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Notification of intended funding for application Maxmove under the programme exist
Gründungsstipendium (EXIST Business Start-up Grant) for the promotion of high-tech start-ups

Dear Sir or Madam,

We hereby wish to inform you that Mr Ivan Pushkarev, is part of the start-up project Maxmove, for which the University of Cologne (Universität zu Köln), Albertus-Magnus-Platz, 50923 Cologne, has submitted an application under the EXIST Business Start-up Grant programme. As a result of the technical and administrative review, a funding recommendation has been issued. The actual funding is the subject of a separate notice.

EXIST is a funding programme of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWE) that aims to increase the number and success of technology-oriented and knowledge-based business start-ups in Germany. To this end, the BMWE supports university graduates, researchers and students in preparing to establish their own businesses. Grant recipients are German universities, which also provide supervision for the start-up projects and start-ups.

The EXIST programme is implemented by Projektträger Jülich (PtJ), the project management agency entrusted with this task, on behalf of the BMWE. After the universities have held advisory meetings with the founders, reviewed the ideas and submitted funding applications, the assessment is carried out by PtJ. As part of this assessment, PtJ's reviewers examine in detail the innovative substance and the economic viability of the projects as well as the qualifications, including academic degrees, and the contribution of each individual team member. In addition to the aspects mentioned above, PtJ's review also takes into account the cross-cutting objectives of the ESF as well as the projects' contributions to the Federal Government's sustainability strategy, which among other things also includes attracting skilled professionals from abroad. The international founders are highly qualified professionals who compete internationally.

The project funding comprises personnel expenses and stipends, which are tied to the individual and depend on the level of academic qualification. In the case of Mr Ivan Pushkarev, owing to his academic degree recognised in Germany, these amount to per month for the period from 01/06/26 to 30/11/26. The financing of his living expenses in Germany is therefore secured. For the planned implementation of the start-up project, the participation — and thus the residence in Germany — of Mr Ivan Pushkarev is required. We therefore support, on behalf of the EXIST programme, the visa application of Mr Ivan Pushkarev and remain available for any questions.

Kind regards

Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH

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