

130/2002 Coll.

Act

of 14 March 2002

on the Support of Research, Experimental Development and Innovation from Public Funds and on the
Amendment to Some Related Acts

(Act on the Support of Research, Experimental Development and Innovation)

Section 36

Czech Science Foundation

(1) The Czech Science Foundation is a structural unit of the state (Czech Republic) and an administrator of the chapter of the state budget. The Czech Science Foundation is an independent unit of account and as such it manages the specific, targeted and institutional funds granted by the Act on the State Budget of the Czech Republic independently. The registered office of the Czech Science Foundation is Prague.

(2) The Czech Science Foundation provides:

- a) preparation and implementation of groups of grant projects and other activities in the field of the basic research, including public tenders for research, development and innovations to support the grant projects;
- b) evaluation and selection of grant project proposals;
- c) provision of targeted support for the grant projects based on individual support agreements or decisions to provide support;
- d) monitoring of performance of support agreements or decisions to provide support and drawing of such targeted support;
- e) evaluation and monitoring of the process of solving and achieving the project aims and check of results reached thereby;
- f) drawing up of a draft expenditure plan of the Czech Science Foundation and reports of its activity;
- g) meetings and dealings with the competent bodies of the Czech Republic and/or European Union to discuss an issue of assessment of the provided support's compatibility with the common market;
- h) cooperation with similar foreign agencies.

(3) Bodies of the Czech Science Foundation are President, Presidium, Scientific Advisory Board and Supervisory Board of the Czech Science Foundation. The office of the Scientific Advisory Board members is a public office and no employment towards the Czech Republic is constituted thereby³³⁾. The Scientific Advisory Board members are paid for holding the public office remuneration of an amount set by the Government, and reimbursement of travel expenses in an amount and under conditions provided by the Labour Code³⁴⁾. The President and members of the Presidium of the Czech Science Foundation hold their the office in a form of employment. Salary of the President and members of the Presidium of the Czech Science Foundation is governed by applicable legal regulations regulating the remuneration of employees in the state administration bodies³⁵⁾.

(4) The President represents the Czech Science Foundation and acts on behalf of the Czech Science Foundation in any relevant matters. The President of the Czech Science Foundation is appointed out of the members of the Presidium and dismissed from the office by the Government of the Czech Republic on the recommendation by the Research, Development and Innovation Council.

(5) The Presidium of the Czech Science Foundation is an executive body of the Czech Science Foundation that approves calls for proposals to public tenders in the field of research and development and decides on making targeted support agreements or on issue of the decision to provide a targeted support, submits the draft Charter of the Czech Science Foundation or amendments thereto to the Czech Government for approval and presents the draft budget of the Czech Science Foundation. The Presidium has five members. Term of office for the Presidium members is four years and the particular member may be appointed for two consecutive terms maximum. The members of the Czech Science Foundation Presidium are appointed and dismissed by the Government of the Czech Republic on the recommendation of the Research and Development Council. The Czech Science Foundation Presidium coordinates an activity of the Discipline Committees serving as advisory bodies of the Czech Science Foundation that assess and evaluate the grant project proposals with applications for a grant.

(6) The Scientific Advisory Board of the Czech Science Foundation is a conceptual body of the Czech Science Foundation that primarily suggests creation and specialization of the Discipline

Committees, groups of projects and their aiming and presents such suggestions to the Presidium and also evaluates overall scientific level of the Czech Science Foundation and suggests necessary actions. The Scientific Advisory Board of the Czech Science Foundation consists of twelve members elected out of a number of experts and appointed by the Government of the Czech Republic on the recommendation of the Research, Development and Innovation Council.

(7) The Supervisory Board of the Czech Science Foundation is a controlling body of the Czech Science Foundation that controls distribution and allocation of the funds provided by the Czech Science Foundation and financial management of the state property which the Czech Science Foundation is authorized to manage, deals with complaints about a provider's procedure of evaluation of the grant project and submits its opinion to the Presidium. Those opinions that are issued under the powers of the Supervisory Board are binding for the Presidium. The Supervisory Board of the Czech Science Foundation consists of ten members elected out of a number of experts and appointed by the Chamber of Deputies on the recommendation of natural persons engaged in research and development. Term of office for the Supervisory Board members is four years and the particular member may be appointed for two consecutive terms maximum. The Supervisory Board presents annual reports of its activity to the Chamber of Deputies. The Chamber of Deputies is authorized to dismiss the Supervisory Board of the Czech Science Foundation if an annual report of its activity is not approved repeatedly. The Supervisory Board members may receive remuneration for their activity in the office and any reasonable travel expenses reimbursed in the amount and under conditions set down by Labour Code. Amount of such remuneration is determined by the Chamber of Deputies on the basis of the Report of Supervisory Board Activity on the recommendation of the Chamber of Deputies Commission for Science. At least once per six months the Supervisory Board of the Czech Foundation presents information of the Czech Science Foundation activity, including data of individual tenders in research, development and innovation, to the Chamber of Deputies Commission for Science.

33) Section 3 clause 2nd of Labour Code.

34) Part VII of Labour Code.

35) Government Regulation No. 564/2006 Coll. on the Remuneration of Public Service and Public Administration Employees, as amended.