

Evalveerimine 2010 Application EV7 Võru Institute, 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	This is clearly a very specialised research outfit which, nevertheless, produces research that would appear to be of relevance for Estonian society. Grant capture is poor; no international research collaboration on joint projects.
Research and development at the institution is characterized by contemporary and innovative range of topics for research.	Negative	The research activities conducted in the Institute lack reference to theoretical and conceptual developments in the field of cultural and language studies. There is a distinctive lack of involvement in international (collaborative and comparative) research in the field.
The institution has international cooperation projects in the field being evaluated and/or participates in various international cooperation networks.	Negative	
Experts' summary assessment:	Negative	Lack of funding; lack of international research orientation; lack of international collaboration in (comparative) studies: these are the major weaknesses of the Institute with regard to research excellence

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

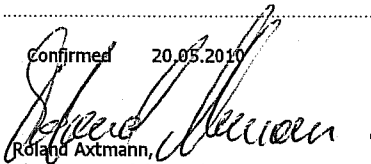
Subcriteria for evaluation	Evaluation	Comments
The institution's research groups in the field being evaluated have at their disposal the necessary working and auxiliary facilities (premises).	Positive	
The working facilities (premises) at the disposal of the institution's research groups in the field being evaluated are modern and fit for purpose.	Negative	
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.	Negative	'Equipment' in the sense of a research (working) library (including electronic resources) is in poor supply.
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.	Negative	There was no evidence that relevant literature and data-bases can be accessed in the Institute. There is no (theme-specific) research library. At the same time, members of the Institute did not raise this as an important concern.
Experts' summary assessment:	Negative	There was no evidence that relevant literature and data-bases can be accessed in the Institute. There is no (theme-specific) research library. At the same time, members of the Institute did not raise this as an important concern. The premises and the equipment highlight the fact that the Institute's main activities appear not to conduct research geared towards achieving international standards and finding an international audience via peer review

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.	Positive	
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	A total of 16 publications, some of them quite short as well as a lack of research monographs with international publishers, appear to be quite low --even allowing for the age and career profile.
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	A total of 16 publications, some of them quite short as well as a lack of research monographs with international publishers, appear to be quite low --even allowing for the age and career profile. Research output does not indicate a publication strategy that aims at a participation in international debates.
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Final assessment	Negative	The research that is being conducted appears not to be targeted at an international audience. There's no international dissemination policy nor is there any evidence that there is a research strategy that would aim to develop research themes that would allow for joint-up international research projects. The work of the Institute as an institution built around issues of cultural policy, though commendable in its own right, does not currently meet the criteria of this R&D evaluation exercise.

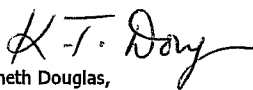
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