

Name	Joint National Undertaking: ARTIQ - AI Centres of Excellence
For whom?	<p>The entities which can act as Hosting Institutions in the call are scientific and research entities meeting the criteria of an organisation conducting research and disseminating knowledge as provided for in Art. 2 (83) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty Text, and mentioned in Art. 7 (1) (1),(2) and 4-8 of the Act of 20 July 2018 – The Law of Science and Higher Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • schools, • federations of science and higher education system entities, • science institutes of the Polish Academy of Sciences, acting on the basis of the Act of April 30, 2010 on the Polish Academy of Sciences (Journal of Laws of 2019, items 1183, 1655 and 2227), • research institutes, acting on the basis of the Act of April 30, 2010 on research institutes (Journal of Laws of 2019, items 1350 and 2227), • international science institutes established on the basis of separate acts acting on the territory of the Republic of Poland, • Łukasiewicz Centre, acting on the basis of the Act of February 21, 2019 on the Łukasiewicz Research Network (Journal of Laws of 2019 items 534 and 2227), • institutes acting within the Łukasiewicz Research Network, • Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences, • other entities conducting mainly scientific activities independently and continuously, <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • centres of the Polish Academy of Sciences within the meaning of the Act of April 30, 2010 on the Polish Academy of Sciences <p>Hosting Institutions shall act as the Applicant of the call.</p> <p>Leaders of the call can be scientists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having international experience and achievements in the field of artificial intelligence, including successes in commercialisation and collaborating with business, • Having obtained doctoral degree up to 8 years prior to the call for proposals, • Not having resided, worked nor studied in Poland up to 2 years prior to the call for proposals, as well as not having managed a subsidy implemented in Poland;
For what?	<p>The funds of the general budget shall be designated for funding 3 AI Centres of Excellence – up to PLN 20 million each (including up to 1 million for supporting the establishment of special purpose vehicles).</p> <p>In each of the AI Centres of Excellence, research teams gathered around coming from abroad Leaders of international fame and significant scientific achievements, shall conduct – within innovative projects – general and industrial research, development and pre-implementation works in the field of AI leading to obtaining quantifiable results of implementation</p>
Call for proposals period	September 20 – December 20, 2021 exclusively via the LSI electronic system
Funding	<p>NCBR along with NCN shall grant the funding for the implementation of projects covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • general research (NCN), • industrial research (NCBR), • development works (NCBR), • pre-implementation works (NCBR). <p>The funds of the general budget shall be designated for funding 3 AI Centres of Excellence– up to PLN 20 million each including up to 1 million for supporting establishment of special purpose vehicles from the NCBR budget. NCN finances general research up to PLN 5 million, and NCBR - industrial research, development works or pre-implementation works up to PLN 14 million under the project.</p> <p>The aforementioned budget shall be supported with additional funds from Hosting</p>

	<p>Institutions in the equivalent of at least PLN 100,000 annually on average for each Centre of Excellence. The budget can also be supported with other resources from a Hosting Institution on their own.</p> <p>The obligations of the Hosting Institution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial and administrative service of project implementation, including the arrangements required for the arrival and stay of the Leader in Poland (it can also cover, e.g. babysitting, if applicable), • Hiring full-time administrative coordinator designated exclusively to CE AI for the entire period of funding the project, fluent in Polish and English (the expenses of hiring the coordinator are not included in the own contribution of the Applicant). <p>It is possible to plan the remuneration for the Leader within the budget (up to a gross PLN 600,000 remuneration cost along with outside of payroll employment cost a year); remuneration of the research team, including doctoral scholarships (under the funds granted by NCN); purchasing scientific and research equipment, devices and software, as well as depreciation costs; other costs directly related to the conducted research.</p> <p>Within the Joint Project state aid shall not be anticipated. Settlement of indirect costs is not expected.</p> <p>The level of financing for scientific units for implementing the work under the project amounts up to 100% of the eligible costs. Scientific units can implement projects exclusively within their non-economic activity.</p>
<p>Other important information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The break-down of material rights to the results of R&D works and related access rights, being the result of the Project, shall be determined between the Hosting Institution and a Leader and shall be stipulated in the cooperation agreement executed by and between the Hosting Institution and a Leader, • The Applicant has the right to submit as many applications as they wish for multiple projects i.e. covering different assignments and various goals, conducted by different leaders, • A given person can be indicated as a Leader in one application submitted in the call only, • It is not possible to submit an application regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The assessment performed within another call financed from public funds or ○ Appeal procedure before NCBR or NCN or ○ Court and administrative proceedings, • Relocation costs for the Leader (in the case when it is necessary for the Leader to relocate to the city of the registered office of an AI Centre) are covered within the own financial contribution of the Hosting Institution. The amount of the lump sum depends on the place of residence of the Leader and number of family members accompanying them in Poland, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) For the Leader residing in Poland relocating to another city: PLN 8,000 (spouse or partner living together with the Leader: + PLN 2000; a child + PLN 1000); b) For the Leader residing in an EU country: PLN 16,000 (spouse or partner living together with the Leader: + PLN 4,000; a child + PLN 2,000); c) For the Leader residing in a country outside of the EU: PLN 32,000 (spouse or partner living together with the Leader: + PLN 8,000; a child + PLN 4,000).

	The time from the commencement of implementing the project until completion is 60 months.
Method of applying	Exclusively via the IT system (NCBR's Application for Funding Generator)– active from 20 September 2021)
Time of assessing projects	Up to 12 months from closing the Call For Proposals
Documentation, including RK	www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/konkurs-artiq-centra-doskonalosci-ai
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