financial resources for the implementation of research tasks in the IDEALAB 'Managing threats' call for ground-breaking, interdisciplinary research projects financed from the European Economic Area Financial Mechanism 2014-2021

§ 1.

Pursuant to Article 18 (4) and Article 21, in conjunction with Article 20 (1) (1) (a), Article 20 (1) (4) and Article 20 (1) (6) of the Act on the National Science Centre of 30 April 2010 (Journal of Laws of 2018, item 947, as amended), hereinafter the 'NCN Act', having regard to:

- 1) the Regulation on the implementation of the European Economic Area (EEA) Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 adopted by the EEA Financial Mechanism Committee pursuant to Article 10.5 of Protocol 38c to the EEA Agreement on 8 September 2016 and confirmed by the Standing Committee of the EFTA States on 23 September 2016, establishing the European Economic Area Financial Mechanism 2014-2021;
- 2) the Memorandum of Understanding on the Implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 between Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Kingdom of Norway and the Republic of Poland, signed on 20 December 2017;
- 3) Guidelines adopted by the Financial Mechanism Committee concerning the implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021, in particular Guidelines for Research Programmes. Rules for the establishment and implementation of programmes falling under the Programme Area 'Research' of the EEA and Norwegian Financial Mechanisms 2014-2021, hereinafter referred to as the 'Guidelines';
- 4) Programme Agreement for the financing of the Programme 'Basic Research' between the Financial Mechanism Committee and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Investment and Economic Development of 7 June 2019 and
- 5) The competences of the Programme Committee laid down in the Guidelines;

the Council of the National Science Centre adopts the terms and regulations of granting financial resources for the implementation of research tasks in the IDEALAB 'Managing



threats' call for ground-breaking, interdisciplinary research projects, as approved by the Programme Committee. The terms and regulations are annexed (annex no 1 – 4) hereto.

§ 2.

In view of § 1, the Council of the National Science Centre additionally adopts the following rules in the IDEALAB call:

1. The Panels of Experts evaluating proposals in the call shall be selected pursuant to Article 18 (7) of the NCN Act, on terms and conditions laid down in NCN Council Resolution No 26/2018 of 8 March 2018, provided that the NCN Council adheres to the following terms in its selection of the Panel of Experts:
 - a) experts must be residents of and must work in countries other than Poland, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway;
 - b) experts are to be selected among eminent researchers, in particular based on their high level of expertise and relevant competencies, considering their research achievements and experience, particularly in the sandpit/idélab formula and experience in performance of research projects funded in open calls.
2. Researchers holding a PhD degree may be employed in research projects as post-docs with remuneration of PLN 120,000 per annum pursuant to full-time employment contracts, provided that they meet all of the following terms and conditions:
 - a) have been awarded a PhD degree within 7 years before joining the project. This period may be extended by the time of long-term (in excess of 90 days) evidenced sickness benefits or physiotherapy benefits on account of unfitness for work. This period may also be extended by the number of months of a child care leave granted pursuant to the Labour Code and in the case of women, by 18 months for each child born or adopted, whichever option is more advantageous;
 - b) are selected through open calls carried out by a recruitment committee appointed by the head of the host entity for the project, composed of the project's principal investigator as its chair and at least two persons appointed thereby, who have necessary scientific or professional qualifications. The candidates will be evaluated pursuant to the criteria laid down in the call announcement and the results will be made public by posting on the website of the host institution for the project;
 - c) at the time of receiving remuneration, they shall not receive any other remuneration from funds allocated as direct costs under research projects funded in NCN calls. .

It is possible to specify a higher amount of remuneration, if justified by specific circumstances specified in the proposal. The reasons to raise the remuneration shall be reviewed by the Panel of Experts.



3. Students and PhD students may be employed in research projects and paid in the framework of remuneration and NCN scholarships. Scholarships are awarded pursuant to the *Regulations for awarding scholarships for NCN-funded research projects* laid down in NCN Council Resolution No 25/2019 of 14 March 2019, provided that:
 - a) the budget for NCN scholarships per each month of project performance shall be a maximum of PLN 30,000;
 - b) NCN scholarships shall amount from PLN 3,500 to PLN 5,000 per month and shall be determined by the principle investigator depending on the tasks to be performed by a scholarship grantee in a research project;
 - c) NCN scholarships shall be deemed ineligible cost if a project is carried out in an entity, for which funding constitutes State aid.

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