

The Council of Vilnius University activity report for 2022

In its activities, the Council of Vilnius University (hereinafter 'Council', 'University') is guided by the provisions of the Statute of the University and by the competencies and functions delegated to the Council under this law. In its 2021 report (published on 31 March 2022), the Council identified the main priorities for its activities in 2022:

- Further development of the budget model by including measures related to the determination of the necessary costs of study programmes, the assessment of investment in research and its return, and laying down the principles for the strategic allocation of the fund and the use of the University's financial reserves;
- Monitoring of the implementation of the University's Strategic Plan for 2021–2025 and the Annual Plan for 2022;
- Provision of organisational and financial measures necessary for the development of pedagogical studies and research in educology at the University, including further assurance of the sustainable process of integration and development of Šiauliai Academy;
- Increasing the internationalisation and interdisciplinarity of study programmes and research;
- Monitoring of the University's information technology infrastructure renovation and development projects, including the monitoring of technological and administrative measures ensuring the possibility of distance studies.
- Investments in sustainable energy and monitoring of sustainable energy infrastructure development projects;
- Implementation and monitoring of measures to ensure the continuity of the University activities in an environment of increased risk.

The composition of the Council did not change in 2022. The information on the current composition of the Council is available here: <https://www.vu.lt/en/about-vu/structure/university-council>

In 2022, ten Council meetings were held, and 16 resolutions were adopted.

As every year, the Council paid close attention to the planning, consideration and implementation of the University budget (revenue and expenditure estimate), as this document is, from the Council's point of view, the main instrument for allocating resources to the University's day-to-day activities and the means of the strategic plan.

The Council considers the development of an adequate remuneration and motivational system for the University's staff a crucial strategic task in order to ensure the attraction and maintenance of academic and non-academic staff and their competitive remuneration. Therefore, the members of the Council were actively involved in the meetings and discussions on the matters of the amendments to the Description of the Remuneration Procedure for the University Employees in both academic and non-academic units.

In 2022, the Council focused on the development of the University and the necessary investments in infrastructure projects to ensure the University's future needs and sustainable growth. The Council approved the sale of certain real estate belonging to Šiauliai Academy in order to obtain funds for the renovation of the infrastructure of the Central Campus of Šiauliai Academy. The Council also approved the investment of part of the assets that the University manages by the right of trust in the University assets in order to ensure the realisation of the objectives of the construction investment project of the Faculty of Chemistry and Geosciences and the assumption of the financing risk.

The Council also approved Vilnius University becoming a shareholder of the National Cancer Institute (NCI), investing the assets of Vilnius University into the capital of the shareholders of this institution. In the Council's view, the University's presence as a shareholder of this institution will ensure a high level of research and sustainable growth at the NCI.

All the resolutions adopted by the Council are available at: <https://www.vu.lt/apiemus/struktura/taryba/tarybos-sprendimai> (in Lithuanian).

The Council will consider the following as the main directions of its activities in 2023:

- Further development of the budget model by including measures related to the determination of the necessary costs of study programmes, the assessment of investment in research and its return, and laying down the principles for the strategic allocation of the fund and the use of the University's financial reserves;
- Monitoring of the implementation of the University's Strategic Plan for 2021–2025 and the Annual Plan for 2023;
- Provision of infrastructure, organisational and financial measures necessary for the development of pedagogical studies and research in educology at the University, including further assurance of the sustainable development process of VU Šiauliai Academy and the implementation of other infrastructure projects of strategic importance (construction of the Faculty of Medicine Science Centre, development of Vilnius STEAM Centre, improvement of the infrastructure of the Faculty of Chemistry and Geosciences and the Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics);
- Increasing the internationalisation and interdisciplinarity of study programmes and research, including monitoring the improvement of infrastructure suitable for attracting international students;
- Monitoring the upgrading and development projects of the University's information technology infrastructure, including monitoring of technological and administrative measures that ensure substantial changes in the implementation of information technology infrastructure upgrading and development projects;
- Investments in sustainable energy and monitoring of sustainable energy infrastructure development projects;
- Implementation and monitoring of measures to ensure the continuity of the University activities in an environment of increased risk.

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