

The Chinese University of Hong Kong – HUN-REN Hungarian Research Network Joint Fund 2026 Call for Proposals

Guidelines for Applicants

Deadline: 15 April 2026 (17:59 CET / 23:59 HKT)

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) and the HUN-REN Hungarian Research Network (HUN-REN) have established the CUHK–HUN-REN Joint Fund to support collaborative research initiatives that will lead to longer-term, larger-scale, and impactful collaborations.

CUHK is a leading comprehensive research university regionally and internationally. It is recognized for its excellence in research and innovation that create value and bring benefits to society.

HUN-REN serves as the lead administrative and coordinating body of Hungary's national research network. It is a special-status legal entity established to carry out public tasks in scientific research and innovation in the STEM and life science domains, primarily through its 15 research centres and institutes and over 100 research groups.

Both parties are committed to fostering impactful research partnerships across disciplines and strengthening technological synergies and cultural exchange between China and Hungary, aligning with the strategic goals of both countries.

1. Project Scope and Priorities

Priority will be given to proposals in areas of interest as defined by CUHK and HUN-REN from time to time. For this inaugural round, proposals in the following areas are invited:

- a) **Biomedical and Health Sciences:** neuroscience, precision medicine, preventive health, longevity, early diagnostics, biomedical engineering, and cell and molecular biology.
- b) **Artificial Intelligence and Intelligent Systems:** sustainable AI (systems, engineering, machine learning) and smart manufacturing.
- c) **Energy research:** advanced battery and energy-storage technologies, renewable energy systems, grid integration and energy-management systems, circular material recovery and recycling for clean-energy infrastructure, sustainable materials, and decarbonization.

Proposals in other fields with good sustainability prospects are also welcome.

Proposals should be interdisciplinary and involve team members from different disciplines.

2. Eligibility

- a) Joint proposals shall be submitted between a Principal Investigator (PI) from CUHK and a PI from HUN-REN.
- b) Applicants from all disciplines are welcome to apply.
- c) All proposals must be led by a PI at CUHK and a PI at an affiliated research unit of HUN-REN¹:

¹ For further information on the eligibility criteria for HUN-REN applicants, please, visit HUN-REN's website: [Pályázatok](#).

- **CUHK PI:** Faculty members ranked at Research Assistant Professors or above holding full-time employment. Award holders are required to remain in university service for not less than a year upon completion of the activities in the proposal.
- **HUN-REN PI:** Research staff members of HUN-REN or its affiliated research institutes, holding a full/part-time appointment at the level of Research Fellow (or equivalent) or above. Award holders are required to remain in service of the institution for not less than a year upon completion of the activities in the proposal.

Priority will be given to early- and mid-career applicants with a substantiated track record.

- Each proposal must include at least one other faculty member or researcher on each team (i.e. not students) to collaborate in the project (preferably in a different field from the PI). Participation of doctoral students and post-doctoral fellows in the proposals is welcome.
- The proposal may include mutual external collaborators (e.g. researchers from other institutions and those working in non-academic contexts, such as industry) where the benefit of their involvement is justified. However, the proposal must have an active core of CUHK and HUN-REN members and the external collaborators will fund their own activities.

3. Eligible Activities and Costs

- The scope of supported actions encompasses initiation of expert dialogue via the organization of thematically targeted joint events, symposia, workshops, seminars, lectures and presentations, and data collection.
- Eligible costs are costs that are necessary for the implementation of the approved project, are directly linked to the eligible activities, are reasonable, justified and verifiable, and are incurred during the project implementation period.

Eligible costs under this call may include, among others:	The following costs are not eligible under this call:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travel costs related to the project, including economy-class air or rail tickets, local transport, and airport transfers; - Accommodation and subsistence costs incurred during project-related travel, in accordance with the internal rules and per diem limits of the respective institutions; - Services related to the holding of joint scientific events, such as workshops, symposia, seminars or research meetings, including venue rental, catering, technical support and related logistics; - Personnel costs for newly employed short-term support staff, such as research assistants or clerical staff, provided that such costs are directly attributable to the project and are in compliance with institutional rules; - Consumables and materials necessary for experimental work, data collection or prototype development; - Small-scale equipment essential for the implementation of the project and proportionate to its objectives; - Data collection and analysis costs, including surveys required for the project; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replacement teaching or research costs, including buy-out of existing staff time; - Salaries or remuneration of existing permanent staff of the participating institutions; - Scholarships, studentships or tuition fees; - Honoraria; - Visa application fees; - Costs related to degree programmes or formal education activities; - Large-scale equipment or infrastructure investments; - General office overheads, including rent, utilities, routine IT equipment or administrative costs not directly linked to the project; - Administrative costs; - Costs incurred outside the approved project implementation period; - Costs not foreseen in the approved budget or not sufficiently justified; - Any costs reimbursed or funded from other sources (no double funding rule).

Eligible costs under this call may include, among others:	The following costs are not eligible under this call:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Publication and dissemination costs, including open-access publication fees, printing or communication materials directly related to project outputs; - Delivery and courier costs incurred in connection with the project activities. <p>All eligible costs must be incurred in compliance with the financial management, procurement and accounting rules of the respective institutions.</p>	

- c) A consolidated budget shall be prepared for both CUHK and HUN-REN in a single plan, presented in separate columns for each party, and expenditures shall be made in accordance with the budget plan. Approval of expenditures will be governed by the respective institutions. Please download the budget template [here](#) (or [here](#)).
- d) Procurement of goods and services shall adhere to the purchasing guidelines of the respective parties.

For CUHK members, the costs of accommodation and subsistence are capped at the per diem allowance designated for the city to be visited. The per diem allowance rate can be found on the [CUHK Finance Office website](#). Only economy class airfares are supported.

For HUN-REN members, the costs of accommodation and subsistence, as well as the purchasing of goods and services, and small-scale equipment shall adhere to the guidelines set out in the grant agreement.

4. Funding and Duration

Up to five projects will be funded under this call.

Each project will receive up to HK\$150,000 (HUF 6,400,000) in total. Funding is provided on a 50:50 basis, with each party financing its own participants:

- HK\$ 75,000 from CUHK; and
- HUF 3,200,000 from HUN-REN.

No transfer of funds is permitted between CUHK and HUN-REN applicants. Each party shall administer and expend its allocated funding independently and exclusively for its own participants.

The project duration is 12 months, from July 2026 to June 2027. All funds must be expended within this period. Any funds remaining unspent at the end of the project period will be recalled.

5. Evaluation Criteria

The proposals will be assessed and recommended for selection by a committee composed of members of both parties appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of HUN-REN and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (External Affairs) of CUHK. Each proposal will be assessed according to its academic/scientific merit using the following criteria:

- a) High academic quality with interdisciplinary collaborative nature. (10 points)
- b) Relevance to the focus areas. (10 points)
- c) Capitalize on the distinctive advantages presented by CUHK and HUN-REN, e.g. access to resources and networks unique to the partners. (10 points)
- d) Generate desirable outcomes and impact, e.g. research publications and groundwork for major research funding. (10 points)

- e) Potential contribution to the research development and global engagement of CUHK and HUN-REN. (10 points)

A total of 50 points will be awarded across the five evaluation criteria. Proposals will be ranked according to their total score, and funding will be awarded to the five (5) highest-scoring proposals.

6. Application Procedure

- a) A joint proposal for each project should be submitted [online](#). Eligible applicants may only lead one proposal, but a PI can be listed as a collaborator in other proposals.
- b) Proposals should be submitted together with the following documents:
- (i) Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae of the two PIs with a selected list of publications (max. 2 pages).
 - (ii) A budget plan outlining all areas of expenditure with an itemized breakdown using separate columns for CUHK and HUN-REN funding. To download the template, please click [here](#) (or [here](#)).
 - (iii) **CUHK**: An endorsement form to be completed by the CUHK heads of departments/units and faculty deans/directors of institutes to confirm their (1) support for the application, and (2) intention to renew the applicants' contract if the applicants' existing contract will expire within one year upon completion of the project. To download the form, please click [here](#).
 - (iv) **HUN-REN**: An endorsement letter from the heads of the research centres or institutes, confirming (1) their support for the application, and (2) their intention to renew the applicant's contract if the current contract is due to expire within one year of the project's completion. To download the form, please visit HUN-REN website: [Pályázatok](#)

7. Timeline

Call opening	4 March 2026
Deadline for submission	15 April 2026 (17:59 CET / 23:59 HKT)
Planned announcement of results	May 2026
Project period	1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027

8. Reporting

All funded projects must submit a narrative report (1-2 pages) that describes the outcomes, nature of collaboration, project impact, graduate researcher involvement, and opportunities for future collaboration that evolved from their project. A single joint report should be submitted to all involved institutions within three months of the project end date, using the contacts listed below. A separate financial report should be submitted to its own institution.

The awardees of CUHK and HUN-REN will be invited by their own institution to complete a survey annually for three to five consecutive years to facilitate tracking of the partnership development.

9. Data Protection and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Management

Compliance with data protection and intellectual property rights requirements is an integral part of this call. Applicants are required to comply with the Data Protection and Personal Data Processing Notice and adhere to the IPR Management Plan as set out in the Annexes of this call for proposals. Submission of a proposal implies acceptance of and commitment to these requirements.

The personal data of the applicants contained in the proposal or related documents are transferred based on Article 49 subsection (1) a) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR). In respect of the funded projects, HUN-REN and CUHK shall, prior to the start of the project, enter into a separate data transfer agreement based on the Standard Contractual Clauses (SCCs) adopted pursuant to Article 46 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR).

10. Enquiries

All queries related to this call for joint research proposals should be directed to:

HUN-REN

Ms. Borbála PRIBAY
Project Manager (International Projects)
Project Management Office
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CUHK

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The Chinese University of Hong Kong – HUN-REN Hungarian Research Network Joint Fund 2026

Intellectual Property Rights Management Plan

1. Purpose and scope

This Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Management Plan is a set of guiding principles that defines how knowledge and results generated within The Chinese University of Hong Kong – HUN-REN Hungarian Research Network Joint Fund 2026 (CUHK-HUN-REN Joint Fund 2026) will be identified, protected, shared, and exploited. Applicants for the Joint Fund should read this carefully before making an application.

Given that the projects supported by the Joint Fund will be carried out by grantees linked to the parties, the IPR Management Plan aims to:

- ensure legal clarity and fairness between CUHK and HUN-REN (hereafter referred to as the “parties” collectively and a “party” individually)
- protect legitimate interests of each party;
- support scientific cooperation and knowledge exchange; and
- enable future research, innovation, and societal impact.

2. Applicable law and governing principles

This IPR Management Plan is implemented in accordance with:

- the laws and regulations applicable in each party’s jurisdiction;
- relevant international intellectual property treaties applicable in the parties’ jurisdictions, including but not limited to:
 - Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property;
 - Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works; and
 - Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights;

3. IPR governance and responsibilities

Each party is responsible for:

- identifying background and project results;
- coordinating protection and dissemination decisions; and
- ensuring compliance with this IPR Management Plan.

IPR-related decisions are taken jointly by the parties, based on mutual agreement.

4. Background Intellectual Property

Each party retains ownership of its Background IP, defined as any intellectual property owned, controlled, or developed independently by the parties at any time prior to or after the collaboration of the parties and which may be used by a party for the purpose of the collaboration.

- Background IP remains the exclusive property of the party owning the same.
- Use of the Background IP is granted only on a non-exclusive, royalty-free basis to the other party to be used in such other party’s jurisdiction and strictly for the purpose of implementing the projects envisaged under the collaboration. Any such use is granted only for non-commercial purpose and any such licence shall terminate automatically upon the conclusion of each specific projects. Except as otherwise specifically set out above, no further interest or right in the Background IP shall be granted to the other party.

- The parties' right and interest subsisting in its Background IP shall not be assigned or transferred to the other party.

Any other uses to a party's Background IP for purposes beyond the collaboration or project implementation shall be separately agreed by the parties and finalized by further written agreement.

5. Project Results

Project results include all tangible and intangible outputs generated within the project, such as:

- scientific publications and research findings;
- data, datasets, and databases;
- software, algorithms, and models; and
- methodologies, tools, and proof-of-concepts.

Ownership of results:

- Project results are owned by the party generating them. Any intellectual property subsisting in the project results shall be owned by such party.
- Joint ownership applies where results are generated jointly and cannot reasonably be separated. Any intellectual property subsisting in the project results shall be jointly owned by the parties.

Where joint ownership applies, the parties shall further agree in writing on:

- ownership shares;
- conditions for use and exploitation;
- cost-sharing for protection;
- licensing to third parties; and
- the respective contributions of each party to the jointly generated results, expressed as percentages.

Upon the parties' agreement, the parties shall execute a binding agreement on the joint ownership and exploitation of the jointly owned intellectual property.

6. Protection of results

The parties shall assess the nature and potential value of results before dissemination to the public.

Protection measures may include:

- copyright;
- patent or utility model applications;
- trade secrets and confidential know-how; and
- database rights.

Protection decisions are based on:

- scientific and innovation potential;
- cost-benefit considerations; and
- intended future use of the results.

Prior to any dissemination to the public, the parties shall discuss in good faith the appropriate measures to be taken for protecting the intellectual property subsisting in the results jointly owned by the parties.

7. Access rights and use of results

Each party is granted:

- Non-exclusive and royalty-free rights to jointly generated results for internal research and non-commercial purposes in the party's own jurisdiction; and
- Non-exclusive and royalty-free access to the other party's solely owned results for project implementation purposes only.

Any commercial exploitation, licensing, or transfer of jointly owned results to third parties requires the prior written consent of the parties and, where applicable, a separate agreement.

Any commercial exploitation, or use of the other party's solely owned results shall not be allowed unless with specific prior written approval of the other party.

8. Dissemination and publications

The parties promote open scientific dissemination, including joint publications and presentations. Before any public dissemination:

- the disseminating party shall provide prior notice to the other party;
- sufficient time is allowed to address the concern expressed by the other party with regard to any registrable intellectual property or confidential information which may be disclosed in the manuscript before publication. The parties shall discuss in good faith to delay publication to allow the other party to effect protection of its intellectual property or confidential information. The parties shall also endeavour to prevent any undue delay in publication.

9. Data Management and sharing

Research data generated within the project is managed responsibly and transparently.

- Data ownership is clearly defined.
- Data sharing follows agreed access conditions.
- Sensitive or confidential data are protected and not disclosed without consent.

Open data practices are encouraged where compatible with legal, ethical, and IP considerations.

10. Confidentiality

The parties shall ensure that all personnel engaged in the project (including employees, students, researchers) and any subcontractors or other third parties performing project work for that party are bound by written obligations of confidentiality, prior to accessing confidential information or generating any results.

Confidential Information means any non-public information disclosed by or on behalf of a party (the Disclosing Party) to the other party (the Receiving Party) in connection with the project, in any form (oral, written, electronic, or tangible), that is designated as confidential or that a reasonable person would understand to be confidential given the nature of the information and the circumstances of disclosure.

Confidential Information shall not include information that the Receiving Party can demonstrate: (a) is or becomes publicly available without breach of this Plan; (b) was lawfully known to the Receiving Party without restriction before disclosure; (c) is independently developed without use of the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information; (d) is lawfully obtained from a third party without duty of confidentiality; or (e) must be disclosed by law, regulation, or court/authority order (provided the Receiving Party, where legally permitted, gives prompt notice and cooperates to seek protective treatment). The Receiving Party shall use at least reasonable care to protect Confidential Information, limit access to those with a need to know, and upon written request return or securely destroy it (except archival copies required by law or bona fide backup systems).

Confidentiality obligations remain in force after the end of the project for a period of five years.

11. Dispute resolution

Any dispute relating to intellectual property arising from this project is addressed through:

1. amicable consultation between the parties;
2. if no resolution is reached within 30 days, referral to mediation or arbitration in accordance with applicable law, as mutually agreed by the parties.

12. Review and amendments

The parties reserve the right to amend this IPR Management Plan, as may be necessary, by mutual written agreement to reflect changes in applicable law.

Data Processing and Privacy Notice

The **HUN-REN Hungarian Research Network and The Chinese University of Hong Kong** (hereinafter together the “Data Controller” or “Controller”) is fully committed to ensuring the confidentiality and security of personal data and the exercise of the right to informational self-determination. The Data Controller processes the personal data provided by the applicants of the CUHK–HUN-REN Joint Fund (hereinafter: Data Subject) lawfully and fairly and in a transparent manner (based on the principles of lawfulness, fairness, and transparency), in accordance with the applicable legal provisions in force, ensuring their security and putting in place all the technical and organizational measures necessary to enforce the relevant legislative provisions.

This Data Processing and Data Privacy Notice (hereinafter: Data Privacy Notice) has been drawn up in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (hereinafter: GDPR Regulation) and Act CXII of 2011 on the Right to Information Self-Determination and Freedom of Information (hereinafter: Info Act.) applicable from 25 May 2018.

The Data Controller reserves the right to alter or remove any of the content, naming, or address of the website, as well as to modify its appearance, content, themes, or functionality at any time without prior notice. These changes and modifications, however, shall be without prejudice to the purpose of the data processing and the consent to the processing. Otherwise, the Data Subjects shall be informed in due time.

1. Name, Address and Contact Details of the Data Controllers

HUN-REN Magyar Kutatási Hálózat (HUN-REN Hungarian Research Network)

Registered seat: 1054 Budapest, Alkotmány u. 29, Hungary.

Telephone: +36 30 155 9978

Email: hun-ren@hun-ren.hu

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Registered seat: Shatin, N.T., Hong Kong SAR, China.

Email: oalglobal@cuhk.edu.hk

2. Data Processing

2.1. **Data processed by the Data Controller in connection with preparation, submission, evaluation, and selection of the applications**

The purpose of data processing is to enable the Data Controller to evaluate the applications received for the Joint Fund. The legal basis for the data processing is Article 6(1)(b) of the GDPR, as the processing is necessary in order to take steps at the request of the Data Subject prior to entering into a contract.

The Data Controller processes the following data:

- First name, last name, title, position, faculty/department, research institutes and centres, e-mail address, staff ID number, tenured, and other data provided in the application

If the application is approved, the Data Controller will process the personal data of the successful Data Subjects according to section 2.2. If the Data Subject’s application is

rejected, the Data Controller **shall delete the data without delay unless for archival and statistical purposes.**

2.2. **Data processed for the purpose of implementation, monitoring, and audit of successful proposals and funded activities**

The purpose of data processing is the implementation, monitoring, and audit of successful proposals and funded activities. The legal basis is the fulfilment of a legal obligation to which the Controller is subject [Article 6(1)(c) GDPR; Article 169 of Act C of 2000 on Accounting (hereinafter: Accounting Act)].

The Data Controller processes the following data:

- First name, last name, title, position, faculty/department, research institutes and centres, e-mail address, staff ID number, tenured, data provided in the application, and information about the amount of the funds awarded and their use.

The Data Controller shall process the personal data **ten years** [due to legal obligation].

3. **Data transfer and recipients**

The personal data of the Applicants contained in the proposal or related documents are transferred based on Article 49 subsection (1) c) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR). In respect of funded projects, HUN-REN and CUHK shall, prior to the start of the project, enter into a separate data transfer agreement based on the Standard Contractual Clauses (SCCs) adopted pursuant to Article 46 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR).

4. **Data security measures**

The Data Controller ensures the security of the data and puts in place all technical and organizational measures necessary to enforce the GDPR regulation, the Info Act, and other regulations on data protection and privacy. The HUN-REN HQ also protects the data against unauthorized access, alteration, transfer, disclosure, deletion, or destruction, as well as against accidental loss of or damage to the data.

5. **Rights of Data Subjects in relation to data processing**

5.1. **Deadline**

At the request of the Data Subject, the Data Controller shall provide an extract or a copy of the register or oral information about his or her data. The information must be provided no later than one month from the date of receipt of the request (exclusive of the date of receipt of the request).

If necessary, the Data Controller may, taking into account the complexity of the request and the number of requests received, extend the deadline by an additional two months, in which case the HUN-REN Hungarian Research Network will inform the Data Subject of the extension, stating the reasons for the postponement, within one month of receipt of the request.

5.2. **The right of access**

The Data Subject has the right to request, through the contact details provided by the Data Controller, information on whether his or her personal data is being processed and, if so, to

be informed of:

- what personal data;
- on what legal basis;
- for what purpose;
- how long will be processed;
- the persons or entities to whom, when, and under what law the Data Controller transmitted data or granted access;
- the source of the personal data.

The Data Controller will provide a copy of the processed personal data free of charge for the first time upon the Data Subject's request, and will charge a reasonable administrative fee thereafter.

In order to comply with data security requirements and to protect the rights of the Data Subject, the provision of information, access to and copying of data is subject to the identification of the Data Subject.

5.3. **Right to rectification**

The Data Subject may request, using the contact details provided by the Data Controller, that any of his or her personal data processed by the Data Controller be rectified. To modify or rectify the data, the Data Subject must provide credible evidence of the accuracy of the data.

5.4. **Right to restriction of processing**

The Data Subject may request, using the contact details provided by the Data Controller, that the processing of his or her personal data be restricted by the Data Controller, provided that:

- the Data Subject disputes the accuracy of his or her personal data;
- the processing is unlawful and the Data Subject does not request the erasure of the personal data concerning him or her, but instead requests the restriction of their use;
- the Controller no longer needs the personal data for the purposes of the processing, but they are required by the Data Subject for the establishment, exercise, or defense of legal claims; or
- the Data Subject has objected to processing pending the verification of whether the legitimate grounds of the Data Controller override those of the Data Subject.

5.5. **Right to object**

The Data Subject may object to the processing of his or her personal data at any time via the contact details provided by the Data Controller for reasons relating to his or her particular situation, if he or she considers that the data is not processed by the Data Controller for the purposes stated in this Privacy Notice.

5.6. **Right to erasure ('right to be forgotten')**

The Data Subject may exercise his or her right to erasure in relation to the processing described in this Privacy Notice only if the data is no longer necessary for the performance of the tasks of the Data Controller in the exercise of its public tasks. With regard to documents to be submitted to the archives, the erasure of the data cannot be carried out without affecting the integrity of the documents, and therefore the request for erasure cannot be granted in these cases.

The request for erasure may also be refused if the processing is:

- for exercising the right of freedom of expression and information;
- for compliance with a legal obligation which requires processing by the European Union or Member State law to which the Controller is subject or for the performance of a task

- carried out in the public interest;
- in the exercise of official authority vested in the Controller;
- for scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes in so far as the erasure of the data is likely to render impossible or seriously impair the achievement of the objectives of that processing; or
- the data is necessary for the establishment, exercise, or defence of legal claims.

The Data Subject may request the erasure of his or her data in person or through an authorized representative, or in electronic form in a request submitted/sent to the Data Controller.

5.7. **Right to data portability**

The Data Subject shall have the right to receive the personal data concerning him or her, which he or she has provided to the Data Controller, in a structured, commonly used, and machine-readable format, and have the right to transmit those data to another controller, where:

- the processing is based on the performance of a contract or consent; or
- the processing is carried out by automated means.

In exercising his or her right to data portability, the Data Subject shall have the right to have the personal data transmitted directly from one controller to another, where technically feasible.

- 5.8. The Data Subject shall have the right to withdraw his or her consent at any time. The withdrawal of consent, however, shall not affect the lawfulness of processing based on consent before its withdrawal.

- 5.9. **Common rules on the exercising of rights.** The Data Subject may exercise their rights through the e-mail address or postal address indicated in the introduction to this Privacy Notice. The exercise of rights is free of charge. The Controller will assess the Data Subject's request within a maximum of one month and inform the Data Subject of the action taken. If the request is refused, the Controller shall inform the Data Subject within one month of receipt of the request of the reasons for the refusal and of the right to lodge a complaint with the Hungarian National Authority (hereafter: the Authority) and to exercise his or her right of judicial remedy. The Controller reserves the right, where it has reasonable doubts as to the identity of the person making the request, to request the provision of the information necessary to confirm the identity of the Data Subject.

6. Legal Remedies

- 6.1. **Investigation of the Data Subject's notification by the Controller.** The Controller asks Data Subjects to notify the Controller of their complaint if they consider that the processing does not comply with data protection requirements before lodging a complaint with the Authority or initiating legal proceedings. The Controller undertakes to investigate the Data Subject's report promptly and substantively and, if justified, to take the necessary corrective measures. The Controller shall inform the Data Subject of its position and, if the report was justified, of the measures taken.

- 6.2. **The right of recourse to the Hungarian National Authority for Data Protection and Freedom of Information.** The Data Subject has the right to initiate proceedings before the Authority. The official website of the Authority contains information on how the Data Subject can lodge a complaint with the Authority. The contact details of the Authority (website: www.naih.hu; postal address: 1363 Budapest, Pf.: 9., Hungary; e-mail address:

ugyfelszolgalat@naih.hu; telephone number: +36 1 391 1400).

- 6.3. **Right to apply to the courts.** Right to apply to the courts. If the Data Subject considers that the Controller has infringed his or her right to the protection of personal data, he or she may also initiate legal proceedings and claim compensation for the damage caused to the Data Subject by the unlawful processing of his or her data or by the breach of data security, and in the case of personal injury, the payment of damages. In the event of legal action, the Data Subject may also bring the action before the courts in the place where he or she resides or is domiciled.
- 6.4. If the Data Subject has a complaint regarding the data processing activities of the Controller, he or she may contact the Data Protection Officer of the HUN-REN Hungarian Research Network (Dr. András György, attorney-at-law, Data Protection Officer - SBGK Law Office, H-1062 Budapest, Andrásy út 113, Hungary; email address: andras.gyorgy@sbgk.hu).
