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OF THE COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE CENTRE

of 6 September 2018

on the terms of the international bilateral call for Polish-German research projects
BEETHOVEN LIFE 1

Pursuant to Article 18 (4), in conjunction with Article 20 (1) (1) (b) and Article 20 (4) of the Act on the National Science Centre of 30 April 2010 (Journal of Laws of 2018, item 947), and pursuant to the Memorandum of Cooperation between the National Science Centre (NCN) and Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), concluded on 2 June 2016, the Council of the National Science Centre lays down the terms of **the BEETHOVEN LIFE 1 call for Polish-German research projects in life sciences.**

1. General provisions

- 1.1. This Resolution governs the terms of the call for the funding, by the NCN, of the Polish part of the research projects planned for implementation by Polish research teams under the BEETHOVEN LIFE 1 call.
- 1.2. The terms of the call for the funding, by the DFG, of the German part of the research projects planned for implementation by German research teams under the BEETHOVEN LIFE 1 call are laid down by the DFG.
- 1.3. The BEETHOVEN LIFE 1 call employs the lead agency procedure. The lead agency in the BEETHOVEN LIFE 1 call is the DFG.
- 1.4. The terms of awarding, by the NCN, funding for the implementation of research tasks to be carried out under the BEETHOVEN LIFE 1 are set out in the "Regulations on the mode of granting financial resources for the completion of tasks funded by the National Science Centre under international calls carried out as bilateral cooperation pursuant to the lead agency procedure," adopted by the NCN Council pursuant to Resolution No 80/2018 of 6 September 2018, hereinafter referred to as the „Regulations.”
- 1.5. Under the BEETHOVEN LIFE 1 call funding will be awarded to research projects carried out jointly by Polish and German research teams, in which international cooperation is a key element.

2. Call beneficiaries

The call is addressed to Polish research teams,¹ which, jointly with German research teams, will submit a proposal of a research project to be funded. The Polish part of the research project,

¹ The research team is to be understood as the principal investigator and members of the research team if indicated in the proposal.

funded by the NCN, is led by the principal investigator in the Polish research team, hereinafter referred to as the “principal investigator.” The German part of the research project, funded by the DFG, is led by the principal investigator in the German research team.

3. Eligible applicants

- 3.1. Proposals requesting NCN’s funding of the Polish part of the research project in the BEETHOVEN LIFE 1 call, hereinafter referred to as the “domestic proposal,” may be submitted under the call.
- 3.2. The call is open to domestic proposals:
 - 1) which provide for the implementation of basic research within the meaning of Article 2 (3) (a) of the Act on the principles of funding science of 30 April 2010;
 - 2) which cover the implementation of research in life sciences as indicated in the NCN panels set out in Annex 1 to this Resolution;
 - 3) in which the duration of the research tasks is 24 or 36 months;
 - 4) in which the sum of the funding requested for the entire duration of the Polish part of the research project is no less than PLN 250,000;
 - 5) which conforms to the terms set out in the Regulations;
 - 6) in which the person named as principal investigator holds at least a doctorate.

4. Submission of proposals

- 4.1. The call is open to domestic proposals to which a joint proposal have been attached, in accordance with the procedure set out in the Regulations.
- 4.2. Proposals are submitted in two electronic submission systems: ZSUN/OSF (Zintegrowany System Usług dla Nauk/Obługa Strumieni Finansowania) for domestic proposals submitted to the NCN and ELAN (*DFG Electronic Proposal Processing System*) for joint proposals submitted to the DFG.
- 4.3. The joint proposal,² drafted in accordance with the terms laid down by the DFG in the *Individual Research Grants Programme*, must be submitted to the DFG by means of the ELAN system, through the website <http://elan.dfg.de> by **17 December 2018**.
- 4.4. The domestic proposal, drafted in accordance with the data required as set out in Annex no 2 to this Resolution, must be submitted to the NCN by means of the ZSUN/OSF system through the website www.osf.opi.org.pl by **17 December 2018**.
- 4.5. The domestic research proposal must be supported with:
 - 1) a PDF file containing the joint proposal, identical with its version submitted in the ELAN system, including:
 - a) joint project description, hereinafter referred to as the Project Description;
 - b) CVs including lists of publications for the both principal investigators and for the members of Polish and German research teams;
 - 2) in the case of applicants who do not receive any operating support grant for their statutory activities from the budget for science:
 - a) information on research carried out over the period of 2 years before submitting the proposal, together with a list of publications affiliated with the entity;

² The joint proposal is to be understood as the proposal submitted by the German research team in the DFG ELAN system alongside all documents required by the DFG in accordance with the terms of the *DFG Individual Research Grants Programme*.

- b) information on the research equipment and other instrumentation/facilities crucial to scientific research;
- c) in the case of applicants with the status of joint entities: a joint entity agreement;
- d) confirmation of submitting the proposal.

5. Evaluation of proposals

Proposals are evaluated pursuant to the Resolution No 80/2018 of 6 September 2016 by the Council of the National Science Centre and the documents which apply to the DFG *Individual Research Grants Programme*, available at: www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/programmes/individual/research_grants/index.html.

6. Funding decision

- 6.1. The call will be concluded and its results published by the end of October 2019.
- 6.2. The call results will be available in the ZSUN/OSF system and will also be communicated by an electronically delivered decision of the NCN Director.
- 6.3. If the decision is not collected in the electronic form, the decision of the NCN Director is considered to have been delivered within 14 days of the date of being made available.
- 6.4. In the event of a breach of the call procedure or other formal infringements with regard to any activities conducted at the NCN, the applicant may appeal the decision of the Director of the National Science Centre to the Committee of Appeals of the Council of the National Science Centre within 14 days of the decision's delivery.
- 6.5. The Committee of Appeals of the Council of the National Science Centre passes judgement in the case of the appeal no later than 3 months from lodging the appeal.
- 6.6. Should the Committee of Appeals of the National Science Centre consider an appeal as legitimate, the decision on awarding funding for the implementation of a research project carried out by a Polish research team may be passed on the condition that the DFG award funding for the implementation of the research project carried out by the peer German research team.
- 6.7. The decision referred to in point 6.6 has no legal or financial consequences for the other applicants whose proposals have been qualified for funding in the call, even if the sum of resources available for the call had been previously depleted.

7. Mode of funding

- 7.1. The research project carried out by a Polish research team must begin on 15 January 2020 at the earliest and on 31 August 2020 at the latest.
- 7.2. The funding allocated for Polish research teams to carry out projects approved for funding is awarded pursuant to a decision of the NCN Director. Awarding funding for the tasks carried out by German research teams is governed by separate rules laid down by the DFG.
- 7.3. The funding is transferred to the applicant pursuant to a funding agreement, concluded between the NCN, the aforementioned entity and the project's principal investigator.

8. Call budget

The Council of the National Science Centre establishes the amount of financial resources allocated for the completion of the tasks carried out by Polish research teams under the BEETHOVEN LIFE 1 call for proposals as **PLN 20 million**.

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