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## **Commitment of the Host Institution for ERC Calls 2023**

The **Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg** which is the applicant legal entity, confirms its intention to sign a supplementary agreement with

## Prof. Dr. Ellen Kuhl

in which the obligations listed below will be addressed should the proposal be retained.

Performance obligations of the applicant legal entity (Host Institution) that will become the coordinator of the HE ERC Grant Agreement (hereafter referred to as the Agreement), should the proposal be retained and the preparation of the Agreement be successfully concluded:

The applicant legal entity (Host Institution) commits itself to ensure that the action tasks described in Annex 1 of the Agreement are performed under the guidance of the principal investigator who is expected to devote:

 in the case of an Advanced Grant at least 30% of her/his working time to the ERC-funded project (action) and spend at least 50% of her/his total working time in an EU Member State or Associated Country.

The applicant legal entity (Host Institution) commits itself to respect the following conditions for the principal investigator and their team:

- a) host and engage the principal investigator for the whole duration of the action;
- b) take all measures to implement the principles set out in the Commission recommentation on the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers – in particular regarding working conditions, transparent recruitment processes based on merit and career development – and ensure that the principal investigator, researchers and third parties involved in the action are aware of them;



- c) enter before grant signature into a Supplementary Agreement with the principal investigator, that specifies the obligation of the applicant legal entity to meet its obligations under the Agreement;
- d) provide the principal investigator with a copy of the signed Agreement;
- e) guarantee the principal investigator scientific independence, in particular for the:
  - i) use of the budget to achieve the scientific objectives;
  - ii) authority to publish as senior author and invite as co-authors those who have contributed substantially to the work;
  - iii) preparation of scientific reports for the action;
  - selection and supervision of the other team members, in line with the profiles needed to conduct the research and in accordance with the beneficiary's usual management practices;
  - v) possibility to apply independently for funding;
  - vi) access to appropriate space and facilities for conducting the research;
- f) provide during the implementation of the action research support to the principal investigator and the team members (regarding infrastructure, equipment, access rights, products and other services necessary for conducting the research);
- g) support the principal investigator and provide administrative assistance, in particular for the:
  - i) general management of the work and their team;
  - ii) scientific reporting, especially ensuring that the team members send their scientific results to the principal investigator;
  - iii) financial reporting, especially providing timely and clear financial information;
  - iv) application of the beneficiary's usual management practices;
  - v) general logistics of the action;
  - vi) access to the electronic exchange system;
- h) inform the principal investigator immediately (in writing) of any events or circumstances likely to affect the Agreement;
- i) ensure that the principal investigator enjoys adequate:
  - i) conditions for annual, sickness and parental leave;
  - ii) occupational health and safety standards;
  - iii) insurance under the general social security scheme, such as pension rights;
- j) allow the transfer of the Agreement to a new beneficiary, if requested by the principal investigator and provided that the objectives of the action remain achievable (portability; see Article 41 of the Agreement);
- k) respect the fundamental principle of research integrity and ensure that persons carrying out research tasks under the action follow the good research practices and refrain from the research integrity violations described in the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity. If any such violations or allegations occur, verify and persue them and bring them to the attention of the Agency.



For the applicant legal entity (Host Institution):

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