

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

- §1. Whenever this document refers to:
- 1) NCN, it shall mean the National Science Centre (NCN);
 - 2) Director, it shall mean the Director of the National Science Centre;
 - 3) Council, it shall mean the Council of the National Science Centre;
 - 4) grant, it shall mean NCN funding for research projects, post-doctoral fellowships, doctoral scholarships and research activities;
 - 5) proposal, it shall mean a grant proposal submitted in response to a call announced by the NCN;
 - 6) Council Committees, they shall mean the main Committees of the Council, i.e. Humanities, Social Sciences and Art 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 mean 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 mean 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. 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, including NCN grant winners.
- §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. 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 four 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 three 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 named in the proposal as the principal investigator, research team member, researcher performing a research activity or NCN Mentor of the researcher performing a research activity, in a call in which they 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 for 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 the 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.

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