

Annex 1
to Order No 61/2024
of 29.10.2024
by the Director of the National Science Centre
amending Order No 50/2024
laying down the fee due to Experts for tasks requested
by the National Science Centre

Pursuant to Article 30 (3) of the Act on the National Science Centre of 30 April 2010 (Journal of Laws of 2023, item 153) and pursuant to § 2 (3) of the Organizational 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 fee paid to the Experts for the performance of tasks requested by the National Science Centre shall be determined herein.

Article 2

Whenever this Order refers to:

- 1) NCN, it shall mean the National Science Centre;
- 2) Director, it shall mean the Director of the National Science Centre;
- 3) Expert, it shall mean an expert referred to in Article 22 (1) - (3) of the Act;
- 4) Auxiliary Expert, it shall mean an expert appointed by the Director during audit proceedings to draft an expertise-based individual review, who is not a member of the Audit Team laid down in Article 34 (3) (2) of the Act;
- 5) Research Expert, it shall mean a member of the Audit Team laid down in Article 34 (3) (2) of the Act, appointed by the Director;
- 6) Call for Proposals or Call, it shall mean a call for basic research funding, launched or co-launched by the National Science Centre;

- 7) Merit-Based Evaluation, it shall mean a stage in the overall evaluation of a Proposal, specific to the nature of the Call and outlined in the relevant order of the Director of the National Science Centre on the proposal evaluation procedure;
- 8) Meeting, it shall mean an individual day in the Expert Team's session;
- 9) Project, it shall mean a project laid down in Order No 15/2021 by the Director of the National Science Centre establishing a procedure for auditing undertakings selected in the calls funded by the National Science Centre;
- 10) Session, it shall mean all Meetings of the Expert Team at a given stage of the Merit-Based Evaluation;
- 11) Act, it shall mean the Act on the National Science Centre of 30 April 2010 (consolidated text in Journal of Laws of 2023, item 153);
- 12) Proposal, it shall mean a proposal submitted to a Call that has passed the eligibility check;
- 13) Funding Proposal for a Research Activity, it shall mean a funding proposal submitted under the MINIATURA Call;
- 14) Expert Team, it shall mean a team referred to in Article 22 (1) of the Act;
- 15) Audit Team, it shall mean a Team established by the Director for the purposes of conducting an audit referred to in Article 34 (3) (2) of the Act.

Article 3

1. An Expert shall receive a gross fee of PLN 540 for their participation in an Expert Team Meeting (or PLN 360 gross for their participation in a remote Expert Team Meeting) with a view to:
 - 1) evaluating Proposals submitted under Calls and compiling ranking lists (there shall be one or two Sessions) or
 - 2) performing a Merit-Based Evaluation of Project billing reports or
 - 3) processing appeals against Director's decisions.
2. Experts shall receive no fee under Article 3 (1) (3) if they participate in an Expert Team Meeting held on the same day and are remunerated therefor according to Article 3 (1) (1) or Article 3 (1) (2).

Article 4

1. Apart from the fee laid down in Article 3 (1), the Chair of the Expert Team shall receive an additional fee for running the Meeting, in the amount corresponding to the number of Proposals evaluated by the Expert Team multiplied by PLN 50 gross.

2. Apart from the fee laid down in Article 3 (1), the Chair of the Expert Team in charge of settling research funds awarded by the National Science Centre, shall be paid an additional gross fee of PLN 540 for running each Meeting (or an additional gross fee of PLN 360 for their participation in a remote Expert Team Meeting).

Article 5

1. At the first stage of a Merit-Based Evaluation, an Expert shall be paid a gross fee of PLN 300 for an individual review of a Proposal submitted to a Call.
2. At the second stage of a Merit-Based Evaluation, an Expert shall be paid a gross fee of PLN 400 for an individual or additional review of a Proposal submitted to a Call.
3. An Expert shall be paid a gross fee of PLN 100 for an individual review of the Funding Proposal for a Research Activity.
4. An expert shall be paid a gross fee of PLN 300 for an individual review of a Proposal required to appeal against the NCN Director's decision.
5. An Expert shall be paid a gross fee of PLN 100 for an individual review of a Funding Proposal for a Research Activity required to appeal against the NCN Director's decision.

Article 6

1. Subject to Article 6 (2), an Expert shall be paid a gross fee of PLN 300 for an individual review of a billing report on the funds awarded.
2. An Expert shall be paid a gross fee of PLN 100 for an individual review of a billing report on a research activity.

Article 7

An Expert shall be paid a gross fee of PLN 1,000 for a Merit-Based Evaluation of a scientific monograph.

Article 8

1. A Research Expert acting as a member of an Audit Team performing an audit of a single Project shall be paid a gross fee of PLN 2,000.
2. An Auxiliary Expert shall be paid a gross fee of PLN 1,000 for an individual review for the purposes of the Project's audit proceedings.

Article 9

For an individual review of completion of NCN's tasks requested by the Research Integrity Committee, an Expert shall be paid a fee set by the Director on a case-by-case basis, depending on the complexity of the case and volume of the evaluated material.

Article 10

1. Subject to Article 10 (2), an Expert shall receive a gross fee of PLN 200 for an individual review (other than laid down in Articles 5 - 9) of completion of NCN's tasks,.
2. In well-justified cases, the Director shall set an Expert's fee for an individual review, as laid down in Article 10 (1), in the amount exceeding the amount set in Article 10 (1), depending on the complexity of the case and workload required to complete the review.

Article 11

Experts may decide to waive their fee.

Article 12

The Order shall enter into force on the day of signing, except that:

- 1) Article 4 (1) and Article 5 (1) and Article 5 (4) shall apply to the Calls launched on 17 June 2024 and thereafter;
- 2) Article 5 (3) and Article 5 (5) shall apply to the Calls launched after 1 January 2025;
- 3) Article 4 (2) and Article 6 shall apply to Experts appointed as of 1 January 2025.

Director
of the National Science Centre