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Funding Instrument for Including Ukrainian War Refugees in Starting Grant, Team, and Proof-of-Concept Projects

1. Purpose of the Funding Instrument

The purpose of this funding instrument is to support the involvement of Ukrainian researchers who are war refugees (hereinafter *funded researcher*) in R&D activities as the participants of ongoing starting grant, team, and proof-of-concept projects.

2. Conditions

2.1. It is possible to apply for funding for including the funded researcher in an ongoing starting grant, team, or proof-of-concept project as a member of the (senior) research staff if

2.1.1. the researcher is a Ukrainian citizen who is a beneficiary of temporary or international protection;

2.1.2. the researcher meets the requirements of the member of the (senior) research staff of a starting grant, team, or proof-of-concept project.

2.2. The institution shall enter into an employment contract with the funded researcher for the funding period and with the workload of at least 0.5.

2.3. It is neither possible to simultaneously apply for nor allocate funding for involving the same funded researcher.

2.4. Several funded researchers can participate in the same project.

2.5. The amount allocated for the member of the senior research staff is €3,000 per month and the amount allocated for the other member of the research staff is €2,000 per month. No overhead costs will be added.

3. Funding Period

3.1. The funding period can be up to six months, but cannot exceed the end date of the project.

3.2. The funding period has to begin in 2023 at the latest.

4. Application Process

4.1. In order to apply for funding, the Principal Investigator of the respective project has to, together with the institution, submit the following information to the Estonian Research Council:

4.1.1. the name of the researcher who is going to be involved in the project, information regarding his/her status as a beneficiary of protection, and qualification (CV);

4.1.2. his/her role in the project, tasks to be carried out, and compliance with the objectives of the project;

4.1.3. the scheduled funding period;

- 4.1.4. if necessary, additional documents, incl. the confirmation of the researcher regarding his/her agreement with the conditions.
- 4.2. The applications can be submitted until 31 October 2023 or until the funds of this funding instrument have been depleted.

5. Processing the Applications

- 5.1. The applications are processed by the Estonian Research Council.
- 5.2. The applications will be processed in the order of submission.
- 5.3. The decision to approve the application will be made by the Management of the Estonian Research Council. The application will not be approved if:
 - 5.3.1. the application or the researcher does not meet the requirements and it will be impossible to eliminate the shortcomings;
 - 5.3.2. the tasks intended for the researcher do not meet the objectives of the project;
 - 5.3.3. the funds allocated for this funding instrument have been depleted.

6. Allocation of Funding

The funding is allocated to the institution based on a tripartite contract entered into by the Estonian Research Council, the institution, and the Principal Investigator of the project.

7. Reporting

A report on the activities undertaken with the funding has to be submitted together with the final report of the respective starting grant, team, or proof-of-concept project.

8. Premature Termination

- 8.1. The Estonian Research Council is entitled to discontinue funding prematurely if:
 - 8.1.1. the Principal Investigator or the institution have submitted the respective request;
 - 8.1.2. the employment contract of the funded researcher at the institution will be terminated;
 - 8.1.3. the project will be terminated prematurely;
 - 8.1.4. there are other adverse and justified circumstances.
- 8.2. The institution is required to refund the unused part of the funding to the Estonian Research Council in seven calendar days upon receiving the corresponding claim for refund.

9. Audit

- 9.1. The institution is required to allow the Estonian Research Council or a person authorised by the Estonian Research Council to audit the use of the funding.
- 9.2. Funding not used for the intended purpose may be reclaimed by the Estonian Research Council from the institution.