

REGULATION OF SCIENTIFIC EMPLOYMENT (RSE)

Regulation n.º 985-B / 2019

Summary: Third amendment to the Regulation of Scientific Employment

In recent years, the legal framework applicable to the National System of Science and Technology (SNCT) has undergone profound alterations that aimed, in particular, at contributing to strengthen the institutional contexts, the human capital, the responsibility and the internationalization of the system.

In this context of the renewal of the legal framework of the SNCT, the Decree-Law 63/2019, of 16 May, which has established the legal framework for the institutions that are involved in research and development (R&D) as well as other entities of this system, is of special relevance.

The structuring character of this Decree-Law has a significant impact on other regulatory instruments of the scientific and technological sector. This is the case of Regulation 607-A/2017, published in Diário da República, II Series, of 22 November, which governs the access conditions and support rules for the employment of doctorates in order to integrate them in the SNCT.

In particular, it is necessary to adapt the said Regulation so as to ensure that it permits supporting all the entities that, according to Decree-Law 63/2019, form part of the SNCT.

The opportunity was also used to improve and clarify some of the solutions foreseen in the Regulation, in order to maximize the employment of doctorates within the SNCT.

Thus, making use of the powers conferred upon it pursuant to paragraph 1 (h) of article 21 of the framework law of public institutes, approved by Law 3/2004, of 15 January, in its current wording, in combination with paragraph 2 (a), (c) and (e) of article 3 of Decree-Law 55/2013, of 17 April, which approved the organic law of the FCT, I.P., the Board of Directors, on its meeting held on 12 December 2019, decided as follows:

Article 1

Purpose

The present resolution introduces the third amendment to the Regulation of Scientific Employment, approved by Regulation 607-A/2017, published in Diário da República II Series, of 22 November 2017, and amended by Regulation 806-A/2019, published in Diário da República, II Series, of 14 October 2019.

Article 2

Amendment to the Regulation of Scientific Employment

Articles 4, 6, 10, 11, 14 and 25 of the Regulation of Scientific Employment, approved by Regulation 607-A/2017, published in Diário da República, II Series, of 22 November 2017, and amended by Regulation 806-A/2019, published in Diário da República, II Series, of 14 October 2019, are replaced by the following:

Article 4

[...]

1 — ...

- a) Individual Support: Doctorates, of any scientific area, who wish to develop scientific research, technological development or management and communication activities in S&T in Portugal, integrated in institutions listed in article 14 of Decree-Law 63/2019, of 16 May;

Institutional Support:

b) ...

i) ...

ii)...

iii) Other institutions listed in article 14 of Decree-Law 63/2019, of 16 May

2 — In the event of host institutions without legal personality, the Grant Agreements or other similar mechanisms that are concluded shall be signed by the institution with legal personality in which they are integrated and by the head of the host institution.

Article 6

[...]

1 — ...

2 —

- a) Individual Competitive Call for Proposals, where the submission of proposals shall be done by doctorates, in any scientific area, supported by an entity integrated in the national science and technology system, designated as the host institution;
- b) ...

Article 10

[...]

1 — ...

2 — ...

3 – In case the budgetary limit or the number of agreements referred to in the previous number are not met because the selected candidates, by their own decision, opted not to celebrate employment contracts following the competitions referred to in this regulation, then those limits may be filled by applications not selected in accordance with the previous number, considering the sequential order of the list of the evaluated proposals as well as the minimum merit threshold defined in the announcement of the call.

Article 11

[...]

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5 — ...

a) ...

b) ...

c) ...

d) d) ...

6 — ...

7 — ...

8 — Upon completion of the evaluation parameters application, the members of each panel shall proceed to elaborate, in accordance with paragraph 2 of the previous article, the ordered lists of proposals.

9 — ...

Article 14

[...]

1 — ...

2 — Competitive Call for Proposals may also be terminated by a duly substantiated act of the Board of Directors, confirmed by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education , provided that the final ordered lists of candidates have not yet been notified.

SECTION II – INSTITUTIONAL FUNDING

Article 25

[...]

1 — Institutional funding is intended for the institutions referred to in paragraph 1 (b) of article 4, for the execution of research activities, under the terms expressed in their respective scientific employment plan.

2 — ...

3 — ...

Article 3

Republication

The Regulation 607-A/2017, published in Diário da República, II Series, of 22 November 2017, and amended by Regulation 806-A/2019, published in Diário da República, II Series, of 14 October 2019, is republished in annex I to this resolution, which shall form an integral part thereof.

30 December 2019. – The President of the Board of Directors of FCT, I.P. , Helena Margarida Nunes Pereira