

In accordance with Article 13, paragraph 1, item 3) of the Law on the Science Fund of the Republic of Serbia (*Official Gazette of the RS*, No. 95/18 – hereinafter referred to as the: “Law”) and Article 10, paragraph 1, item 4) of the Articles of Association of the Science Fund of the Republic of Serbia No. UO 2/19 of 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019, which was approved by the Government in its Decision 05 No. 110-5430/2019 of 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (*Official Gazette of the RS*, No. 38/2019), at its 8<sup>th</sup> session held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019, the Executive Board of the Science Fund of the Republic of Serbia passes the:

## **Program for Development of Projects in the Field of Artificial Intelligence – Act on Goals, Implementation Method and Project Financing Terms**

### **I. INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS**

#### **Article 1**

This Act regulates the goals of the Program for Development of Projects in the Field of Artificial Intelligence (hereinafter referred to as the: “Program”), conditions for the announcement and the procedure of implementation of public calls within the framework of the Program, and in particular, the application procedure and conditions for the submission of project proposals (hereinafter referred to as the: “Project Proposal”), the procedure and the criteria for the evaluation of Project Proposals, the procedure for monitoring project outputs, the procedure for evaluating project results, terms of financing, and rights and obligations of beneficiaries of the project funds.

#### **Article 2**

The Program for Development of Projects in the Field of Artificial Intelligence, having the total budget of €2,400,000, is implemented within two sub-programs:

- Sub-program designed for the development of basic scientific research in the field of artificial intelligence (new algorithms, etc.) – PRVI\_O, with the total allocated budget of €1,200,000;
- Sub-program designed for the application of artificial intelligence to various fields of life and work in order to expedite social, technological, cultural and economic development of the Republic of Serbia – PRVI\_P, with the total allocated budget of €1,200,000.

#### **Article 3**

Within the Program, a project team member may be a person who fulfils the following conditions:

- s/he was awarded a title in research or science, or an equivalent title in the higher education<sup>1</sup>; and
- s/he is employed at an accredited science and research organization (hereinafter referred to as the: “SRO”<sup>2</sup>) throughout the duration of the Project.

#### **Article 4**

The Program goals are defined in the Strategy of Scientific and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia as follows: to encourage excellence and relevance of scientific research in Serbia in the field of artificial intelligence, to promote the application of scientific research results in the field of artificial intelligence for the purpose of development of the Serbian economy and strengthening of its defence abilities, to strengthen excellence and development of human resources in the field of artificial intelligence for the science and economy of Serbia and to improve international cooperation in the said field of science and innovations.

The Program goals that additionally arise from the Strategy for Smart Specialization of the Republic of Serbia (4S) are as follows: to support to key national priorities, to improve competitive advantages and potential in areas of excellence on the national level and to support technological innovations through inclusion of all

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<sup>1</sup> Junior Research Assistant, Research Assistant, Research Associate, Senior Research Associate or Principal Research Fellow, or Junior Teaching Assistant, Teaching Assistant, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor or Full Professor.

<sup>2</sup> A project team member may also be employed at an Innovation Center founded by the accredited SRO, but the Innovation Center may not be the leading institution in the project implementation.

stakeholders. Moreover, the field of artificial intelligence has been identified as one of the major horizontal potentials of the Information and Communications Technologies in Serbia and defined as such in the Strategy.

The main topics of the Program are as follows: general artificial intelligence, machine learning, natural language processing, planning, knowledge reasoning, computer vision and speech communication, and intelligent systems. Besides these areas, another area in the field of artificial intelligence may be proposed with an exposition.

The Program is of public interest to the Republic of Serbia, and it is planned and implemented in accordance with the Law on the Science Fund of the Republic of Serbia (hereinafter referred to as the: "Law") and in compliance with other provisions regulating scientific research and innovation.

#### Article 5

The person who wishes to manage a Project (hereinafter referred to as the: "Principal Investigator"), in addition to conditions stipulated in Article 3 hereof, must meet the following conditions:

- s/he holds a Ph.D. degree in science and was awarded a scientific title, or an equivalent title under provisions regulating higher education<sup>3</sup>;
- s/he has to have published and reviewed scientific papers and other scientific and research results, especially in the field of artificial intelligence, proving with her/his overall scientific work that s/he is professionally capable and qualified to conduct scientific and research work independently;

The person who, besides the conditions specified in the first paragraph of the present Article, meets the condition of **having at least one paper published in a leading international journal (of category M21a or M21)**, while both the paper and the journal are **in the field of artificial intelligence, may be the Principal Investigator within the frameworks of sub-programs PRVI\_O or PRVI\_P.**

The person who, besides the conditions specified in the first paragraph of the present Article, meets the condition of **having at least one paper presented at a leading international conference and published in the conference proceedings**, while **both the paper and the conference are in the field of artificial intelligence**, may be **the Principal Investigator within the framework of sub-program PRVI\_P.**

Project team members may be engaged on the proposed Project with up to 100% of full-time working hours, or as much as their other engagements permit, in compliance with the Labour Law.

Persons engaged on the Project must be employed by accredited SROs in the Republic of Serbia, with the exception of no more than one project team member from diaspora<sup>4</sup>, who is employed at an accredited SRO abroad and whose engagement is regulated pursuant to Article 113 of the Law on Science and Research. While the project team member from diaspora may not receive a fee for engagement on the Project, s/he is entitled to payment of costs related to travel, accommodation and stay in Serbia for the purpose of engagement in project activities.

#### Article 6

The Project duration is up to two years (24 months).

#### Article 7

The maximum budget for financing a single Project amounts to €200,000.

The Public Call defines the total budget for financing Projects in the implementation of the Program and its distribution across the sub-programs PRVI\_O and PRVI\_P, while the remaining funds or additional funds for financing may be approved under a new Public Call for the implementation of the Program.

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<sup>3</sup> Research Associate, Senior Research Associate or Principal Research Fellow, or Assistant Professor, Associate Professor or Full Professor.

<sup>4</sup> If s/he takes part in project implementation, the project team member from diaspora shall be named in all chapters of the Project Proposal designated for introduction of the project team members (Project Description A and Project Description B; Project budget; Project Gantt Chart; details on project applicants and the SRO; Declaration of the SRO; supporting evidence). Remuneration of the SRO refers to the SRO in Serbia only. The Project budget should clearly indicate the costs related to the project team member from diaspora (the only acceptable costs of the project team member from diaspora include costs of travel, accommodation and stay in Serbia). Given that the project team member for diaspora may not receive payment for their work on the Project, the budget category related to fees (Personnel) must have zeros (0.00) inserted into fields representing the fee for project engagement.

## **Article 8**

The following categories of Project costs are permitted for financing under the Program:

- 1) costs of the Project team members (including all relevant taxes and contributions for project team members engaged on the Project)<sup>5</sup>;
- 2) reimbursement to the SRO employing the Project participants for administrative and other project-related expenses;
- 3) procurement of equipment, software, consumables and other resources necessary for the Project implementation;
- 4) services of all natural persons<sup>6</sup> and legal entities, as required for research and the Project implementation;
- 5) costs of publishing in journals, as well as in open access journals, organization or participation in conferences and seminars;
- 6) short-term travels by project team members as required for the Project implementation;
- 7) applications for patents and protection of intellectual property in the Republic of Serbia generated as a result of Project activities, and associated expenses;
- 8) costs of disseminating the Project results.

In view of the specific nature of each Project Proposal, Project budget distribution per category of costs defined in paragraph 1 of this Article must reflect Project objectives and must be clearly justified in accordance with those objectives.

Certain categories of costs may be represented in the Project budget with no more than:

- costs listed in item 1), up to 70 % of the total Project budget;
- costs listed in item 2), up to 10 % of the total Project budget;
- costs listed in item 4), up to 20 % of the total Project budget.

The category of costs listed in item 3) may be represented with up to 30% of the total Project budget.

In an exceptional case, when it is necessary to deviate from the stipulated structure of costs listed in item 3), the project documentation (Project Proposal) has to justify the necessity for the proposed costs and the distribution.

Deviations from the defined structure of costs or stipulation of costs outside of the permitted categories are prohibited, and such Project Proposals will be excluded from the evaluation process.

## **Article 9**

Costs that will not be taken into consideration for financing by the Science Fund include but are not limited to the following:

- renovation and equipping of SRO premises and any type of construction or other works;
- repair, servicing or maintenance of the SRO's existing equipment;
- payment of interest or current debt to any party, including commitments made or undertaken during consideration of the Project Proposal, or upon approval of the Project financing;
- costs of items that are already being financed by another program or SRO;
- costs/participation in the costs of purchase, lease, sub-lease or adaptation of land, facilities and/or other real estate, including vehicles and movable assets and equipment not designated for scientific and research activities.

## **Article 10**

Procurements of goods and services related to the implementation of a Project whose financing has been approved under the Program are conducted in compliance with the Law and Contract on financing the implementation of a science and research Project of the Science Fund of the Republic of Serbia (hereinafter referred to as the: "Contract") which the Science Fund shall conclude with Project participants, in accordance with the template contract that forms an integral part of the documentation of the Public Call.

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<sup>5</sup> The remuneration model shall be determined by the SRO, in compliance with the Law and the internal acts of the SRO. The highest allowed fee of a Project team member is equivalent to the amount that is defined for his/her research category in the Act on remuneration (salaries and fees) of researchers financed through the Programs of the Science Fund of the Republic of Serbia.

<sup>6</sup> Engagement of natural persons refers to individuals who are not employed by the SRO participating in the Project, but are essential for implementation of project activities. Such individuals shall be considered service providers or subcontractors, rather than project participants.

The Principal Investigator is obligated to provide relevant documentation related to conducted procurements stipulated in paragraph 1 of this Article to the Science Fund in compliance with the Program, the Contract, or upon the Fund's written request.

#### **Article 11**

The Principal Investigator is obligated to manage the Project conscientiously, responsibly, and in compliance with legal provisions regulating the science and research, environmental protection, protection of intellectual property, personal data protection, prevention of conflict of interest, and other provisions essential for lawful implementation of project activities.

#### **Article 12**

The Science Fund shall disburse the funds to the SRO which is the leading institution in the Project implementation, in compliance with the approved Project budget and the signed Contract.

The Principal Investigator shall provide the Science Fund with a quarterly administrative and financial report, which constitutes a condition for disbursement of funds for the following quarter.

The Principal Investigator and the SRO shall ensure that funds are utilized in compliance with the law and contracted conditions and obligations. The SRO shall disburse funds to third parties in accordance with Project activities.

All disbursements shall be made in dinars (RSD) according to the median exchange rate of the National Bank of Serbia on the date of payment, to a separate current-account of the SRO (or a separate portion of the current-account) earmarked solely for purposes of the Project within this Program.

#### **Article 13**

The Science Fund shall regularly supervise and monitor the Project implementation through appraisal of the submitted quarterly reports stipulated in Article 12, paragraph 2, appraisal of the annual Project Progress Report, supervisory visits to the Project participants, should the Science Fund find such visits necessary, and direct monitoring of individual Project activities, as well as through appraisal of the Final Report on the Project results. Should it be determined that the Project funds have been used for wrongful purposes, the Fund shall request reimbursement of funds and consider termination of the further Project implementation and financing.

Project monitoring is regulated by relevant acts of the Science Fund and the law.

#### **Article 14**

The Principal Investigator may engage the team members for the entire duration of the Project or only during certain time intervals, depending on the Project needs and in accordance with the proposed budget. The Principal Investigator must be engaged on the Project throughout the Project duration.

If over the course of Project implementation, the Principal Investigator should need to replace a team member, s/he shall provide the Fund with a justified proposal for such replacement, which must be consented to by the Science Fund in writing.

In accordance with the initiated, explained and justified changes specified in paragraph 2 of this Article, which have been approved by the Science Fund, the signed Contract and addenda constituting its integral part shall be amended accordingly.

#### **Article 15**

In compliance with the Law governing science and research activities, the rights to all new intellectual property and know-how that may be generated during the course of the Project belong to the SRO, unless the Principal Investigator and the SRO agree otherwise, in which case the Project Proposal shall explain the manner in which these rights will be regulated.

Commercialization of results shall be achieved pursuant to the law and the SRO's by-laws. The SRO is obligated to guarantee the rights to intellectual property and know-how in contracts concluded with any third party.

Project results are subject to open science principles, in accordance with the Open Science Platform of the Ministry responsible for science and research activities (hereinafter referred to as the: "Ministry").

#### **Article 16**

For the purposes of the Program monitoring and evaluation, the Science Fund shall perform an independent analysis of beneficiaries once a year and at the end of the Program, based on clearly defined milestones and results. In order to accomplish this goal, the beneficiaries shall provide the Fund with all the necessary information and documentation.

The Science Fund submits a relevant report to the Ministry on the results of the monitoring and analysis specified in paragraph 1 of this Article.

## **II. PUBLIC CALL**

### **Article 17**

The Public Call for applications of science and research projects in sub-programs within the scope of the Program for Development of Projects in the Field of Artificial Intelligence (hereinafter referred to as the: "Public Call") comprises the following:

- full title of the Program for Development of Projects in the Field of Artificial Intelligence and sub-programs PRVI\_O and PRVI\_P;
- objectives of the Program and the sub-programs;
- duration of Projects;
- conditions to be fulfilled by the Project team members;
- total budget available for implementation of the Program under the Public Call and budget distribution between the sub-programs PRVI\_O and PRVI\_P;
- the maximum budget of individual Projects;
- permitted categories of costs to be financed by the Science Fund;
- method of submission of Project Proposals;
- deadline for the submission of Project Proposals;
- list of required documentation to be submitted with a duly completed Project Proposal;
- the manner and criteria for the evaluation of Project Proposals;
- expected duration of the process of evaluation of Project Proposals;
- other information relevant to Program implementation and completion.

The Public Call shall be published on the website of the Science Fund ([www.fondznanauku.gov.rs](http://www.fondznanauku.gov.rs)).

## **III. APPLICATION TO THE PUBLIC CALL**

### **Article 18**

The application containing the Project Proposal may be submitted exclusively in electronic form, through the e-Government portal, along with the documentation stipulated in the Public Call and in accordance with the instructions for implementation of the Public Call published on the website of the Science Fund.

The Project Proposal must be complete and include all the required annexes, and it must be prepared in accordance with the Instructions; otherwise, the Project Proposal shall be excluded from further evaluation.

The Project Proposal is submitted by the prospective Principal Investigator.

### **Article 19**

The Principal Investigator may apply with a Project Proposal for only one Project within the scope of the Public Call. The Principal Investigator who applies with a Project Proposal for one Project may not be named as a Project team member in other Projects proposed in response to the Public Call.

A person who is not named as the Principal Investigator in response to the Public Call may be listed as a Project team member on two proposed Projects, provided that his/her total engagement at any time, according to the Project implementation schedule, may not exceed 100% of full-time engagement on projects by the Science Fund.

A single SRO may apply with an unlimited number of Project Proposals.

### **Article 20**

The mandatory elements of a Project Proposal are as follows:

- Specification of the sub-program within the scope of the Public Call for which the Project Proposal is submitted;
- Project title, field of science, abstract and key words (in English);
- Project Proposal in accordance with the form provided in the documentation (in English);
- Information on the Principal Investigator and other participants in the Project (structured CVs and a list of published papers in English);

- Completed Ethics Questionnaire (in English);
- Information on the SROs which participate in the project;
- Project Implementation Plan (Gantt chart, in English, completed in accordance with the Instructions and the form provided in the documentation);
- Project budget (in English, completed in accordance with the Instructions and the form provided in the documentation);
- Information / documentation on the required and available workspace and equipment (in English, completed in accordance with the Instructions and the form provided in the documentation);
- Other attachments (Declarations of the SROs and evidence of fulfilment of Program conditions, in Serbian, completed in accordance with the Instructions and the form provided in the documentation).

## **IV. PROCEDURE OF EVALUATION OF THE SUBMITTED PROJECT PROPOSALS**

### **Article 21**

Evaluation of the Project Proposals shall be conducted within the sub-program for which it is submitted.

The procedure of evaluation of Project Proposals is carried out based on the criteria defined in this Act and in the Act on the Procedures for Preparation of Programs and Selection of Project Proposals of the Science Fund of the Republic of Serbia.

The received Project Proposals that include the documentation specified in Article 18 hereof are examined and assessed in a procedure consisting of administrative examination and two evaluation stages.

In stage one, the evaluation is based on independent reviews.

Stage two of the evaluation is performed by the Program Board for the Project Evaluation (hereinafter referred to as the: "Program Board").

Evaluation of Projects is performed in keeping with the procedure defined in the relevant acts of the Science Fund and according to the criteria defined in the Program.

### **Article 22**

The received Project Proposals undergo administrative examination stipulated by Article 21, paragraph 3 hereof, which includes an appraisal of the submitted documentation application in order to:

- establish the timeliness of the submitted Project Proposal against the deadline stipulated in the Public Call;
- establish that the Project Proposal is technically accurate and complete, including all annexes, confirmations and signatures;
- confirm that the Project Proposal fulfils general conditions defined in the Public Call within the Program, including formal fulfilment of criteria for the Principal Investigator, members of the Project team, and the SRO.

Administrative examination is performed by persons employed by the Science Fund.

The Project Proposal that passes the administrative examination shall qualify for stage one of the evaluation.

If a Project Proposal fails the administrative examination, the Science Fund shall exclude it from further evaluation and notify the applicant of the reasons for rejection of the Project Proposal.

### **Article 23**

During the course of the evaluation, Project Proposals are scored both numerically and descriptively, in accordance with the relevant forms available in the Program documentation on the website of the Science Fund.

The evaluation criteria are the following:

- **Excellence** – relevance and contemporary significance of the proposed topic, scientific merit, innovation, rationality of objectives, importance of the research, applicability of the results and future prospects of the proposed research; maximal 40 points for sub-program PRVI\_O and maximal 30 points for sub-program PRVI\_P in both stages of the evaluation.
- **Impact** – contribution to capacities for scientific research in the Republic of Serbia and integration of new knowledge, contribution to strengthening the competitive advantages of the economy and international cooperation, relevance and significance of the scientific research for the economy, the society, quality of life and the environment, efficacy of the proposed measures of the Project promotion and visibility, and Project Proposal of the Project results; maximal 30 points for sub-

program PRVI\_O and maximal 40 points for points for sub-program PRVI\_P in both stages of the evaluation.

- **Implementation** – assessment of competence of the Principal Investigator and other members of the project team, rationality of the implementation plan, possible risks and mitigation measures, budget rationality and balance, working conditions provided by the SRO; maximal 30 points for both sub-programs, i.e. PRVI\_O and PRVI\_P, in both stages of the evaluation.

A comparative overview of the criteria for both sub-programs and both stages of the evaluation is provided in Table 1.

Table 1 – Criteria for the evaluation of Projects in stages I and II; the maximal (and minimal) number of points for both sub-programs.

Criterion	PRVI O		PRVI P	
	Stage I	Stage II	Stage I	Stage II
<b>Excellence</b>	40 (min. 24)	40	30 (min. 24)	30
<b>Impact</b>	30 (min. 18)	30	40 (min. 18)	40
<b>Implementation</b>	30 (min.18)	30	30 (min. 18)	30
<b>Total</b>	100 (min. 60)	100	100 (min. 60)	100

#### Article 24

In stage one of the evaluation, each Project Proposal is evaluated by reviewers (hereinafter referred to as the: “Reviewers”), among whom one is the principal reviewer (hereinafter referred to as the: “Principal Reviewer”).

The reviewers are international experts, as a rule, and exceptionally a reviewer may be a local expert with internationally recognized professional career. Reviewers are selected according to the principle of having individual expertise that corresponds to the scientific field of the proposed Projects, based on the key words stated in the Project Proposal, as a rule. Selection of reviewers is done through a procedure regulated by the relevant acts of the Science Fund.

Reviewers score each question with a numerical value (awarding between 0 and 5 points) and descriptively. Reviewers also provide explicit recommendations, confirming or withholding their support for the Project Proposal.

The maximal score in stage one of the evaluation is 100 points, in line with the criteria specified in Article 23 hereof.

Upon completion of the reviews, the Principal Reviewer summarizes the reviews and calculates the total average score, representing the arithmetic mean of relevant scores awarded by the Reviewers. The Principal Reviewer formulates a conclusion and recommendation on acceptance or rejection of the Project Proposal. In case of discord between the Reviewers on the conclusion and the recommendation, the Principal Reviewer must note that discord in his/her conclusion, indicating the difference of opinions.

The Principal Reviewer submits the conclusion and recommendation to the Program Board.

Stage one of the evaluation of a Project Proposal is concluded with one of the following results:

- the quality of the Project Proposal is acceptably high and suitable to qualify for stage two of the evaluation (average scores for excellence, impact and implementation exceed 60% of the relevant maximal score);
- the quality of the Project Proposal is good, but insufficient to qualify for stage two of the evaluation (average scores for excellence, impact and implementation exceed 50% of the relevant maximal score);
- the quality of the Project Proposal is insufficient to qualify it for stage two of the evaluation.

A Project Proposal that has passed the stage one of the evaluation is forwarded to the Program Board, about which the Science Fund shall notify the Principal Investigator.

If a Project Proposal does not pass the stage one of the evaluation, the Science Fund shall notify the Principal Investigator of the results of the first evaluation stage.

## **Article 25**

The Program Board referred to in Article 21, paragraph 5 hereof has three members. Members of the Program Board are international experts in the field of artificial intelligence, and exceptionally, local experts with internationally recognized professional careers.

Selection and appointment of Program Board members is regulated by the relevant acts of the Science Fund.

On the basis of scores awarded by the Reviewers as specified in Article 24 paragraph 7 hereof, the Program Board forms a preliminary shortlist of Project Proposals and the Projects taken into further consideration for financing under the Program are only those which have, according to the shortlist, passed stage one of the evaluation and whose individual aggregate total budgets do not exceed the double budget amount stipulated in the Public Call for each sub-program.

The Program Board may request from the Principal Investigator to rebalance the proposed Project budget in its entirety or in individual items specified in Article 8 hereof.

## **Article 26**

Each member of the Program Board evaluates excellence, impact and implementation according to the criteria and number of points stipulated by Article 23 hereof.

The score awarded by the Program Board represents the arithmetic mean of the scores awarded by Program Board members.

The maximal score in stage two of the evaluation is 100 points.

## **Article 27**

The Program Board assesses all Project Proposals that qualified in stage two of the evaluation and formulates the final evaluation score. The maximal final score is 100 points.

Based on the final score, the Program Board forms a separate shortlist for each sub-program of Project Proposals which qualified in both stages of the evaluation and which will be financed within the available funds of the sub-programs.

The total required budget of a sub-program for all Projects accepted for financing may not exceed the total budget of that sub-program defined in the Public Call.

The Program Board submits the shortlists specified in paragraph 2 of this Article to the Scientific Council of the Science Fund.

If a Project Proposal fails to qualify in stage two of the evaluation, the Science Fund shall notify the Principal Investigator of the results of the evaluation.

## **Article 28**

The Scientific Council provides its opinion to the Management Board of the Science Fund, along with shortlists of Project Proposals for each sub-program as specified in Article 27, paragraph 3 hereof.

## **Article 29**

On the basis of shortlists specified in Article 28, the Management Board of the Science Fund shall make a decision on adoption of the final list of Projects in each sub-program that are approved for financing by the Science Fund under the Program and on the amount of funds allocated to each Project.

## **Article 30**

Once the Management Board of the Science Fund referred to in Article 29 has made its decision, the final list of Project Proposals approved for financing in each sub-program shall be posted on the website of the Science Fund.

## **Article 31**

For Project Proposals that are approved for financing in accordance with the lists referred to in Article 30 hereof, Contracts are signed with the Science Fund, in line with the contract template that constitutes an integral part of the Program documentation.



## **V. EVALUATION OF PROJECTS DURING THE COURSE OF IMPLEMENTATION**

### **Article 32**

The achieved Project results shall be evaluated during the course of the Project implementation pursuant to Article 13, paragraph 1 hereof. As needed, the implementation and purpose-oriented utilization of funds in line with the approved Project budget may also be subject to an extraordinary evaluation at the behest of the Science Fund, or upon a justified request of the SRO or the Principal Investigator.

For the purposes of evaluation, the Principal Investigator communicates the Project results in a relevant report.

Annual, extraordinary and final project evaluations are performed by at least one person with internationally verified results in the field of artificial intelligence.

Project evaluation entails a comparison between the proposed and achieved objectives of the research, the accomplished scientific results, the assessment of utilization of funds and other relevant indicators. If during the course of the evaluation it should be established that the Project implementation has not been fully compliant with the Project Proposal, the Science Fund shall notify the Program Board for Program preparation, analysis and monitoring, which in turn may propose to the Management Board of the Science Fund to decrease the contracted budget or to terminate Project financing altogether, which may also include initiation of procedure for reimbursement of funds spent wrongfully or illicitly. The final decision on decrease of the Project budget, suspension of financing and/or initiation of procedure for reimbursement of the received funds shall be made by the Executive Board of the Science Fund, while the execution of such decision is overseen by the Director of the Science Fund, pursuant to Article 15, paragraph 1, item 5) of the Law.

## **VI. PROMOTION AND VISIBILITY OF PROJECT RESULTS**

### **Article 33**

The Principal Investigator is obligated to ensure promotion of the Project and visibility of the Project results through participation in conferences, publication of scientific publications, organization of forums and seminars, promotion in mainstream and social media, organization of visits to the Project research team and the laboratory, and in other ways. It is suggested to have papers published in leading scientific journals, including those advocating the Open Science principle, as well as in leading international conferences in the field of artificial intelligence.

In all papers that are published in journals and presented at conferences, the Principal Investigator and Project participants are obligated to state that the results have been achieved in the Project financed by the Science Fund of the Republic of Serbia. The Principal Investigator is obligated to enable access to Project results to interested parties at any time over the duration of the Project, and for at least one year following Project completion.

It is recommended that primary data collected during Project implementation be systematically consolidated, structured and formatted electronically, and to be made freely accessible (open data).

## **VII. FINAL PROVISIONS**

### **Article 36**

This Act shall enter into force on the eighth day following its publication on the webpage of the Science Fund.