

**ANNEX 16**

to the Cooperation Agreement between the NAWA and the NCN
of 12 September 2019

concluded between:

the **Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA)**, state legal entity established pursuant to the Act on the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange of 7 July 2017, with its registered office in Warsaw 00-635, at ul. Polna 40, NIP [tax identification number]: 5272820369, REGON [statistical number]: 368205180, hereinafter referred to as the “**NAWA**”, represented by:

Dr Łukasz Gołota, NAWA Deputy Director,

and

the **National Science Centre**, with its registered office in Kraków 30-312, at ul. Twardowskiego 16, REGON: 121361537, NIP: 6762429638, hereinafter referred to as the “**NCN**”, represented by:

Prof. Krzysztof Józwiak, NCN Director,

hereinafter jointly referred to as the “**Parties**” or individually as a “**Party**”.

In view of Article 1 (1) of the Cooperation Agreement concluded by the Parties on 12 September 2019 (hereinafter referred to as the “**Agreement**”) and pursuant to this Annex, the Parties decide to cooperate for the purposes of NCN’s SONATINA 10 call for research projects addressed at individuals who have been granted their PhD degree in the proposal submission year or within 3 years prior to the proposal submission year. The call is aimed to support the career development of early-stage researchers by creating opportunities for employment and research in Poland and enabling them to gain knowledge and experience during fellowships in first-rate foreign research institutions. This Annex shall be binding upon the Parties from the date of signing until the settlement date of the last research project funded under SONATINA 10.

Article 1

Pursuant hereto, the cooperation shall involve the NAWA funding of a foreign fellowship for the Principal Investigator pursuing a research project under SONATINA 10 (hereinafter also referred to as the “**Call**”), in the form of a NAWA programme, on terms and conditions laid down herein.

Article 2

Within the framework of the Call, the NCN has drawn up the following schedule and main objectives of the Call:



- 1) the Call shall be announced on 15 December 2025,
- 2) submission deadline for proposals: 3 months after the Call start date, i.e. 16 March 2026,
- 3) funding proposals shall be submitted by individuals (natural persons) or other entities specified in Article 27 (1) of the Act on the National Science Centre of 30 April 2010 (consolidated text in Journal of Laws 2023, item 153, as amended) where at least one discipline has been assigned a scientific evaluation category for the purposes of Article 269 (1) of the Act on Higher Education and Science of 20 July 2018 (consolidated text in Journal of Laws 2024, item 1571, as amended) and for which project funding shall not constitute state aid,
- 4) the funding decision shall be made within 6 months from the proposal submission date,
- 5) research projects carried out over 24 or 36 months shall be funded under the Call,
- 6) research projects recommended for funding shall include a foreign fellowship for the Principal Investigator lasting from 3 to 6 months, to be carried out in a foreign research institution specified by the Principal Investigator,
- 7) the Principal Investigator in a project recommended for funding shall request funding of the foreign fellowship referred to in Article (2) (6) in a programme operated by the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange, on terms and conditions specified in the call text, and
- 8) the other terms of the Call are laid down in the NCN Council Resolution laying down the terms and conditions of the SONATINA call, which shall be provided to the NAWA once approved by the NCN Council.

Article 3

In connection with the cooperation, the NCN shall have the following obligations towards the NAWA:

- 1) to immediately notify the NAWA of the Call results, i.e. of the number of research projects recommended for funding, place and date of foreign fellowships pursued by the Call winners and justification for choosing them,
- 2) to provide any material information on the implementation of the research projects funded under the Call (e.g. modification of the project dates or termination of agreements), in particular information allowing the NAWA to duly perform its obligations hereunder, and
- 3) to allocate a budget of PLN 50 million (fifty million PLN) to fund research projects selected under the Call.

Article 4

In connection with the cooperation, the NAWA shall have the following obligations towards the NCN:

- 1) the NAWA shall launch a programme to fund foreign fellowships for principal investigators conducting research projects under SONATINA 10 (hereinafter referred to as the "Programme");
- 2) the Programme shall only be open to researchers specified in Article 2 (7) hereof;
- 3) under the Programme, the NAWA shall allocate a budget of up to PLN 4.8 million (four million and eight hundred thousand), whereas the final amount securing funds for all fellowships recommended for funding will be set in the call text;

- 4) the terms and conditions of the Programme shall comply with the aims and objectives of the Call and shall be laid down by the NAWA Director by 15 December 2026, whereas, the key objectives of the Programme shall be as follows:
 - a) proposals for foreign fellowship funding shall be submitted by Principal Investigators in NCN projects specified in Article 2 (7) hereof no earlier than 6 months and no later than 3 months before the fellowship start date;
 - b) a continuous call for proposals under the Programme shall be open from 1 March 2027 to 31 December 2028, or until the funds allocated for the Programme are used;
 - c) the proposal must be appended with the following documents: a PDF file of the proposal submitted to the NCN, fellowship description with a schedule and justification for choosing the host institution and foreign research supervisor, scanned invitation from the host institution. In the event of any modification to the fellowship covered by a proposal submitted the NCN under the Call, a justification thereof must be provided;
 - d) proposals shall be subject to an eligibility check. The NAWA shall acknowledge the award of NCN funding as a binding confirmation of the quality of the proposal and the fellowship. Any modification to the fellowship location shall be reviewed by the NAWA;
 - e) in the fellowship funding decision, the NAWA Director shall lay down the tasks and deadlines to be met by the Principal Investigator on pain of withdrawing from the funding agreement;
 - f) foreign fellowship funding for Principal Investigators under the Programme shall include the following components:
 - i. a fellowship of PLN 7,500 per each month of the Fellow's stay at the foreign Host Institution,
 - ii. a lump-sum allowance for subsistence and accommodation ranging from PLN 4,000 to PLN 12,000, depending on the country of destination,
 - iii. a lump-sum allowance for travel expenses ranging from PLN 1,000 to PLN 6,500, depending on the country of destination,
 - iv. a lump-sum allowance for subsistence and accommodation of PLN 2,000 at the request of a Fellow with a certificate of severe or moderate disability,
- 5) the fellowship funding agreement to be concluded with a principal investigator shall lay down the detailed terms and conditions of disbursement and settlement method as well as other obligations related to the Programme. Pursuant to the NAWA Act, a template of the fellowship agreement shall be made available together with the announcement of the Programme;
- 6) the NAWA shall notify the NCN of the results of the Programme and, in particular, of the number of proposals submitted, fellowships awarded and completed, and final reports settled; and
- 7) the NAWA shall agree any amendments of the Programme provisions laid down in Article 4 (4) with the NCN in advance.

Article 5

1. The Parties shall be bound to cooperate, exchange information and assist each other in order to properly perform the provisions hereof.
2. This Annex shall be concluded when signed by the last Party hereto.



3. This Annex has been drafted and concluded in an electronic format and signed by qualified electronic signatures.

Schedules:

1. Table of lump-sum allowances for subsistence and accommodation
2. Table of lump-sum allowances for travel expenses.

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Schedule 1. Table of lump-sum allowances for subsistence and accommodation

	GROUP OF COUNTRIES	COUNTRIES	MONTHLY RATE IN PLN
I	Countries with lower living and accommodation costs	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Egypt, Georgia, India, Lithuania, Latvia, Morocco, Moldova, Romania, Turkey, Ukraine, Vietnam and other countries around the world ¹ .	4 000
II	Countries with average living and accommodation costs	Andorra, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Cyprus, France, Greece, Indonesia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, North Macedonia, Germany, Malta, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Monaco, Vatican City, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Thailand, Hungary, Italy, Uzbekistan,	6 000
III	Countries with higher living and accommodation costs	Saudi Arabia, Australia, Bahrain, Brunei, China, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Hong Kong, Japan, Canada, Qatar, South Korea, North Korea, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Macau, Mexico, Norway, New Zealand, Oman, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Faroe Islands, United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates.	8 000

¹ Except for countries in Groups II, III and IV.

IV	Countries with the highest living and accommodation costs	United States of America, Israel,	12 000
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Schedule 2. Table of lump-sum allowances for travel expenses.

Country	Rate in PLN
Belarus, Lithuania	1000
Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Moldova, Germany, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine, Hungary	1500
Albania, Andorra, Belgium, Bulgaria, Montenegro, France, Greece, the Netherlands, Ireland, Kosovo, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Monaco, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, Vatican City, United Kingdom, Italy	2000
Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Georgia, Spain, Iraq, Iran, Iceland, Israel, Jordan, Qatar, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Faroe Islands	3000
Afghanistan, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, India, Yemen, Cameroon, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Congo, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Central African Republic, Cape Verde, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Togo, Uganda, Ivory Coast, São Tomé and Príncipe, United Arab Emirates	4500
Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Chile, China, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Eswatini, Fiji, Philippines, Hong Kong, Grenada, Guyana, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Cambodia, Canada, Kiribati, Colombia, Comoros, South Korea, North Korea, Costa Rica, Cuba, Laos, Lesotho, Madagascar, Macau, Malawi, Maldives, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia, Myanmar, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nicaragua, New Zealand, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, South Africa, Saint Kitts Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, El Salvador, Samoa, Seychelles, Singapore, Sri Lanka, United States, Suriname, Thailand, Taiwan, Tanzania, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Vietnam, Solomon Islands, Marshall Islands, Zambia, Zimbabwe	6500



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