

## TEAM-TECH NEWS 2022

### **1. TEAM:**

- **Project Leader** – Prof. Karol Grela
- **Project co-investigator** – Anna Kajetanowicz, PhD.
- **Coordinator** – Anna Rybicka, PhD., Magdalena Walczak, MSc, eng.
- **Technician** – Anna Mączka, MSc., Marcin Gołębicki, MSc.
- **Students** – Paweł Krzesiński, Jakub Piątkowski, Filip Struzik, Łukasz Grzesiński, Johannes Lerm, Agnieszka Tycz, Aleksandra Zasada, Błażej Peta, Patryk Mościcki, Szymon Turalski
- **PhD students** – Michał Dąbrowski, Mariusz Milewski, Wojciech Nogaś, Michał Patrzalek
- **Post-doc** – Artur Chołuj, PhD., Anupam Jana, PhD., Vishal Purohit, PhD., Agata Tyszk-Gumkowska, PhD.

### **2. LOGOTYPE:**



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of Poland



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### **3. GENERAL INFORMATION AND FUNDING:**

- Project implementation period: **01.02.2017 – 30.09.2022**
- Project value: **5 392 344,00 PLN / EU grant value: 5 392 344,00 PLN**
- Co-financing agreement number: **POIR.04.04.00-00-1D94/16-00**

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##### 5. **IMPORTANT EVENTS:**

- 3rd Interdisciplinary FNP, Warsaw 11-12 April 2019 (Prof. Grela and dr Kajetanowicz)



- New student will join our team: Filip (from September 2019), welcome in the group!
- New student will join our team: Łukasz (from December 2018), welcome in the group!
- We have a new project coordinator: Magdalena welcome in our team!
- New technician will join our team: Anna (from September 2019), welcome in our group!

- New Scientific will join our team: Paweł (from September 2019), welcome in our group!
  - Extending the project implementation period to 31.01.2022 and increasing total budget project: 5 392 344, 00 PLN!
  - Our student – Jakub Piątkowski – received a scholarship from the Minister of Science and Higher Education for students for significant achievements in the 2019/2020 academic year
  - Our student – Jakub Piątkowski – became a finalist of the competition Golden Medal of Chemistry (2019/01)
  - Our student – Jakub Piątkowski – received Honorable Mention Prize in the 4th Competition for the Diploma Thesis with the Highest Commercialization or Implementation Potential (2020/01)
  - Dr Anna Kajetanowicz received Rector's award for scientists distinguished by their scientific and didactic achievements (2020/04)
  - Dr Anna Kajetanowicz received Rector's award for scientists distinguished by their scientific and didactic achievements (2021/04)
  - Prof. Karol Grela received Rector's award for scientists distinguished by their scientific and didactic achievements (2021/04)
  - Dr Anna Kajetanowicz received 2nd degree award Wojciech Świątosławski (2021/12)
  - New Post-doc will join our team: Vishal (from November 2020), welcome in our group!
  - New Post-doc will join our team: Agata (from February 2021), welcome in our group!
  - New technician will join our team: Marcin (from April 2021), welcome in our group!
  - New students will join our team: Patryk and Błażej (from 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021), welcome in the group!
  - New student will join our team: Szymon (from July 2021), welcome in the group!
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- **OBTAINED TITLES AND SCIENTIFIC DEGREES**
  - Filip Struzik – BSc. defence (2020/09)
  - Łukasz Grzesiński – MSc. defence (2020/09)
  - Paweł Krzesiński – defended his engineering degree (2018/02)
  - Paweł Krzesiński – MSc. defence (2019/06)
  - Jakub Piątkowski – BSc. defence (2019/09)
  - Aleksandra Zasada – MSc. defence (2018/10)
  - Jakub Piątkowski – MSc. defence (2021/07)
  - Mariusz Milewski – PhD defence (2020/10)
  - Anna Kajetanowicz - obtained the title of dr hab. (2021/09)