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## TRAINING OFFER FOR RESEARCHERS

### „WRITING GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS – BASED ON THE PRELUDIUM GRANT SCHEME”

Date: 16–17 April

#### Objective of the Workshop

The aim of the training is to strengthen participants’ skills in preparing and writing grant applications, with particular focus on the PRELUDIUM program organized by the National Science Centre (NCN).

The knowledge gained will support researchers in preparing their own scientific projects in accordance with NCN requirements. The materials developed during the training will be useful both individually and within research teams.

#### Benefits for Participants

After completing the training, participants will:

- understand formal and substantive NCN requirements for applying for a PRELUDIUM grant,
- be able to formulate a research project idea and define feasibility indicators,
- be able to properly structure a grant application, applying good writing and content organization practices,
- gain knowledge on budgeting and cost allocation in research projects.

These elements will be practiced through exercises incorporating mentoring components.

#### Description of the Workshop

The workshop is designed to enhance knowledge and skills in writing grant proposals within the NCN PRELUDIUM program. Special emphasis will be placed on:

- proper construction of different sections of a proposal,
- clear presentation of research ideas, plans, and innovations.

Participants will also learn about the grant evaluation process from both institutional and reviewer perspectives. The training includes practical exercises focused on building individual sections of a proposal.

It also incorporates:

- project matrix work,
- exchange of experiences between early-career researchers and mentors.

Sessions are conducted in English using interactive teaching methods such as:

- discussions,
- experience sharing,
- case studies,
- analysis of original training materials prepared by the trainer.

### **Workshop Programme**

1. Introduction to the call – formal and substantive requirements
2. Defining your idea – expectations and requirements of funding bodies
3. Writing a grant application – vocabulary and structure
4. The application from a reviewer’s perspective
5. Good practices in writing and evaluation
6. Budgeting and cost planning – preparation, implementation, settlement
7. Project matrices as support in proposal writing and project implementation