

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
between
Narodowe Centrum Nauki (NCN)
and
Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft e.V. (DFG)

Narodowe Centrum Nauki, hereafter referred to as NCN, and the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, hereafter referred to as DFG, both entities hereafter referred to as "the Parties", acknowledge the importance of fostering bilateral cooperation in basic research between Poland and Germany. This MoU builds on the hitherto existing cooperation between the Parties and is concluded with the intention to facilitate collaboration among scientists in both countries.

Article 1

In order to strengthen the Polish-German cooperation in all areas of basic research in science and the humanities, the NCN and DFG agree on joint project funding.

1. The Parties establish an opportunity for funding joint German-Polish projects – preferably on a regular, annual basis. This funding opportunity is issued as a call for proposals.
2. The DFG and NCN intend to support projects in all areas of basic research. However, the respective call for proposal may focus on certain disciplines or topics.
3. The DFG and NCN accept only integrated and joint project proposals in English applied for and conducted by researchers working in Poland and Germany.
4. In principle, each Party will cover the project costs for their grantees.
5. Detailed regulations on the procedure, the review process and the joint decision of the respective call are subject to further negotiations between the NCN and DFG. Within the frame of the respective call, the Parties agree to provide applicants with the requisite information beforehand. Both Parties agree to exchange call documentation, if needed, especially in the case of an appeal procedure.
6. However, all funding activities shall comply with the rules, regulations and procedures applicable at the respective Party. Furthermore, financial resources shall be contributed by both Parties on the basis of availability.

Article 2

The NCN and DFG are open to other forms of scientific cooperation in accordance with their respective guidelines, funding policies and budget regulations. Detailed regulations for the realisation and implementation of new areas of cooperation are subject to further negotiations between the NCN and DFG.

Article 3

This MoU may be modified or amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Parties.

Article 4

All questions or disputes related to the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled by amicable agreement between the Parties.

Article 5

This MoU shall come into effect on the date it is signed by both Parties; it is for a period of 5 years and shall subsequently be extended thereafter annually. Each Party may terminate the MoU by giving a written notice to the other Party six months in advance. Such a termination shall not affect the implementation or processing of ongoing activities, programmes or projects that have been agreed upon prior to the termination of this MoU.

Article 6

This document replaces the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the DFG and NCN on February 19, 2014.

Article 7

This MoU is drawn up in two copies in the English language.

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