

**Evaiveerimine 2010 Application EV39 History Museum of Estonia, Culture and Society**

**Expert's opinion: The volume and level of R&D activities in comparison to international criteria.**

Subcriteria for evaluation	Evaluation	Comments
The research and development in the field being evaluated is characterized by a sufficient volume of financing taking into account the particularities of the field of research and the profile of the institution.	Negative	There's only one 'active' research project that is externally funded; no follow-ons from the ones that ended in 2006 and 2008 respectively; no details on forthcoming applications.
Research and development at the institution is characterized by contemporary and innovative range of topics for research.	Negative	There is currently no (discernible) 'range' of topics and, in particular, topics related to funding proposals.
The institution has international cooperation projects in the field being evaluated and/or participates in various international cooperation networks.	Positive	
Experts' summary assessment	Negative	There is no evidence of developing, resp. submitting, funding proposals for international collaboration projects. Research topics would need to be linked to grant capture strategies (which are not discernible).

**Expert's opinion: R&D infrastructure (working premises and auxiliary facilities).**

Subcriteria for evaluation	Evaluation	Comments
The institution's research groups in the field being evaluated have at their disposal the necessary working and auxiliary facilities (premises).	Positive	
The working facilities (premises) at the disposal of the institution's research groups in the field being evaluated are modern and fit for purpose.	Positive	
The institution's research groups in the field being evaluated have at their disposal, in the case of experimental themes, the necessary equipment and instruments.	Positive	
The equipment and instruments at the disposal of the institution's research groups in the field being evaluated are, in the case of the experimental themes, modern and fit for purpose.	Positive	
The institution's research groups in the field being evaluated have access to databases, specialized literature and other research infrastructures.	Positive	
Experts' summary assessment	Positive	

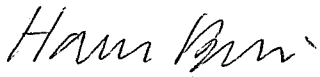
**Expert's opinion: Qualification of researchers in comparison to international criteria.**

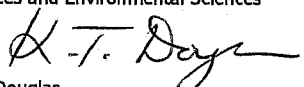
Subcriteria for evaluation	Evaluation	Comments
A sufficient number of research staff are employed at the institution taking into account the volume and particularities of the R&D activities of the institution and the field being evaluated.	Positive	


A sufficient number of the research staff have a recognized academic degree corresponding to Estonian legislative acts.	Positive	
Doctoral dissertations have been successfully supervised in the last five years.	Negative	
Research staff in the field being evaluated have received sufficient national or international honours and/or awards.	Negative	
Research staff have published per researcher in the last 5 years a sufficient number of articles in international journals or peer-reviewed research monographs taking into account the particularities of the field of research being evaluated.	Negative	Very low number of publications in 1.1, 2.1, and 3.1
Research staff have filed applications for patents or for plant variety rights certificates in the name of the institution in the last 5 years.	Positive	
Experts' summary assessment	Negative	There is no evidence that there is a strategy in place that would ensure high-quality (rather than volume) regarding publications. Such a strategy would need to be tied in with grant capture policy.
<b>Subcriteria for evaluation</b>	<b>Evaluation</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Final assessment	Negative	The committee strongly suggests that the Unit of Assessment consider improving its internal mechanisms for research planning/strategy by setting up a steering committee that formulates and implements its research policy; for research quality assurance (wherever possible through international peer -review); for supervising , guiding and supporting PhD students. We also recommend considering a closer affiliation with relevant University institutions.

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