

RESOLUTION NO 138/2019
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE CENTRE
of 12 December 2019
amending the terms of establishing and appointing expert teams
of the National Science Centre

§1

Pursuant to Article 18 (7) of the Act on the National Science Centre of 30 April 2010 (uniform text in Journal of Laws of 2019, item 1384), the Council of the National Science Centre hereby amends the terms of establishing and appointing expert teams of the National Science Centre set forth in Resolution No 48/2017 of 10 May 2017 and amended by Resolution No 26/2018 of 8 March 2018, as follows:

1) §1 shall be amended as follows:

§1. Whenever this document refers to:

- 1) NCN, it shall be understood as the National Science Centre;
- 2) Director, it shall be understood as the Director of the National Science Centre;
- 3) Council, it shall be understood as the Council of the National Science Centre;
- 4) grant, it shall be understood as NCN funding for research projects, post-doctoral fellowships, doctoral scholarships and research activities;
- 5) proposal, it shall be understood as a grant proposal submitted in response to a call announced by the NCN;
- 6) Council Committees, they shall be understood as the main Committees of the Council, i.e. Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Committee (K-1), Physical Sciences and Engineering Committee (K-2) and Life Sciences Committee (K-3);
- 7) disciplines or groups of disciplines, they shall be understood as the NCN panels covering the whole research domain in three research fields: Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (HS); Physical Sciences and Engineering (ST); and Life Sciences (NZ); and
- 8) Expert Team, it shall be understood as an expert team elected by the Council in charge of evaluation of proposals submitted in response to NCN calls and evaluation of settlement of research funding.

2) §2 shall be amended as follows:

“§2. Members of the Expert Teams shall evaluate the proposals and correct settlement of research grants. Experts must include eminent Polish and/or foreign researchers holding at least a PhD degree, in particular NCN grant winners.”

3) §3 shall be amended as follows:

“§3. Expert Teams evaluating proposals shall be appointed for each call in individual disciplines or groups of disciplines. Expert Teams settling research grants shall be selected in specific research fields (i.e. HS, ST or NZ) for a particular term of office.”

4) §4 shall be amended as follows:

§5. Candidates to the Expert Teams shall be proposed having regard to the number and topics of proposals submitted to an NCN call, skills of the candidates, conflicts of interest and experience in the work of the Expert Teams or other teams evaluating research proposals.”;

- 5) the third sentence of §5 shall be amended as follows:
“One can be an Expert Team member evaluating settlement of research funds in two successive terms of office at the most and following a break of at least one term of office.”;
- 6) the following new paragraph shall be added before §6 and shall become §6:
“§6. An Expert Team member must not be a person named in the proposal as the principal investigator, research team member, mentor or research supervisor in a call under which he or she is to act as an expert.”;
- 7) the following new paragraph shall be added before §6 and shall become §7:
“§7. An Expert Team member must not be a person whose relations with any member of the Council, Director or scientific coordinator may trigger a conflict of interest.”.
- 8) §6 shall become §8 and the expression “NCN” shall be deleted;
- 9) §7 shall become §9 and the expression “NCN” shall be deleted;
- 10) §8 shall become §10 and the expression “NCN” shall be deleted;
- 11) §9 shall become §11 and the expression “NCN” shall be deleted;
- 12) §10 shall become §12 and the expression “NCN” shall be deleted;
- 13) §11 shall become §13, the phrase: “selected experts to the Expert Teams and chairmen thereof” shall be deleted and the following phrase shall be added: “experts selected by the Council and chairmen of the Expert Team”;
- 14) §12 shall become §14, the phrase: “evaluating reports on the implementation of NCN grant programmes if it proves necessary for the effective evaluation process” shall be deleted and the following phrase shall be added: “If necessary”; and
- 15) §13 shall become §15, the phrase: “the NCN may dismiss an Expert Team member at any stage of the evaluation process” shall be deleted and the following phrase shall be added: “may dismiss an expert from the Expert Team member position at any stage of the evaluation process pursuant to separate provisions”.

§2

The document setting forth the terms of establishing and appointing expert teams of the National Science Centre, as amended by §1 hereof, is attached hereto.

§3

The code of ethics of the NCN experts set forth in §4 of the annex to NCN Council Resolution No 22/2017 of 9 February 2017 on the Code of Ethics for Members of the Council and Experts of the National Science Centre shall cease to be valid on the date this Resolution enters into effect.

§4

As regards the code of ethics applicable to the experts, NCN Council Resolution No 22/2017 of 9 February 2017 on the Code of Ethics for Members of the Council and Experts of the National Science Centre shall apply to the calls announced by the National Science Centre before this Resolution enters into effect.

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This Resolution shall enter into effect on the date of its adoption.

Prof. Dr hab. Małgorzata Kossowska
Chairwoman of the Council of the
National Science Centre

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**EXPERT TEAMS OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE CENTRE
- ESTABLISHING AND APPOINTING**

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§ 4. Candidates to the Expert Teams shall be proposed having regard to the number and topics of proposals submitted to an NCN call, skills of the candidates, conflicts of interests and experience in the work of the Expert Teams or other teams evaluating research proposals.

§ 5. One can be an Expert Team member in three successive calls at the most and no more often than five times over a period of two years. One can be an Expert Team member in a call concerning a research activity in two successive calls at the most and following a break of at least one open call. One can be an Expert Team member evaluating settlement of research funds in two successive terms of office at the most and following a break of at least one term of office.

§ 6. An Expert Team member must not be a person named in the proposal as the principal investigator, research team member, mentor or research supervisor in a call under which he or she is to act as an expert.

§ 7. An Expert Team member must not be a person whose relations with any member of the Council, Director or scientific coordinator may trigger a conflict of interest.

§ 8. The Council members shall name the candidates to the Expert Teams and candidates for chairmen of the Expert Teams. An Expert Team evaluating proposals in a call concerning a research activity shall have no chairman.

§ 9. Pursuant to the recommendations of the Council members, the scientific coordinators shall contact the candidates to the Expert Teams. If a candidate refuse to work in an Expert Team, the Council members shall suggest a new candidate until such time as the Expert Team is complete.

§ 10. The scientific coordinators shall deliver the lists of candidates to the Expert Teams and candidates for chairmen thereof to the Council Committees for their approval.

§ 11. The Council Office shall provide the Chairman of the Council with lists of candidates to the Expert Teams and chairmen thereof, as approved by the Committees.

§ 12. The Council shall appoint the Expert Teams and chairmen thereof by way of a resolution.

§ 13. Once a resolution has been adopted, the Chairman of the Council shall request that the Director appoint experts selected by the Council and chairmen of the Expert Teams.

§ 14. If necessary, the Council may decide to appoint auxiliary Expert Team members during a call or term of office of the Expert Teams.

§ 15. In duly justified cases, the Director may dismiss an expert from the Expert Team member position at any stage of the evaluation process pursuant to separate provisions.

Prof. Dr hab. Małgorzata Kossowska Chairwoman
of the Council of the National Science Centre

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