

**Order No 12/2024
of 23 January 2024
by the Director of the National Science Centre
amending the proposal evaluation procedure for MINIATURA calls**

Pursuant to Article 30 (3) of the Act on the National Science Centre of 30 April 2010 (Journal of Laws 2019, item 1384) and pursuant to Article 2 (3) of the Organisational Regulations of the National Science Centre's Office and according to the tasks of the Scientific Coordinators of the National Science Centre, as laid down in Order No 9/2024 of 19 January 2024 by the Director of the National Science Centre, it is hereby decided as follows:

Article 1

The proposal evaluation procedure for a single research activity under MINIATURA 5, annexed to Order No 24/2021 of 8 April 2021 by the Director of the National Science Centre (Annex 1), as amended by Order No 4/2022 of 24 January 2022 by the Director of the National Science Centre, shall be amended as follows:

1. Article 1 of the Order shall have a new meaning and shall read as follows:

“This Order lays down the proposal evaluation procedure for the Expert Teams under the MINIATURA 8 call.”

Article 2

The proposal evaluation procedure for the Expert Teams under MINIATURA 8 is hereby agreed, as laid down in Annex 1 hereto.

Article 3

The work of the Expert Teams evaluating proposals submitted to MINIATURA 8 shall be organised by the Scientific Coordinators.

Article 4

This Order shall order into effect on the date of its adoption.

Director of the National Science Centre

Annex 1 to
Order No 12/2024
of 23 January 2024
by the Director of the National Science Centre,
amending the proposal evaluation procedure for
MINIATURA calls

Article 1

This Order lays down the proposal evaluation procedure for the Expert Teams under the MINIATURA 8 call.

Article 2

Whenever this Order refers to:

1. Council, it shall mean the Council of the National Science Centre;
2. Director, it shall mean the Director of the National Science Centre;
3. Coordinator, it shall mean a researcher employed as a Scientific Coordinator by the National Science Centre,
4. Expert, it shall mean an Expert Team member and
5. Ranking List, it shall mean a ranking list of proposals submitted in a month and recommended for funding.

Article 3 Coordinators

The duties of the Coordinators shall include:

1. running eligibility checks on proposals;
2. naming Experts to draft individual reviews;
3. referring proposals for merit-based evaluation;
4. assessing the accuracy and impartiality of individual reviews drafted by the Experts and
5. providing the Director with the Ranking Lists for his approval.

Article 4

Experts

The duties of the Experts shall include drafting individual reviews of proposals assigned by the Coordinator.

Article 5

Evaluation of proposals

1. Proposals shall be subject to an eligibility check and merit-based evaluation.
2. The eligibility check shall be carried out by the Coordinators.

3. The merit-based evaluation shall be conducted by the Experts.
4. Only proposals approved as eligible by the Coordinator shall be accepted for the merit-based evaluation.
5. Proposals shall undergo a single-stage merit-based evaluation.
6. The merit-based evaluation of proposals shall consist in individual reviews drafted by three Experts working independently in accordance with the criteria established by the Council for the MINIATURA call.
7. The merit-based evaluation shall be performed based on the information specified in the proposal.
8. Experts may reject a proposal as ineligible at the stage of the merit-based evaluation.
9. A proposal shall not be recommended for funding if it has been given the score of “no” by at least two Experts, in the same criterion subject to evaluation. The foregoing shall not apply to the ethics issues or data management plan.
10. A proposal shall be recommended for funding if it meets all of the following conditions:
 - 1) it has been given the score of “yes” by at least two Experts evaluating the proposal in each of the following criteria:
 - a) Does the research planned by a person carrying out a research activity meet the criterion of basic research?
 - b) Does the research activity meet the other requirements of the call text?
 - c) Has the proposal been prepared in a reliable manner?
 - d) Is the estimated cost of a research activity reasonable?
 - 2) its final grade has attained a minimum of 70% of points for the following criteria:
 - a) evaluation of scientific achievements of a person carrying out a research activity;
 - b) merit-based evaluation of a research activity and justification of its completion in view of the future research project, and
 - 3) it has been within the pool of available funding allocated for a given month.
11. Proposals that have been given the same final score-based evaluation may be recommended for funding only if they all are within the pool of available funding allocated by the NCN Council for a given month.

Article 6

Ranking Lists

1. The Coordinators shall establish Ranking Lists on the basis of a list of proposals recommended for funding.
2. The Coordinator shall provide the Director with the Ranking Lists for his approval.