

Based on the Article 33, related to Article 45 and 66a of the Law on Higher Education ('Official Gazette MNE, no. 44/14, 47/15, 40/16, 42/17 and 71/17) and Article 21 of the Law on Scientific Research ('Official Gazette MNE', no. 80/10, 40/11 and 57/14), the Governing Board of the University of Montenegro, in the procedure of consideration of Elaborate on Justification of Establishment of a Organisation Unit, next to positive opinion and proposal of Rector, at session held on February 19<sup>th</sup> 2018, has adopted the

#### DECISION

1. At the University of Montenegro the status change has been performed by foundation of a special organisation unit – Centre of Excellence for Research and Innovation (hereinafter: the Centre).
2. Seat of the Centre is in Podgorica.
3. Activities of the Centre are:
  - implementation of basic, development and applied research;
  - development and implementation of international and national projects;
  - development of innovative designs, patents, prototypes etc.;
  - training within the domain of research, protection of intellectual property rights, registration of patents etc.;
  - design and development of professional elaborates, analyses and studies;
  - provision of consultant/professional services and expert assistance during transfer of technologies by academic community towards business environment;
  - development of partnership with legal entities and connection of researchers and students with business partners;
  - giving support and strengthening connections with business incubators and science-technological parks;
  - joint participation in the market with other units dealing with transfer of knowledge and technologies;
  - providing access to resources, equipment, trainings, research results, patents and licences offered to the business environment;
  - organisation of scientific conferences, seminars and similar events dedicated to research and innovation;
  - organisation of program for professional improvement through seminars, courses etc.
4. Centre operates through a special subaccount of the University of Montenegro.
5. Centre comes into operation after enrolment into central register of legal entities.

6. Internal organisation and work of the Centre are regulated by the act on internal organisation and systematisation, adopted by the Centre manager, to which the consent is given by the Governing Board of the University of Montenegro.

Regulations on work and general acts of the University of Montenegro are implemented in terms of rights, obligations and responsibilities of employees.

7. Manager of the Centre is elected by the Governing Board of the University of Montenegro, based on a public competition, for a period of three years.

Until the Centre Manager is elected, tasks of the Centre Manager shall be performed positioned by Rector, from the line of employees at the University of Montenegro.

The duty performer of Centre Manager shall conduct preparations for establishing the Centre and putting it into operation.

8. On the day of establishing, the Centre takes over the employees in the project 'Centre of Excellence in Bioinformatics (BIO-ICT), having a status of the employed from May 31<sup>st</sup> 2018, as well as the equipment procured from the Project budget.

9. Appointment of the Centre Manager, adoption of the act on internal organisation and systematization, as well as registration of the Centre into central records book legal entities shall be conducted within 60 days from the day when this Decision shall come into force.

10. Funds for initial work and financing activities of the Centre are provided from the following funds:

- The Ministry of Science;
- Other body of the national governance;
- Own funds of the University of Montenegro;
- International research funds;
- Economy;
- Other sources'.

11. On the day when the Centre is put into operation, the Centre of Excellence in Bioinformatics with the Faculty of Electrical Engineering ceases to work.

12. This Decision is delivered to the Government of Montenegro for consent.

13. This Decision comes into force on the eighth day of the day of publishing in Bulletin of the University of Montenegro, after getting consent from the Government of Montenegro.

## EXPLANATION

Article 66 of the Law on Higher Education ('Official Gazette MNE', no. 44/14, 47/15, 40/16, 41/17 and 71/17) prescribes that a public institution is authorised to establish innovation centre, the centre of excellence, centre for transfer of technologies, science-technological park and other organisations for conducting the innovation activity and giving infrastructure support for development of innovations and commercialisation of research and artistic research.

Article 33 paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Law on Higher Education ('Official Gazette MNE', no.44/14, 47/15, 40/16, 41/17 and 71/17) prescribe that the institution may perform status changes, and decision on status change is made by the founder.

The Law on Scientific research ('Official Gazette', no. 80/10, 40/11 and 57/14) defines the scientific research activity, fields of research, implementation of scientific activity, centres of excellence, prescribed conditions for their foundation and issuance of work licence, and the Rulebook on Closer Conditions for foundation and Licencing the Science Research Institution ('Official Gazette MNE', no. 40/15) more closely prescribes conditions for foundation of science research institution in terms of scientific staff, equipment and office for performing activities and funds for foundation and operation, as well as terms and conditions, way and procedure of publishing, renewal and revoke of licence for operation of the institution.

Article 7 of the Law on Scientific Research prescribes that scientific research is conducted, among others, by the higher education institutions; Article 28 defines that scientific research is performed by the scientific institution and organisation units of the university, independent higher education institution and organisation units of legal capacity may perform scientific research, and Article 21 defines that scientific institution may acquire status of centre of excellence.

Statute of the University of Montenegro -Article 156- prescribes the University may independently or at proposal of an organisation unit, establish centres and laboratories, for purposes of exercising scientific research and making profit, or directly provide services to third parties under commercial conditions, within the activity that meets prescribed conditions.

Contract no. 01-1091 from 30.05.2014 defines the implementation of scientific project 'Centre of Excellence in Bioinformatics BIO-ICT', financed within the project 'Higher Education and Research for Innovation and Competition' ('INVO') from credit funds of International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, based on Decision of the Ministry of Science on Status Acquirement of the Centre of Excellence no.01-1001 from 15.5.2014.

Annex II of the Contract no. 01/4-330 from 20.12.2017, the University shall, until December 15<sup>th</sup> 2017, based on provisions of the Statute of University of Montenegro, submit to the Governing

Board initiative for making decision on organisation of the Centre of Excellence as and independent unit.

The Governing Board by the Decision no. 02-26/1 from 24.01.2018 accepted the Rector's Initiative no. 02-26 from 17.010.2018 on organisation of the Centre of Excellence as a separate organisation unit UMNE and obliged Rector to develop elaborate on justification of foundation of the unit.

The Governing Board adopted elaborate on justification of foundation of the unit –Centre of Excellence for Research and Innovation- and ruled as enacting terms of the decision.

Number: 02-26/3

Podgorica, 19.02.2018

The Governing Board of the University of Montenegro

Chairperson

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