

Role and Contribution of the Programme Committee towards Progress in the Programme

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- The Programme Committee has been established by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MEYS), the Programme Operator of the Czech-Norwegian Research Programme (formerly CZ09 Support Research Fund).
- The Rules of Procedure of the Programme Committee came into force upon signature by Petr Fiala- the Minister of Education, Youth and Sports, **on 22 March, 2013**.
- Since the date, the Committee has met 5 times (2x in April / May 2013) to discuss and approve the rules of procedure of the Committee, to select research projects for funding and final awarding of grants (June 2014), to monitor the implementation of the financially supported projects, their results and outcomes and to evaluate the implementation of the programme as a whole (2015), to select projects for the additional support of the additional activities in the Social sciences and Humanities, to approve a wording of the Call supported by the Fund of Bilateral Cooperation (May 2016).
- The final meeting will be held in November 2017 to evaluate the results of the the programme and projects before the programme CZ09 itself is finished.

Tasks of the Programme Committee of the Czech-Norwegian Research Programme CZ09

- Approving the selection criteria and the text for the calls for proposal;
- Recommending which proposals to select for funding;
- Reviewing progress made towards achieving the objectives of the programme;

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- Monitoring of the Implementation of the Programme Operator;
- Reviewing Annual Programme Reports;
- Adopting a Guide for Applicants and guidelines for evaluators;
- Proposing revisions of the research programme likely to facilitate the achievement of the programme's objectives to the Donor State and Beneficiary State.

Members of the Programme Committee Czech-Norwegian Research Programme CZ09

Chairman:

Pavel Martasek, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic

Members:

Marit Westergaard from Arctic University of Norway, Tromsø, Norway

Iva Pichova from Institute of Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry
of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic

Alfsen Knut Halvor from Center for International Climate and
Environmental Research, Oslo, Norway

Ladislav Rabusic from Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic

Members of the Programme Committee Czech-Norwegian Research Programme CZ09



5 members – 3 Czechs and 2 Norwegians.

- The Programme Committee is a bilateral body which is composed of five representatives of professionals in the field of research (three from the Czech Republic and two from Norway).
- The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports proposed three Czech nominations and the Research Council of Norway, the Donor Programme Partner, two Norwegian ones.

5 vice-members – 3 Czechs and 2 Norwegians.

- They are particularly involved in the evaluation and a settlement of the projects to prevent from a conflict of interests and to secure a high-quality evaluation and a monitoring of the projects.
- Representatives of the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic, the Research Council of Norway, the Financial Mechanism Office and the Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway may also participate in Committee meetings as observers.



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Programme Committee
Members and Vice Members List
Programme CZ09 Research Support Fund



NAME	ORGANISATION	STATUS
Alfsen Knut Halvor	Center for International Climate and Environmental Research CICERO, Oslo, Norway	member
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Šprtová Mirka	Global Change Research Centre AS CR, v. v. i., Brno, the Czech Republic	vice member

Executive Summary

- Support granted under the Programme entitled the Czech-Norwegian Research Programme (CZ09) is designated to **enhance research-based knowledge development in the Czech Republic through research cooperation between Norway and the Czech Republic.**
- The Programme strengthens bilateral relations with the aim of **stimulating long-term cooperation, capacity and competence building.**
- It promotes **bilateral cooperation projects in basic and applied research and experimental development in selected thematic fields** (Environment, Health, Social Sciences and Humanities).
- The Czech Republic co-operates with many developed and developing states in the world but the Programme is the only one resource of support of the research area between both countries in the Czech Republic.

2013



2016



Executive Summary

- **In 2015 the Programme Operator (PO) made larger progress in approaching the Programme goals and in achievement of the outcome compared to year of 2014 .**
- **It met its commitments in the amount of CZK 163,017,000 to transfer the whole regranting 2015 stipulated in the contracts to the project promoters.** The provided institutional support was larger compared to regranting of previous year considering higher activities in the projects.
- **A certified sum of CZK 63,978,505 covering Financial Mechanism share of the Programme expenditures incurred in the calendar year 2015 was returned back to the Czech state budget. The share was fully reimbursed.**
- **PO succeeded in improvement of the outcome and raising the outputs of the Programme thanks to the reallocation of additional funds from the CZ08 Programme Carbon Capture and Storage in the following areas: Pilot Studies and Surveys on CCS Technology programme amounting 2,016,377 €, i.e. 53,433,991 CZK.**
- **Therefore the PO could additionally support four reserve projects from the Environment and Health area in 2015.** The process of reallocation and acceptance of these projects from the reserve list was completed by issuing project contracts and transferring first payments to new project promoters in September 2015.

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- The PO also managed to substitute a resigned project from social field with another "social" project from the reserve list in order to approach the condition of 20 % allocation for Social Sciences and Humanities area.
- To strengthen the support of bilateral activities from the Fund was a challenge at the beginning of 2016.
- There was a progress in fulfilling the Complementary actions in 2015.
- The PO was successful in promoting the Programme and sharing experience at outreach venues organized by the Financial Mechanism Office and Research Council of Norway in Brussels and in Oslo.

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- The management of the Programme was stable and functioning in 2015.
- The PO was also trying to enhance its management system to avoid risks which might occur during the implementation.
- To do so, it used feedbacks from independent audits.
- **In 2015 three independent entities were auditing the control and management system. The auditors approved functioning of the system with minor findings which did not jeopardize the Programme implementation.**

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- Last year personnel and structural changes happened at the Ministry (PO).
- In June 2015 a new unit for the Programme CZ09 was established in the organizational structure of the Ministry as well as a new minister was appointed.
- The PO kept doing information campaign on an awareness of the Norwegian Financial mechanism rules and fostering the project promoters and partners as well.
- Continuous mutual information exchange proceeded duly with the NFP.