



**RESOLUTION
OF THE SENATE
OF VILNIUS UNIVERSITY**

**ON THE AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE OF VILNIUS
UNIVERSITY NO. S-2017-11-2 OF 21 NOVEMBER 2017 “ON THE APPROVAL OF THE
VILNIUS UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS ON OPEN ACCESS TO RESEARCH/ART AND
STUDY WORKS”**

No. SPN-47 of 18 November 2025

In accordance with Article 33(1)(32) of the Statute of Vilnius University, taking into account Proposal from the Rector of Vilnius University No. RTK-70 of 14 November 2025 “On the Amendment to Resolution of the Senate of Vilnius University No. S-2017-11-2 of 23 November 2017 “On the Approval of the Vilnius University Regulations on Open Access to Research/Art and Study Works””, Resolution of the Research Affairs Committee of the Senate of Vilnius University of 11 November 2025 (Minutes No. (1.9 E) 11500-KT-580), and Resolution of the Studies Affairs Committee of the Senate of Vilnius University of 4 November 2025 (Minutes No. (1.8 E) 11500-KT-582), the Senate of Vilnius University

hereby decides:

1. To amend the Vilnius University Regulations on Open Access to Research/Art and Study Works approved by Resolution of the Senate of Vilnius University No. S-2017-11-2 of 21 November 2017 “On the Approval of the Vilnius University Regulations on Open Access to Research/Art and Study Works”:

1.1. To amend Item 2 and recast it as follows:

“2. Members of the University’s academic community shall register all their research, artistic or study production in the eLABa and submit it for open access in accordance with these Regulations, the Description of the Procedure for Uploading Electronic Documents of Vilnius University to the Lithuanian Academic Electronic Library Information System approved by the Rector of the University or their authorised person, and following the requirements and guidelines for open access of the supporting organisations or other sources, without violating the rights of authors and other holders of property rights.”

1.2. To amend Item 4 and recast it as follows:

“4. The final theses defended by members of the University’s academic community, for which a decision not to publish the thesis has not been taken under the procedure established by the University, must be uploaded to the eLABa in PDF format no later than in 14 calendar days after the defence of the final thesis, indicating one of the following access conditions: publicly accessible, accessible on the intranet of the University, or inaccessible. An embargo period of no more than 36 months may be imposed on the submission of the final theses for public access.”

1.3. To amend Item 5(1) and recast it as follows:

“5.1. An embargo period of no more than 24 months may be imposed on the submission of the doctoral thesis for public access.”

1.4. To add a new Item, 6(3):

“6.3. When registering a publication after its publishing, an additional publication document may be uploaded – the preprint submitted to the publisher or a link to such a version uploaded on the preprint repository, unless otherwise provided in the agreement with the publisher.”

1.5. To amend Item 9 and recast it as follows:

“9. If, in order to not infringe the rights and legitimate interests of others, research, artistic, or study production cannot be made public, the work may either be stored in eLABa in non-publicised files or it may be only described without uploading it.”

1.6. To amend Item 12 and recast it as follows:

“12. In order to implement open access, members of the University's academic community are recommended to ensure that their research articles and/or preprints submitted to the publisher would be made publicly available by publishing them in high-profile open access journals, institutional or disciplinary open access repositories, and/or preprint repositories, unless otherwise provided in the agreement with the publisher.”

1.7. To amend Item 14 and recast it as follows:

“14. In order to implement open access, periodical scholarly journals and publications that are fully or partially funded by the University and contain conference proceedings must be open access. Where possible, other publications fully or partially funded by the University shall also be open access.”

2. To determine that this Resolution comes into effect on 1 January 2026.