

Statute of the International Advisory Body of the Research, Development and Innovation Council

Article 1

Introductory provisions

1. The International Advisory Body of the Research, Development and Innovation Council composed of prominent international experts (hereinafter the "International Council") is established by the Research, Development and Innovation Council (hereinafter the "R&D Council") as its advisory body pursuant to Section 35 (7) of Act No. 130/2002 Coll., on using public funds to support research, experimental development and innovation and on amendment of certain related laws (the Research, Experimental Development and Innovation Support Act), as amended.
2. The International Council's activities are governed by the statute and the rules of procedure. The statute and the rules of procedure of the International Council and changes therein are approved by the chair of the R&D Council acting on a proposal from the R&D Council.

Article 2

Competence

1. The International Council comments on draft strategic plans concerning research, development and innovation.
2. The International Council provides independent expert opinion on strategic documents concerning science, research and innovation, and selected topics and materials discussed by the R&D Council.
3. The report on its activities forms a part of the "Annual Report of the Research, Development and Innovation Council" for the relevant year.

Article 3

Leadership of the International Council

1. The International Council operates impartially and independently.
2. The activities of the International Council are directed by its chair, who is appointed to and removed from office by the chair of the R&D Council on a proposal from the members of the International Council.
3. The chair of the International Council is accountable to the R&D Council for the activities of the International Council, acts on its behalf, and directs its proceedings.
4. In the event of his absence from a meeting, the chair of the International Council may be substituted for by another member of the International Council appointed by the chair of the International Council in advance.

Article 4

Members of the International Council

1. The International Council has at least five members including the chair. Membership of the International Council is a public office that does not constitute a labour-law relationship (employment) with the Czech Republic.
2. Members of the International Council are appointed to and removed from office by the chair of the R&D Council based on a proposal from R&D Council members.

3. The term of office of a member of the International Council is four years. A member of the International Council may not be appointed for more than two consecutive terms in office.
4. Members of the International Council may not be substituted.
5. In the event that a member of the International Council is not performing his duties, and provided a majority of members of the International Council agree, the chair of the International Council may propose to the chair of the R&D Council to remove the member of the International Council from office and appoint a new member.
6. Members of the International Council are obliged to maintain confidentiality of materials submitted by the R&D Council for discussion until such time as the materials are approved and published; members of the International Council may not disseminate information marked as confidential and must not disclose personal data obtained in relation to membership of the International Council; this obligation remains in effect even after the termination of their membership of the International Council. This shall not hinder expert consultations in relation to the matters being discussed.

Article 5

Meetings of the International Council

1. The International Council usually meets once annually or as needed; the International Council may meet as part of a meeting of the R&D Council.
2. Meetings of the International Council are governed by its rules of procedure or the rules of procedure of the R&D Council, as applicable.

Article 6

Costs of activities and remuneration of members of the International Council

1. The costs of the International Council's activities, including remuneration of its members, are covered from funds allocated to research, development and innovation under the budget chapter of the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic.
2. Members of the International Council are entitled to remuneration for the discharge of public office in the amount determined by the chair of the R&D Council; travel expenses are reimbursed in the amount and under the conditions stipulated by the Labour Code and the directive of the Head of the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic on reimbursement of expenses for trips made by persons who are not in an employment relationship with the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic.
3. For these purposes, the Council for Research, Development and Innovation Support Department at the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic keeps documents on the proceedings of the International Council.

Article 7

Final provisions

This statute comes into effect on the date of its execution by the chair of the R&D Council.

In Prague, on 28 April 2017

signed

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Innovation and Chair of the Research,
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