

R&D Evaluation Methodology and Funding Principles

Pilot testing - The consolidated report at Evaluated Unit level

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Note: Reports at Evaluated Unit level will be written only for EvU that registered more than one Research Unit for evaluation.

1. Covers

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Title: Conclusive Analytical Report for the Evaluated Unit: **Faculty of Arts and Philosophy, University of South Bohemia**

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2. Report

Background to the report

This section sets out the profile of the EvU. It gives an overview of its historical background, current positioning in the RD&I system, organigram, and lists the RUs that the EvU registered for evaluation.

Target: **500 words**

none

Main elements of strength in the performance of EvU

Target: **200 words**

The Faculty of Philosophy is a recent institution (founded only in 2006) with solid experience of research in some specific fields due to the richness of the archival funds in the region, and special support on the regional and national levels. Historical research has a very good level, recognized in Czech Republic's scientific landscape as well as increasingly also abroad. Also, research in traductology as well as in philology and linguistics is good. An example of strong relationship tied between the linguists is the famous Prague Linguistic Circle founded by Mathesius and Jakobson a century ago, which still is the core of a very active network in Europe.

The EvU has accredited doctoral programs and has received various grants by the Czech Science Foundation, for a number of national and international projects.

The competitiveness is high in the national context; for example the languages/literatures department concentrates on different of topics of Czech literature that find great interest in the home land. Also, by the quantity/quality of works (traductions) produced in/ from English is impressive.

The FF-JU is a medium sized RU with a strong emphasis on early modern history which is integrated in the European scientific community. The strong emphasis on editing sources helps to uphold the positivist tradition in Czech historiography and is completed by a publication strategy that enhances international exchange – a strategy which brings the history of the Czech lands to the attention abroad.

The linguists of romance languages have signed various mobility conventions in the frame of Erasmus exchanges, which facilitates the participation of foreign visiting professors in trainings at Master and Doctoral levels. Inter alia, two Double Master Degrees have been recently (2014) signed with European Universities.

Main elements of weakness in the performance of the EvU

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The rather narrow research foci on early modern history are the strength and the weakness of the EvU at the same time. Although, it is well regarded nationally and internationally for Bohemian history and Czech literature, more international staff and international fellowships and grants would be necessary to become an international leader. On the regional and national level the university managed to recruit well known colleagues from other universities, but not from abroad. Career opportunities for the younger staff should be clearer communicated.

Main opportunities for future development and performance of EvU

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The international reputation of many members of the staff is well consolidated as much for fundamental research, for originality and for internationality. This makes the EvU a research environment with high potential. It is also on the good way to be recognized both at national and international levels, as a major research centre in the field of philological sciences. For example the journal "Écho des Études Romanes", published in České Budějovice, has already gained international reputation.

Main threats for the future development and performance of EvU

Target: 200 words

The ministry of education should foster the development of the opportunities for future development and performance of the university according to the development strategies formulated by the university. If funding continues and increases, the university could become an international leader, for example in early modern history and Czech literatures as well as in English studies/traductology and Romance languages.

Conclusions

Target: 200 to 400 words

None

Recommendations

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None