

Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on ensuring coordination in the field of innovative development in the Republic of Azerbaijan

10th January 2019

In order to increase efficiency and ensure coordination in the field of innovative development in the Republic of Azerbaijan, guided by paragraph 32 of Article 109 of the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan, I decide:

1. Central executive bodies, the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, Public legal entities established by the President of the Azerbaijan Republic, as well as the executive authorities determined by the President of the Azerbaijan Republic, including state higher education institutions, legal entities owned by the state and whose stakes owned by the state (hereinafter - Coordination subjects) shall:

1.1. appoint, within ten days, the coordinator responsible for innovative development based on the development, presentation and use of products, services, technology, processes and solutions based on scientific achievements, knowledge and digital innovations (at the level of the deputy head or other person represented in the governing bodies of the institution), and report to the Presidential Administration of the Republic of Azerbaijan accordingly;

1.2. submit, within one month, the information on the current situation in the field of supporting innovative development (including startup activities) to the Presidential Administration of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

1.3. submit semi-annual information on the work done in the field of supporting innovative development (including startup activities) to the Presidential Administration of the Republic of Azerbaijan by January 15 and July 15 of each year;

1.4. take measures to promote the innovative initiative of employees and their ability to use digital technologies.

2. The Presidential Administration of the Republic of Azerbaijan shall:

2.1. ensure the coordination of the work of coordination subjects in the field of supporting innovative development (including startup activities);

2.2. prepare and submit to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, within five months, a draft innovation strategy of the Republic of Azerbaijan with the involvement of prominent international consulting companies in the relevant field.

3. The Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan shall:

3.1. prepare and submit to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, within three months, the relevant proposals to ensure that at least one person in the governing bodies

of the coordination subjects (except for the central executive bodies, the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences and state higher education institutions) is a specialist in the field of innovations or scientific research;

3.2. prepare and submit to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, within three months, the proposals on the disbursement of a certain part of the annual profits of the coordinating subjects (except for the central executive bodies and the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences) to the application of innovations and funding of scientific researches;

3.3. prepare together with the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences the procedure for compiling and maintaining the register of scientific research centers and laboratories (research infrastructure) equipped with advanced technological equipment in the country, and approve it within three months by agreed with the President of the Azerbaijan Republic;

3.4. prepare and submit to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, within five months, the proposals on the use of researchers from the state-owned or state-funded research infrastructure together with the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences.

4. The Department of Affairs of the President of the Azerbaijani Republic shall ensure the implementation of the necessary measures arisen from Item 2.2 of this Order.

5. The Ministry of Finance of the Azerbaijani Republic shall ensure the financing of the actions specified in Item 2.2 of this Order.

Ilham Aliyev

The President of the Azerbaijani Republic

Baku city, 10th January 2019.

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