

Pursuant to Article 10a of the Act Amending the Higher Education Act (OG RS No 64/08, 32/12) and pursuant to Article 37 of the Euro-Mediterranean University Memorandum of Association, as well as in accordance with the Foundation Charter of the Euro-Mediterranean University and the Joint Declaration of the Paris Summit for the Mediterranean (Paris, 13 July 2008), on 26 November 2008, the General Assembly adopted the Statute of the Euro-Mediterranean University. The General Assembly adopted Statute Amendments on 27 November 2010, 25 November 2011, and 11 February 2015, and the Management Board adopted Statute Amendments on 9 December 2016, 1 December 2018. Additionally, the Statute Amendments were jointly adopted by the Management Board and Senate on 25 October 2024 and on 29 September 2025 which are included in the following reviewed text of the:

STATUTE OF THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

The Euro-Mediterranean University is an association of universities and a sui generis University established by means of the Euro-Mediterranean University Memorandum of Association in conformity with the Foundation Charter of the Euro-Mediterranean University (hereinafter referred to as the Letter of Agreement) and pursuant to the Act Amending the Higher Education Act (OG RS, no. 64/08).

The Euro-Mediterranean University was established in response to the renewed political momentum into the Euro-Mediterranean partnership acquired by the launch of the Union for the Mediterranean and the Joint Declaration of the Heads of States and Governments in Paris (Joint Declaration of the Paris Summit for the Mediterranean, July 13, 2008). The Euro-Mediterranean University was stated as one of the key initiatives of the Union for the Mediterranean.

The Euro-Mediterranean University (hereinafter referred to as the University) is an international organization having its seat in Slovenia. EMUNI acquires the status of an international university in accordance with the procedures and regulations applicable in the country where its seat is located.

EMUNI full members are EMUNI founders, the cosignatories of the EMUNI Foundation Charter, and other higher education, research and other institutions and/or organisations, who have applied for membership, whose membership has been approved by the Management Board and have paid the membership fee. Founding members are also subject to the obligation to pay the membership fee. EMUNI full members exercise the founders' rights if they fulfil the obligations from Article 14 of this Statute. EMUNI full members have the following rights:

- to appoint one representative and to participate at the EMUNI General Assembly, when physically convened, on the costs of EMUNI;
- to vote and to be nominated/appointed a member of the EMUNI bodies (Management Board, the Senate and their commissions);
- to be invited and to have priority at all EMUNI joint projects and actions in the field of higher education (joint and double degrees, notification of their degrees at the national quality assurance agency, students and professors exchange, international conferences, summer schools...) and research (joint project application);
- to have priority in using Erasmus, other EU funds and EMUNI foundation scholarships and other related projects.

EMUNI associate members are all subsequent signatories of the EMUNI Foundation Charter, who do not meet the conditions from Article 14 of the Statute. Associate members have the following rights:

- to be invited and to participate at the General Assembly without voting rights on their own costs;
- to be informed about the opportunities related to EMUNI intended projects and other joint actions in the field of higher education and research (joint project application, etc.)
- to be informed about the opportunities related to Erasmus exchange and EMUNI foundation support;
- to be invited to become a full member of EMUNI when fulfilling the conditions.

EMUNI partners in the field of higher education, research and development are legal entities who cooperate with EMUNI and who are not full or associated members, and the Secretariat classify them as partners. EMUNI partners have the following rights:

- to be informed about the activities of EMUNI and the EMUNI bodies' activities
- to be informed about initiatives of EMUNI in the field of higher education and research, and innovations and to propose student/professors exchange and study programs cooperation
- to be invited to become an associated or full member of EMUNI by signing the Letter of Agreement

In accordance with the second paragraph of the second article of this statute, EMUNI will enter into strategic alliances with those full members with whom it can contribute the most to the achievement of the set goals.

Article 2

The University shall co-operate with higher education, research and other institutions and/or organisations in order to design and implement joint scientific and research projects, study programmes, exchange of higher education staff, students, scientific and other experts, issuing scientific and professional publications, academic and professional reports, as well as organising and participating in scientific meetings, symposia and conferences and conducting other activities in the sphere of higher education and research.

With regard to the mutual co-operation of the University with higher education, research and other institutions and/or organisations, as well as to the inclusion of the University into international university networks, the University shall conclude bilateral and multilateral agreements, contracts and arrangements, wherein the forms and methods of the mutual co-operation shall be defined in further detail.

Article 3

The primary mission of the University is to contribute through its activities in the area of higher education and research to fostering intercultural dialogue and science diplomacy in the Euro-Mediterranean and Middle East and consequently to the realisation of the Union for the Mediterranean's purpose and objectives, and in particular advancing cultural understanding, peace and prosperity in the Mediterranean region.

With a view to achieving the aforementioned mission, the Euro-Mediterranean University, through contributing to joint academic programmes, educational and research activities and staff and students exchange across the Mediterranean, endeavours to achieve a common Euro-Mediterranean Higher Education and Research Area.

Article 4

The expressions referring to persons in this Statute, written in male grammatical form, shall apply as neutral to both the female and male gender.

II. LEGAL STATUS PROVISIONS

Article 5

Name of the University: Evro-sredozemska univerza.

Abbreviated name of the University: EMUNI univerza.

English name of the University: Euro-Mediterranean University.

Abbreviated English name of the University: EMUNI University.

French name of the University: Université Euro-Méditerranéenne.

Abbreviated French name of the University: Université EMUNI.

The seat of the University is located in the Republic of Slovenia, in Piran.

The business address of the University is Kidričevo nabrežje 2, Piran. The business address may only be modified by the President of the University.

The Euro-Mediterranean University is an international organization enjoying separate juridical personality.

Article 6

The University has two round-shaped seals with a 35 mm diameter. The symbol of the University is situated in the center of the seal, while the rim bears the inscription with the name of the University in:

- Slovenian and English language,
- Slovenian and French language, and
- Slovenian and Arabic language.

Above-listed seals can be used equivalently.

Article 7

The University has a uniform graphic image, consisting of its own emblem and flag, possibly also of other symbols.

The uniform graphic image shall be regulated by Rules to be adopted by the President of the University.

III. ACTIVITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

Article 8

The University conducts higher education, research and other related activities. The university also engages in fostering connections among the partners of the EMUNI network.

The main activity of the University, according to the regulation of the host country regulating the standard classification of activities (hereinafter referred to as the Regulation), is:

Level code	Category code	Description (Slovenian)	Description	Parent code
5	P85.422	Visokošolsko izobraževanje	Third stage of tertiary education	P85.42

Other activities of the University, according to the Regulation, are:

Level code	Category code	Description (Slovenian)	Description	Parent code
5	M72.110	Raziskovalna in razvojna dejavnost na področju biotehnologije	Research and experimental development on biotechnology	M72.11
5	M72.190	Raziskovalna in razvojna dejavnost na drugih področjih naravoslovja in tehnologije	Other research and experimental development on natural sciences and engineering	M72.19
5	M72.200	Raziskovalna in razvojna dejavnost na področju družboslovja in humanistike	Research and experimental development on social sciences and humanities	M72.20
5	R91.011	Dejavnost knjižnic	Library activities	R91.01
5	J58.110	Izdajanje knjig	Book publishing	J58.11
5	J58.140	Izdajanje revij in druge periodike	Publishing of journals and periodicals	J58.14
5	J58.190	Drugo založništvo	Other publishing activities	J58.19
5	M74.300	Prevajanje in tolmačenje	Translation and interpretation activities	M74.30
5	N77.400	Dajanje pravic uporabe intelektualne lastnine v zakup, razen avtorsko zaščitene del	Leasing of intellectual property and similar products, except copyrighted works	N77.40
5	P85.421	Višješolsko izobraževanje	First and second stages of tertiary education	P85.42
5	P85.520	Izobraževanje, izpopolnjevanje in usposabljanje na področju kulture in umetnosti	Cultural education	P85.52
5	P85.590	Drugje nerazvrščeno izobraževanje, izpopolnjevanje in usposabljanje	Other education n.e.c.	P85.59
5	P85.600	Pomožne dejavnosti za izobraževanje	Educational support activities	P85.60
5	N82.300	Organiziranje razstav, sejmov, srečanj	Organisation of conventions and trade shows	N82.30
5	N82.990	Drugje nerazvrščene spremljajoče dejavnosti za poslovanje	Other business support service activities n.e.c.	N82.99
5	J63.120	Obratovanje spletnih portalov	Web portals	J63.12
5	M73.200	Raziskovanje trga in javnega mnenja	Market research and public opinion polling	M73.20
5	I55.900	Dejavnost dijaških in študentskih domov ter druge nastanitve	Other accommodation	I55.90
5	I56.102	Okrepčevalnice in podobni obrati	Snack bars and similar	I56.10
5	I56.103	Slaščičarne in kavarne	Sweetshops and coffee-houses	I56.10
5	I56.104	Začasni gostinski obrati	Provisory food-serving stands	I56.10

5	I56.210	Priložnostna priprava in dostava jedi	Event catering activities	I56.21
5	I56.290	Druga oskrba z jedmi	Other food service activities	I56.29
5	I56.300	Strežba pijač	Beverage serving activities	I56.30

5	G47.990	Druga trgovina na drobno zunaj prodajaln, stojnic in tržnic	Other retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	G47.99
5	J58.120	Prodaja oglaševalskega prostora v imenikih, adresarjih	Advertising space sales in directories, address books	J58.12
5	J58.140	Prodaja lastnega oglaševalskega prostora v revijah, periodiki	Advertising space sales in own magazines, periodicals	J58.14
5	J59.110	Prodaja oglaševalskega prostora ali časa v filmih, videofilmih, na televiziji	Advertising space or time sales in films, videos, television	J59.11
5	M73.110	Oglaševanje	Advertising	M73.11
5	M73.120	Plakatni panoji, oddajanje za oglaševanje	Billboards, advertising leasing	M73.12
5	M73.200	Raziskovanje trga in javnega mnenja	Market research and public opinion polling	M73.20

Article 9

The University may conduct study activities in any study area classified according to the ISCED Classification (UNESCO, 1997).

The University may directly organise the implementation of scientific, research and study programmes accredited in compliance with the regulations applying to the area of higher education in the host country and/or in compliance with other EU and International regulations.

The University shall directly organise and/or implement study programmes at all academic levels or parts thereof through its partner universities or other accredited higher education, research or other institutions and/or organisations located in the Euro-Mediterranean partner countries and beyond.

The University shall conduct research activities in all scientific research areas classified according to the Frascati classification (UNESCO, 2002).

The University shall organise and participate in academic and cultural events and activities, for example, inter alia, Symposia, Seminars, Conferences, Workshops, Exhibitions that serve the mission and objectives of the University.

In addition, the University shall internally organise itself in accordance with its mission, objectives and activities, establishing the organisational structure that best serves its character and needs.

The University may also exercise public authority in accordance with the laws.

Article 10

The University shall perform its academic and other activities at its seat or/and at other locations at partner institutions (Emuni Knowledge and Innovation Centers). The Emuni knowledge and innovation centres shall be determined by the Management Board upon the proposal of the President of the University.

IV. UNIVERSITY BODIES AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION

Article 11

The bodies of the University are as follows:

- General Assembly,
- Management Board,
- Senate,
- President of the University,

- Academic Assembly, and
- Student Council.

In every body except the Academic Assembly and Student Council of the University, the citizens of a country should not exceed one third (1/3) of the members as a whole and/or should not exceed one third (1/3) of single parts of the ruling body. Whenever possible, the Management Board and the Senate shall follow the principle of equitable representation of members from both the northern and southern regions of the Mediterranean.

The bodies meet either by physical presence or virtually, using online video conference or by e-mail correspondence.

The President and the Chairperson of the Management Board have to be of different nationalities. At least one of them has to be from a non-EU country.

Article 12

The manner of holding meetings, the modus operandi adopted therein, chairing the meetings, decision-making, maintaining order at meetings, as well as the contents and form of the minutes and other issues shall be defined in further detail by the University bodies in their respective Rules of Procedure.

The bodies shall make a valid decision when at least half of the members are appointed.

Article 13

The members of the bodies, of their permanent or ad hoc commissions or other working bodies, may be entitled to receive a reimbursement of any indispensable costs (e.g. travel costs) incurred in relation to their work.

The amount of the attendance fee and/or the expenses shall be decided on by the Management Board upon proposal of the President.

Article 14

Each EMUNI member has one representative in the EMUNI General Assembly, but only EMUNI full members have voting rights. Fulfilment of the conditions for membership in EMUNI and the amount of the membership fee are determined by the General Assembly.

The General Assembly shall endorse the University's strategic plan, as well as discuss the annual reports adopted by the Management Board of the University.

At each face-to-face General Assembly session, its members shall appoint two representatives who will co-chair and preside over the Assembly and until the forthcoming General Assembly meeting. Of these two representatives, only one may be from an EU country.

Article 15

The General Assembly can appoint permanent or ad hoc commissions or other working bodies in order to prepare statements, opinions, studies and proposals, or to carry out tasks or assignments of a demanding, comprehensive or periodic nature.

In its decision on appointing the commissions or other working bodies, the General Assembly shall define the areas, contents, deadlines and responsibilities applying to their work, as well as appoint their presidents and, if necessary, their deputies.

The commissions and other working bodies shall be accountable to the General Assembly for their work.

Article 16

The General Assembly shall be convened by the President, as the need arises, either face to face or by correspondence.

Only the full members of the General Assembly defined in the Article 1 shall have the right to vote during the General Assembly sessions. The individuals who shall be appointed by the General Assembly to sit on the Management Board of EMUNI shall derive from nominations by full member institutions.

The meeting shall be deemed to have a quorum if attended by one-third of the General Assembly's full members and shall pass resolutions by a majority vote of the full members present.

Article 17

The Management Board is a University management body. The Management Board shall be constituted by:

- five (5) representatives appointed by the General Assembly
- a (1) representative of the university employees
- the Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean or a representative thereof,
- a (1) representative of the Slovenian Government
- a (1) representative of the Euro-Mediterranean University of Fez,
- a (1) representative of the students and
- three international public figures of repute appointed by the Management Board,

The term of office of the Management Board members shall be four years, except for the representative of the students, whose term of office shall be of one (1) year.

The representative of the employees shall be appointed by the University employees. The President of the University shall have to determine the corresponding appointing procedure by means of special rules.

The three international public figures of repute will be appointed by the Management Board at its first constitutive meeting.

The Management Board shall be deemed as constituted, if more than half of its members have been appointed.

The members of the Management Board shall appoint a Chair and a Vice-Chair from among themselves.

The President of the University shall attend the sessions of the Management Board but shall hold no voting rights therein.

The first session of the Management Board shall be convened by the President of the University.

Article 18

The Management Board shall be responsible for:

1. adopting the annual work programme and the University development programmes, and monitoring their implementation,
2. adopting the financial plan and the annual report,
3. appointing, renewing the contract and dismissing the President of the University,
4. submitting proposals and opinions on different issues to the other bodies of the University,
5. appointing three of its members to sit on the Senate
6. adopting decisions on tuition fees
7. adopting the Rules of Procedure for its work,
8. appointing the three international public figures of repute referred to in Article 17
9. performing other tasks in compliance with the regulations; and
10. within its mandate, the MB shall appoint ad hoc commissions among its members in order to prepare reports on issues of interest for the university.

Article 19

As a rule, the Management Board meetings shall be convened by the Chairperson of the Management Board when the need arises, upon the motion either of the President of the University or of at least one third of the members of the Management Board.

The meeting shall be deemed to have a quorum if the majority of the Management Board members are present and shall pass resolutions by a majority vote of the members present. However, the decisions involving any amendment to the Statute require at least a two-thirds majority.

Article 20

The Senate is the expert academic body of the University, which is mainly responsible for academic activities.

Notwithstanding Article 20 hereof, the term of office of half of the members of the first Senate shall be prolonged by two years. This provision shall not apply to representatives of the students in the Senate.

The members of the Senate whose terms of office shall be prolonged in accordance with the above paragraph shall be defined by drawing lots.

The Senate shall be constituted of nineteen (19) members, including the President of the University, whereof three (3) shall be representatives of the students. Three (3) non-student members shall be appointed by the Management Board. Every full member shall have the right to propose one candidate, and the Management Board shall endorse seven (7) members from among the proposed candidates. The composition of the senate shall take into consideration the study areas and scientific disciplines, as well as guarantee the representation of all members of the Union for the Mediterranean, thus realizing the mission of the University. The Academic Assembly shall appoint five (5) of its members to represent it in the Senate. In accordance with the provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the Academic Assembly.

The term of office of the Senate members shall be four years, whereas the term of office for the representatives of the students shall be one year.

The University Senate shall be chaired by the President of the University.

Article 21

The Senate shall:

1. Adopt study programmes,
2. Decide which study programmes will be organised and/or implemented by the University,
3. Adopt a scientific research policy,
4. Adopt criteria and procedures for the appointing, i.e. awarding of academic titles, to higher education teachers, scientific experts and higher education associates,

5. Discuss the work programme and the University development programmes and monitor their implementation,
6. Participate in the selection process of the President of the University with the Management Board,
7. Perform other tasks in accordance with the regulations and other University Acts.
8. The Senate shall appoint the Habilitation Commission, Quality Assurance Commission and Commission for Student and Study Affairs or other working groups, in order to prepare statements, opinions and proposals, or to carry out tasks or assignments of a demanding, comprehensive or periodic nature.

Article 22

Higher education teachers, scientific experts and higher education associates shall be appointed i.e. awarded the corresponding academic titles by a special commission of the Senate.

Article 23

As a rule, the Senate sessions shall be convened by the President of the University when the need arises.

The session shall be deemed to have a quorum if the majority of the Senate members are present.

The Senate shall pass resolutions by a majority vote of the members present.

Article 24

The President is the management and expert body of the University, as well as its legal representative.

The President is selected by a Search Commission of six members composed of three members appointed by the Senate and three members appointed by the Management Board. The Search Commission shortlists eligible applicants from a competitive international call.

The commission undertakes efforts to identify potential candidates who meet the outlined criteria by evaluating resumes, cover letters, references, and other materials submitted by candidates. Based on their assessment, the commission proposes a shortlist of a maximum of 3 candidates out of which the management board will appoint one. Throughout the process, the commission ensures that the search is conducted transparently and inclusively.

The Management Board appoints one of the shortlisted candidates as the President of the University.

The term of office of the President of the University shall be five (5) years, and it shall be renewable once.

If the new President of the University is not appointed prior to the expiry of the term of office of the current President of the University or in case of early termination of the term of office of the current President of the University, the Management Board shall appoint an acting President for a period not exceeding one year.

The President of the University shall have to meet the following requirements:

1. hold a research doctorate,
2. have a distinguished record of experience gathered in educational and research activities in higher education,
3. have a distinguished record of experience in the area of inter-institutional academic cooperation in the Union for the Mediterranean,
4. have organisational and managerial skills,
5. be able to speak English or French, as well as one additional language of a Member State of the Union for the Mediterranean.

He shall preferably hold the citizenship of one of the Member States of the Union for the Mediterranean.

Article 25

A contract of employment for a fixed term or a management contract shall be concluded with the President for the duration of his term of office.

The contract shall be signed on behalf of the University by the Chairperson of the Management Board.

Article 26

The President of the University may be dismissed prior to the expiry of his term of office for valid and sufficient reasons at law, in accordance with his contract of employment.

Article 27

The President of the University shall:

1. organise and direct the work and the business operations, as well as represent and act on behalf of the University;
2. be responsible for the legality and competent performance of work, and for the business results;

3. be responsible for the establishment and implementation of the internal organisational structure, together with the rules and regulations for the management of the University;
4. direct the expert work of the University;
5. adopt general acts of the University, the adoption of which does not fall into the sphere of competence of other University bodies;
6. be in charge of preparing the materials necessary for the operation of other University bodies;
7. be in charge of implementing the decisions of other University bodies;
8. draw up the proposal of the University Development Programmes;
9. draw up the proposal of the annual work programme, including the employment plan and be in charge of its implementation;
10. draw up the proposal of the University's annual report and/or other financial reports;
11. adopt the classification of employment positions, employ University employees and engage consultants and service providers;
12. issue individual acts and carry out individual measures;
13. be responsible for the monitoring, assessing and assuring of quality (self-evaluation of the University);
14. suggest the business policy and the measures for its implementation;
15. decide on issues of economic and material nature and provide for the undisturbed operations of the University, in conformity with the adopted University Development Programmes and its annual work programmes,
16. decide on the rights, obligations and responsibilities of the University's employees;
17. appoint Vice-Presidents of the University
18. perform other tasks in compliance with the regulations and the provisions of the University acts.

Article 28

The President of the University shall be entered into the Court Register as the representative of the University and shall represent it without limitations.

Article 29

The President of the University shall be accountable to the Management Board.

Article 30

The Academic Assembly is composed of staff members who, based on an employment contract or another contractual arrangement, are engaged in teaching or research activities at EMUNI. Membership in the Academic Assembly is automatic for all eligible staff members; individual consent is not required.

The administration maintains and updates the list of Academic Assembly members.

The Academic Assembly shall:

- elect five (5) of its members to serve as representatives on the Senate, including the President of the Academic Assembly, who is a representative ex officio;
- be informed of the President’s annual report.

If a member of the Academic Assembly serving on the Senate ceases their employment with EMUNI, their mandate in the Senate shall terminate automatically, and the Academic Assembly shall elect a replacement.

The Academic Assembly has its own President, who is invited to attend the sessions of the EMUNI Senate and participates as one of its five representatives.

The composition, responsibilities, tasks, and term of office of the Academic Assembly shall be further defined within its Rules of Procedure.

Article 31

The student body, made up of all students enrolled in study programmes organized and/or implemented by the University, shall appoint five (5) members who shall constitute the Student Council. The Student Council shall nominate a president from among its members.

The duration of the term of office of the Student Council members shall be one (1) year.

The constitution and mission of the Student Council; the procedure for the election of its members; and its internal working procedures shall be defined by the Student Council. The Student Council shall be independent in its policy and decision-making.

From among its members and/or from among other students enrolled in study programmes organized and/or implemented by the University, the Student Council shall nominate representatives of the students to the Management Board and the Senate as long as they are enrolled as students in study programmes organized and/or implemented by the University.

Article 32

The Student Council sessions shall be convened by the University upon proposal of the President of the Student Council.

The session shall be deemed to have a quorum if the majority of the Student Council members are present and shall pass resolutions by a majority vote of the members present.

V. ACADEMIC AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

Article 33

The study programmes or courses implemented by the University shall be programmes leading to a degree, as well as professional upgrading programmes.

The University's own programmes leading to a degree and the professional upgrading programmes shall be adopted by the Senate.

Article 34

In implementing study programmes the University shall co-operate with higher education, research or other institutions and/or organisations, whose degrees confer a publicly recognized level of education, as well as a publicly recognized study title in the country of accreditation and which fulfil other conditions set forth in the regulations applying to higher education in the host country.

Article 35

The study programmes can be delivered as full-time, part-time or distance learning courses.

Article 36

Within an organized University curriculum study programmes as a rule are delivered as full-time courses.

The University curriculum can also be organised in a part-time mode when the nature of the study programmes allows for such an implementation without prejudicing to its quality.

Distance learning courses are one of the possible forms of study.

Part-time courses shall cover the same contents and be subject to the same requirements as the full-time study programmes.

Article 37

The study programmes leading to a degree to be adopted by the University are the following:

a) first cycle study programmes comprising 180 to 240 ECTS credits,

- b) second cycle study programmes comprising 60 to 120 ECTS credits,
- c) third cycle study programmes comprising 180 ECTS credits.

Article 38

Professional upgrading study programmes represent a form of lifelong learning and are primarily intended to provide upgrading, complementing, deepening and updating of knowledge. The credits obtained in these courses can also be recognized within study programmes leading to a degree.

In addition to the programmes referred to in the preceding paragraph, the University may also organise and implement different forms of non-formal learning, such as short courses, summer schools, e-learning, internships, training programmes, etc.

Article 39

Study programmes leading to a degree to be adopted by the University shall be designed according to the principles on the establishing of the European higher education area in order to thus be comparable with other university programmes in the Union for the Mediterranean.

The study programmes leading to a degree to be adopted by the University shall have the following mandatory elements:

1. general information on the programme (title, level, i.e. cycle, type, duration),
2. definition of the essential objectives of the programme, i.e. of the general- and subject-specific competences to be acquired in the programme,
3. information on the international comparability of the programme,
4. information on the international co-operation carried out by the University,
5. a syllabus specifying the study requirements evaluated according to the European Credit Transfer System (hereinafter referred to as the ECTS) and the extent of electivity within the programme,
6. enrolment criteria and selection criteria in case of limited enrolment,
7. criteria for recognition of knowledge and skills acquired prior to enrolling into the programme,
8. forms of assessment,
9. criteria for advancement within the programme,
10. criteria for transfers between programmes,
11. mode of study,

12. requirements for completing the studies,
13. requirements for completing individual parts of the programme if the programme contains such parts,
14. the academic title conferred.

Doctoral study programmes shall provide the foundation for drawing up individual study and research programmes for individual students. In the doctoral study programme the mandatory elements indicated in the above paragraph are defined *mutatis mutandis*, with the exception of the elements mentioned in the eighth, eleventh, thirteenth and fourteenth indent. These will be included in the programme upon the corresponding decision of the Senate. The syllabus shall define the thematic areas and the study requirements expressed in ECTS credits which can be allocated to the study and research programme of an individual student (teamwork studies, team- or individual research work). The organised forms of study within a doctoral study programme amount to a minimum of 60 ECTS credits. Within the doctoral study programme the academic title to be conferred is also defined.

Study programmes leading to a degree can also include other elements to be defined by the Senate.

Article 40

The mandatory elements of the professional upgrading programmes shall be the following:

1. general information on the programme (title, type, duration),
2. definition of the essential objectives of the programme, i.e. of the general- and subject- specific competences to be acquired in the programme,
3. a syllabus specifying the study requirements evaluated according to the ECTS and the extent of electivity within the programme,
4. enrolment criteria and selection criteria in case of limited enrolment,
5. criteria for recognition of knowledge and skills acquired prior to enrolling into the programme,
6. forms of assessment,
7. criteria for advancement within the programme,
8. mode of study,
9. requirements for completing the studies.

The professional upgrading study programmes can also include other elements to be defined by the Senate.

Article 41

A candidate who has completed all obligations specified in his study programme leading to a degree shall be conferred a degree certificate which is an authentic instrument.

The candidate who has completed all obligations specified in his professional upgrading study programme or pertaining to a part of a study programme leading to a degree shall be issued a certificate which is an authentic instrument.

A candidate who has completed all obligations applying to a joint study programmes leading to a degree, shall obtain a publicly recognized education and shall be issued a joint degree certificate, in which all Universities participating in the implementation of the study programme are listed. The joint degree certificate is an authentic instrument. The contents and form of the joint degree and of the Diploma Supplement shall be defined by the participating Universities.

The contents and the form of the certificate and of the degree certificate shall be defined by the Senate.

VI. QUALITY

Article 42

The procedures for quality assessment and assurance within the University and its academic and scientific research programmes and/or scientific research work (hereinafter referred to as the Quality) shall be adopted by the Senate.

The University shall perform ongoing quality evaluations (i.e. self-evaluation). In this respect detailed rules shall be adopted by the Senate.

The findings of the self-evaluation reports shall be taken into consideration for the purpose of improving the University's performance, as well as amending and modifying academic and scientific research programmes.

Article 43

The University shall also apply for evaluation procedures carried out by international institutions, i.e. quality agencies (i.e. for external evaluation).

Internal and external quality assurance criteria which are recognised by ENQA (the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education) and EQAR (the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education) and apply to the programmes of the University and its structures shall have to be adopted by the University.

VII. HIGHER EDUCATION TEACHERS, SCIENTIFIC EXPERTS AND HIGHER EDUCATION ASSOCIATES

Article 44

Higher education teachers, scientific experts and higher education associates (hereinafter referred to as the Academic staff) are autonomous in their work.

Their rights, which are inseparably linked to academic freedom, shall comprise:

1. conveying knowledge in a professional and independent way and when applying standards and teaching methods only have to comply with professional principles which also include professional responsibility and intellectual rigorousness. Nobody should be forced to teach contrary to their belief and conscience and/or to implement programmes and apply methods which violate nationally- or internationally recognised human rights;
2. researching without any interference or pressure,
3. working in accordance with their professional responsibility, national and international principles on intellectual rigorousness, scientific studies and research ethics.
4. publishing and notifying the outcomes of their research work.

The duties of the academic staff, which are inseparably linked to academic freedom, shall be the following:

1. to ensure high quality and effective teaching in compliance with the rules of the University; to provide for equal and fair treatment of the students regardless of gender, race or ethnic origin and religious beliefs, as well as regardless of their possible disability; to encourage the exchange of ideas between academic staff and students, as well as availability for consulting and support in studies; to ensure that at least a minimum of the required contents prescribed for each subject is delivered to the students;
2. to research and provide for the dissemination of the results of their research, and where research is not obligatory, acquire and upgrade their knowledge through constant academic work, by developing teaching methods and improving their pedagogical skills;
3. to research and undertake further education, as well as to search for knowledge; whereby one shall have to rely upon evidence, as well as to assess and report objectively;
4. to respect the ethics of research work with respect to fellow men, animals, heritage and/or environment;

5. to respect and recognize the academic work of their colleagues and students, especially in regard to authorship of the work published and responsibility for the contents of that work;
6. not to abuse information and data obtained from confidential manuscripts, applications for research funding and/or funding for training, or in the course of other supervisory activities, unless the author has expressly given his consent thereto;
7. to conduct research activities in accordance with the rules and regulations of higher education, research or other institutions and/or organisations, at which it is carried out, as well as in accordance with the principles and international standards on human rights; the outcomes of such research work and the data on which it is based should be available to the academic staff of the university, unless publishing a person's name could endanger such person or anonymity has been promised;
8. to avoid any conflict of interest or conflict that could be perceived as conflict of interest; in case this occurs, the conflict is to be reported in writing to the University and settled upon having consulted the University;
9. to responsibly use the funds granted to the University for research or work in professional or scientific bodies;
10. to maintain a professional approach in assessing colleagues and/or students;
11. to assume the responsibility not to mislead the public when conveying information or writing about matters not related to professional work outside the University;
12. to undertake tasks relating to the managing of the University and its professional bodies.

Article 45

All vacancies for academic staff positions shall be announced internationally, i.e. as a rule, on the University's web page.

VIII. FINANCING AND THE FUNDS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Article 46

As a rule the University shall obtain the funding for conducting its activities from all or any of the following:

- Foundations and other charitable organisations,
- international organisations,

- a separate budget heading under the budget of the Republic of Slovenia,
- the European Union budget and the budgets of its institutions and bodies,
- tuition fees and other study contributions,
- payments for the services performed,
- grants, inheritance, donations,
- and other sources.

Article 47

The University shall manage and have the power of disposal over the assets used for the performance of its activities, in accordance with the purpose for which said assets were obtained.

Following a proposal of the President of the University, and upon having obtained the consent of the Management Board, the University may dispose of or encumber real property with the funds it acquired

The funds obtained through the sales of the real estate property referred to in the previous paragraph of this Article may be used for investments, investment maintenance and equipment.

The University shall manage and have the power of disposal over real estate property obtained from other sources in accordance with the purpose for which it was obtained.

IX. LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

Article 48

The customary language of instruction shall be English.

The University may directly organise activities in the language of one of the member states of the Union for the Mediterranean. In this respect it shall have to ensure the compliance with the corresponding quality standards in such language.

X. STUDENTS

Article 49

The Academic Calendar, enrolment procedures, examination regime, requirements for advancement including the conditions for accelerated advancement, completion of the studies, transfers between programmes, re-enrolment and/or conditional enrolment, continuation of studies following a suspension, parallel and separate studies shall be regulated by means of the corresponding regulations adopted by the Senate, as well as in accordance with the study programmes.

Article 50

Recognition of exams and other study obligations fulfilled at various higher education institutions and other matters of relevance for the students shall be regulated by a separate set of Rules, to be adopted by the Senate.

Article 51

The rights, obligations and responsibilities of the students shall be decided on upon having considered *mutatis mutandi* the provisions governing the administrative procedure in the host country.

Written decisions and resolutions shall be issued to students in the Slovenian, English, French or Arabic language.

Appeal may be lodged against such decisions and/or resolutions in accordance with the corresponding Rules adopted by the Senate.

Article 52

Liability to disciplinary action applying to students shall be regulated by the corresponding Rules adopted by the Senate. Prior to the adoption of such Rules the Senate shall have to obtain the opinion of the Student Council.

XI. REGISTERS

Article 53

The University shall keep registers with personal data of the students, as well as registers with personal data of the employees, in compliance with the regulations.

Article 54

The safeguarding of personal data shall include rights, methods and measures by means of which the University shall in the course of collecting, processing, storing and transmitting personal data, as well as of their use, prevent unlawful and unjustified intrusion into a person's integrity, as well as into their personal and family life.

Protection of personal data shall include legal, organisational, as well as other corresponding procedures, measures and responsibilities, by means of which the University shall prevent unauthorized and unregistered access to premises, hardware and software, incidental or deliberate destruction of data, their alteration or loss, as well as the unauthorised access to, processing and transmission of these data and their use.

Article 55

By means of a special general act the protection of personal data contained in the databases handled by the University, their protection, the rights of individuals and

limitations of rights, removal of personal data, protection of hardware and of programme products and their control may be regulated.

Article 56

Information, data and documents regarding the business operations of the University, as well as personal data of the University employees shall be regarded as confidential.

By means of a written decision the President of the University may define more in detail which type of work, individual actions, data, documents, information or jobs shall not be accessible to the public, i.e. are to be considered confidential.

Article 57

In addition to the matters defined as confidential, the employees of the University shall also have to hold confidential any information, documents and data which are categorised as such by the competent body and/or any data which is classified as confidential by law or other regulations.

X. TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 58

Until the Rules mentioned in the second paragraph of Article 14 hereof are adopted, the higher education, research and other institution and/or organisations, which have appointed their members to the General Assembly, may explicitly withdraw their accession to the University in writing.

Article 59

The Student Council shall have to be constituted no later than within three months as of the commencement of the study programmes implementation.

Article 60

The Senate shall have to adopt the regulations specified in Article 51 and the Rules mentioned in Article 52 hereof, whereas the University shall have to publish them prior to the commencement of the enrolment procedure for the study programmes of the University.

Article 61

Amendments to this Statute shall be decided by the General Assembly. Proposals may be submitted by the President, the Management Board, the Senate, or at least one-third of the General Assembly members and must be sent to an ad hoc Commission appointed by the Management Board. The Commission shall review and forward proposals to the Management Board and the General Assembly at least 30 days before the General

Assembly session. Amendments shall be approved by the majority of the members present in the General Assembly.

Article 62

This Statute shall come into force on the day following its adoption. It shall be published on the web page of the University.

Provisions related to the payment of membership fees and membership will come into effect in 2025. Provisions regarding the composition of the governing bodies will take effect upon the expiration of the terms of the current members of these bodies.