

This document contains information on the ARTIQ – AI Centres of Excellence competition<sup>1</sup>

Name	ARTIQ – AI Centres of Excellence – a Joint Venture
For whom?	<p>of a Hosting Institution acting in cooperation with the Leader.</p> <p><b>Hosting institutions:</b>  <b>Science and research entities meeting the criteria of a research and knowledge-dissemination organisation as defined in Article 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, as listed in Section 7 (1) (1, 2, 4-8) of the Act of 20 July 2018 – The Law on Higher Education and Science:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• higher education institutions;</li> <li>• a federation of entities of the higher education system and science,</li> <li>• a science institute of the Polish Academy of Sciences, acting on the basis of the Act of 30 April 2010 on the Polish Academy of Sciences (<i>Journal of Laws of 2019, items 1183, 1655 and 2227</i>),</li> <li>• a research institute, acting on the basis of the Act of 30 April 2010 on research institutes (<i>Journal of Laws of 2019, items 1350 and 2227</i>),</li> <li>• an international scientific institute established on the basis of separate acts operating in the territory of the Republic of Poland,</li> <li>• the Łukasiewicz Centre, operating under the Act of 21 February 2019 on the Łukasiewicz Research Network (<i>Journal of Laws of 2019, items 534 and 2227</i>),</li> <li>• an institute operating within the Łukasiewicz Research Network,</li> <li>• the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences;</li> <li>• other entities conducting mainly scientific activities on an independent and continuous basis</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• centres of the Polish Academy of Sciences, as defined by the Act of 30 April 2010 on the Polish Academy of Sciences.</li> </ul> <p>Hosting Institutions will act as the Applicant.</p> <p><b>Leader:</b>            Project manager, a scientist with international experience and achievements in the field of Artificial Intelligence, including successful cooperation with businesses, who also: holds at least a PhD degree/has received a PhD degree at most 8 years ago; for two years prior to the end of the call for applications has not lived, worked nor studied in Poland, nor managed a grant implemented in Poland.</p> <p>The Hosting Institution will file the Application in agreement with the Leader.</p> <p>The list of entities willing to act as Hosting Institutions will be available in the competition announcement.</p>

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<sup>1</sup> This document is for information purposes only and does not constitute competition documentation. The rules of the Joint Venture will be described in the Joint Venture Competition Regulations and may differ from the contents of this document.

<b>What for?</b>	<p>The primary budget funds will be allocated for financing 3 AI Centres of Excellence – up to 20 million for each (including up to 1 million of support for starting special purpose companies).</p> <p>In each of the AI Centres of Excellence, research teams gathered around Leaders recruited from abroad, with international renown and significant scientific and implementation achievements will conduct – within the framework of innovative projects – basic research, industrial research, development or pre-implementation work in the field of AI, leading to quantifiable implementation effects.</p>
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<b>Scope</b>	Artificial Intelligence
<b>Application deadline</b>	<b>Q3 of 2021</b>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>60 million PLN (20M PLN max for each project)</b>
<b>Financing</b>	<p>NCBR and NCN will co-finance the project implementation, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• basic research (NCN),</li> <li>• industrial research (NCBR),</li> <li>• development work (NCBR),</li> <li>• pre-implementation work (NCBR).</li> </ul> <p>The budget funds will be allocated to financing 3 AI Centres of Excellence – up to 20 M PLN for each, including up to <b>1 M PLN of support for setting up special purpose companies</b> out of the NCBR budget. NCN <b>would finance basic research up to the amount of 5 M PLN</b>, and NCBR – <b>industrial research, development or pre-implementation work up to the amount of 14 M PLN</b> as part of the project.</p> <p>The above-mentioned budget will be supported with additional funds provided by the Hosting Institutions amounting to the equivalent of at least 100,000 PLN on average per year for each Centre of Excellence. The budget may also be supported with other benefits from the Hosting Institutions at their own discretion.</p> <p>Planning within the budget will include Leader’s compensation (600,000 PLN gross of compensation and non-payroll expenses per year); compensation of the research team, including stipends; purchase of scientific and research equipment, hardware and software, and depreciation costs; other expenses directly linked to the conducted research. No public aid is planned in the Joint Venture. Indirect costs will not be accounted for.</p> <p>The level of financing research units for performing the work in the project is up to 100% of eligible costs. The research units may only implement the project as part of their non-business operation.</p>

<b>Other important information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The project may be implemented for 60 months.</li> <li>▪ The division of property rights to the results of R&amp;D work and related access rights, being the effect of the Project, will be agreed upon by the Hosting Institution and the Leader and specified in the conditional co-operation agreement made between the Hosting Institution and the Leader.</li> <li>▪ The cost of Leader's relocation (in the case of their need to move to another city where an AI Centre is located) will be covered as part of the Hosting Institution's contribution. The amount of the allowance in EUR depends on the Leader's place of residence and the number of family members accompanying them in Poland. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) In the case of a Leader residing in Poland if they need to move to another city: 8000 PLN (spouse or cohabiting partner: + 2000 PLN; child + 1000 PLN);</li> <li>b) In the case of a Leader residing one of European countries<sup>2</sup>: 16,000 PLN (spouse or cohabiting partner: + 4000 PLN; child + 2000 PLN);</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) In the case of a Leader residing outside Europe<sup>2</sup>: 32,000 PLN (spouse or cohabiting partner: + 8000 PLN; child + 4000 PLN).</li> </ul>
<b>Documentation, including Application Regulations</b>	<a href="https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/artiq-centra-doskonalosci-ai">https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/artiq-centra-doskonalosci-ai</a>
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<sup>2</sup> EU member countries, Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, the Vatican, Iceland, Kosovo, Liechtenstein, Former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia, Monaco, Montenegro, Moldova, Norway, San Marino, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom.