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on: submitting proposals in the National Centre for Research and Development call under the programme INFOSTRATEG III: "Advanced computer, telecommunications and mechatronic technologies", a call for commissioned projects.

This is to inform you that the National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR) has announced a call for funding proposals of projects aimed primarily at developing Polish SI potential by means of creating solutions using artificial intelligence and blockchain with direct practical applications. The third call under the programme will select the contractors for so-called commissioned projects, and it addresses the topic submitted by the Office of Competition and Consumer Protection (UOKiK): ***"Using artificial intelligence for identifying consumer opinion on product safety and quality, including dual quality"***.

The call for proposals at the NCBR is open until 27 January 2022, 4:00 p.m..

Details have been published on the websites below:

- NCBR: <https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/infostrateg-na-projekty-zamawiane-iii-konkurs>
- Research Support Centre (RSC): www.cwn.uj.edu.pl under tabs: "Open calls" → "NCBiR open calls"

Terms of the call:

- Prospective entrants are consortia consisting of the following non-entrepreneur entities:
 - research entities,
 - commercial-law companies,
 - foundations,
 - associations,consisting of up to three entities, including at least two research entities based in Poland.
- The applicant with same consortium may submit one proposal for a given project in the call's thematic scope. The research topic has been described in detail in Annex to the call's terms and conditions.
- The project presented in the proposal should cover the implementation of all stages (one through three). Subsequent stages of project implementation come directly one after another and may cover, respectively:
 - Stage One: from one to three tasks – industrial research and/or experimental development,
 - Stage Two: from one to three tasks – industrial research and/or experimental development,
 - Stage Three: from one to three tasks – industrial research and/or experimental development, and/or pre-implementation work.
- Projects in which no experimental development and pre-implementation work have been planned will not receive funding (industrial research is not prerequisite for receiving funding). The results of the project's subsequent stages should be in compliance with the deliverables defined for each stage.
- The applicant may not merge together industrial research, experimental development and pre-implementation work under one task, i.e. a separate fragment of work in the project.
- Project implementation must begin on 1 August 2022.
- the project time frame is 42 months and includes:

- for stage one: up to 12 months (after 12 months of the date of project commencement a 4-month formal and subject-specific review of reports will ensue, based on valid stage progression criteria),
- for stage two: up to 15 months (after 31 months of the date of project commencement a 4-month formal and subject-specific review of reports will ensue, based on valid stage progression criteria),
- for stage three: up to 7 months.

Terms of funding:

The funding for the implementation of industrial research, experimental development and pre-implementation amounts up to 100 per cent of eligible costs. Applicants may implement the project only as non-economic activity.

The maximum amount of funding per project is:

- For stage one: PLN 1.8 million;
- For stage two: PLN 2.2 million;
- For stage three: PLN 1 million

Indirect costs are settled using a flat rate of 25 per cent of the direct costs (subcontracting costs not included).

Other important information:

- Projects selected for funding compete with one another over their entire duration.
- Using objective criteria, over the course of performance of funding agreements, the NCBR selects, after stage one and two, the projects to be allowed into the next stage.
- After stage one and two of the implementation of projects selected for funding, the NCBR conducts their evaluation and selection, admitting only selected projects to the next stage. Therefore, project teams should take into account the possibility of earlier termination of project funding and cooperation with the NCBR, if solutions presented by other project contractors yield better results in the selection process.
- The condition for granting a project funding for the implementation of the next stage (respectively stage two and three) is its obtaining a positive result during the selection and a place on the list of projects after selection which is within the quota for a given stage.

Applicant's obligations regarding intellectual property rights and the application of project results:

- All property rights to the project results are transferred to the right holder (Office of Competition and Consumer Protection) without any additional remuneration under the funding granted, regardless of the stage after which the project implementation ended.
- The right holder is obliged to use in practice the solution resulting from a project which received funding for the implementation of all 3 stages.
- If a piece of software is created, the applicant is obliged to transfer to the right holder, under the funding granted, all source, result, machine and other codes as well as project and technical documentation of the software and all other information and means necessary to dispose of the software by the right holder. These materials must contain all data allowing independent disposal, use and further changes to the software.
- An agreement will be concluded with the project contractors (persons entitled by virtue of personal rights to the objects of intellectual property rights), which will include a provision on the obligation not to exercise their moral rights. These agreements will also oblige the IPR holders to maintain the confidentiality of the IPR objects being the results of the project, including their non-use, non-exhibition and non-disclosure at home and abroad.

Form of submitting proposals:

Only electronic funding proposals will be accepted, sent through the LSI system, accessed at: lsi.ncbr.gov.pl. The system will be open until 27 January 2022, 4:00 p.m.

In light of the above, the proposal in electronic form should be sent only once approval by the university authorities have been secured. Information on approval of the proposal by JU authorities will be delivered by a call assistant at the RSC.

JU internal regulations:

1. In view of the project funding agreement's provisions (annex 15 to the call's terms and conditions) **assuming joint and several liability of the partners for the implementation of the project, the transfer, the Authors/Project Managers are obliged to submit their willingness to participate in the competition in advance.**

Please submit preliminary declarations of participation in the call alongside information on the title of the project, expected members of the consortium, scope of work to be covered by JU and budget planned, including JU's part, **by email no later than 20 December**, to the call assistant at _____ the _____ RSC)

Based on the declarations you will have submitted, Jagiellonian University authorities will decide on the further course of application in the call. The call assistant at the RSC shall inform you of the decision of JU authorities.

2. Upon securing approval of the planned project, in accordance with the Order no 56 of JU Rector of 11 July 2016 on: the procedure for drawing up and implementing projects funded from external sources at Jagiellonian University, please deliver to the RSC:
 - **by 5 January 2022** to Mr Tomasz Guzik, tomasz.d.guzik@uj.edu.pl, phone no 12 663 38 52,
 - a draft agreement, in the event that JU acts a partner to the project, and the leader has a template agreement of their own,
 - guidelines for drafting agreement, in the event that JU acts as a leader to the project, in order to draft a template consortium agreement,
 - **by 13 January 2022:**
 - a **proposal draft** (electronic version sent as a pdf file to the address of the call assistant at the RSC) for the purposes of review and verification of formal and accountancy eligibility;
 - a **research project entry form** and a **VAT eligibility form**, filled out in the electronic system JU Project Zone at: <https://strefaprojektow.uj.edu.pl/>.
 - **by 20 January 2022, 12:00: the final version of the proposal** (an electronic version sent as a PDF file: a document signed with a qualified electronic signature or in the form of a scan with signatures). Required signatures: principal investigator and JU organisational entity head (dean or director / head of other organisational entity).

With queries regarding drawing up and submitting the proposal please contact the call assistant (*opiekun projektu*) at the RSC, Ms Natalia Łakomy, phone no 12 663 38 27, natalia.lakomy@uj.edu.pl.

In matters regarding employment and remuneration in the prepared projects, please contact Ms Aleksandra Weiss at the RSC, phone no 12 663 38 73, aleksandra.weiss@uj.edu.pl.

In the case of queries concerning the application of project results, please contact CTT Brokers of CITTRU (appropriate for your host entity).