

EUSFLAT Research Centres (RC) – centres “sealed” by EUSFLAT GUIDELINES

1. The Research Centre Concept

The concept of the EUSFLAT Research Centre aims at research centres that are focused on fuzzy logic and related technologies and that are strongly engaged in EUSFLAT activities. The notion “research centre” is understood as a legal entity (university, institute of some academy, independent private institute, etc.) or its organization unit (faculty, department, university institute, ...) or a research group with such an organization unit. Alternatively, an association (partnership) of more subjects mentioned above may also apply.

2. Benefits for EUSFLAT

- Deeper collaboration and engagement of research centres in the activities of the EUSFLAT society
- Increased visibility of the society.
- Increased importance of the society.

3. Benefits for Research Centres

- The reputation of each “sealed” centre is increased by the prestigious “seal”.
- Motivation to create associations and partnerships capable of applying for joint projects – larger project potential of the centre.
- Impulse for deeper collaboration and engagement in scientific activities.

4. RC Assignment Procedure

- I. The Research centre will submit its application to the secretary on the official form provided by the EUSFLAT (attachments are allowed).
- II. The Board will decide about the assignment of the “seal” on the basis of the received application and its attachments. The Board decision may result in:
 - a) the acceptance of the application and assignment of the “seal”;
 - b) postponing the decision with a feedback sent to the applying centre stating in which aspects the application should be supplemented or in which aspects the centre has to provide more adequate inputs;
 - c) the rejection of the application.
- III. The decision may be released conditionally, if also the application is submitted conditionally, e.g., in case of establishing an association or partnership that is not

yet existing but is a part of some future project, or in similar situations. In such case, the decision is made only in a form of a *letter of intent* and after the establishment of the association, submission of a final application is again compulsory in order to get the RC “seal” assignment. The conditional decision may be released for a time period not longer than one year.

5. Duration of the RC Assignment

The default duration of the seal is two years. Each RC has to submit a report about their activities to the secretary of the society each two years. Based on this report, the Board either releases a prolongation of the “seal” or revokes the assignment. In exceptional cases, that deserve such an adjustment, the Board may release a decision of a different duration within the interval from 6 months to four years.

6. Unified Graphical Style

The Board releases unified graphical style, in particular, the “seal” or a set of “seals” that each RC can use (on letterheads, web pages, social networks, conference slides etc.). An assigned RC may slightly modify the officially released seals in order to capture the uniqueness of the centre, e.g., by placing their name into the “seal”. Such a modification is a matter of approval by the president of the society, or by another Board member determined by the president to be responsible for this approval.

7. Changes in the Guidelines

Changes in the guidelines are fully in hands of the Board. No change may be done with a retroactive validity.