

# The Government Council to Publish a Call for the Award for Research Promotion and Popularisation

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On Friday, 26 May 2023, another regular meeting of the Research, Development and Innovation Council (the Council) took place at the Straka Academy, chaired by First Vice-Chairman prof. Jiří Homola. As some of the main points of the meeting, the members of the RDIC discussed the Report on the Implementation of the Strategy for Gender Equality by 2030 and the document Update of the Roadmap of Large Research Infrastructures in the Czech Republic. The nomination call for the RDI Council Chairman's Award for Research Promotion and Popularisation for 2023 was also presented.

At the May meeting, the Council members approved the opinion on the Update of the Roadmap of Large Research Infrastructures in the Czech Republic. The Roadmap is a strategic material that presents the concept of large research infrastructures in the Czech Republic and is the equivalent of the Roadmap of the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI). The contribution of the Council to the Report on the Implementation of the Strategy for Gender Equality 2021–2030 was also approved. The relevant RDIC material includes the performance of tasks under the responsibility or co-responsibility of the Council. Since last year, the report has been submitted to the Government by the end of June each year.

A call for nominations for the winners of the **RDI Council Chairman's Award for the Research, Experimental Development and Innovation Promotion or Popularisation for 2023** was also accepted. The prize has been awarded since 2016 and is intended for scientists, as well as journalists, teachers, entrepreneurs, travellers and others who publish on the topic of research, development and innovation, communicate knowledge to the public and generally contribute to the popularisation of science and research.

The award comes with a reward of up to CZK 500,000 and can be granted once a year. The prize winners include, among others, astronomer and astrophysicist Jiří Grygar, botanist Václav Větvíčka, neuropathologist and writer František Koukolík, geologist and climatologist Václav Cílek and editor of the magazine Vesmír Ivan Boháček.

The nomination conditions for the call are going to be published in June on the website [www.vyzkum.cz](http://www.vyzkum.cz).

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