

The Strategic Planning Committee is constituted by decision of the Board of Directors and consists of: a) the Rector, b) the Vice Rectors, and c) up to four (4) members of the Teaching and Research Staff of the Higher Educational Institution (HEI), holding the status of Full, or Associate Professor, representing different disciplinary areas treated by the Institution. HEI's Executive Director and the Head of the Strategic Planning Office participate in the meetings of the Committee without the right to vote.

The Committee is appointed to serve a four (4) years term of office, running in parallel with the HEI's Rector term of office.

The responsibilities of the Committee are:

- a) the preparation of the HEI's strategic plan proposal, related to the Institution's academic and research development, within the framework of the National Strategy for Higher Education, Research and Innovation, as well as the European and International strategy in Higher Education Area, and in accordance with Article 224, Law No. 4957/2022, the proposal's submission for approval to the Board of Directors,
- b) the evaluation of the HEI's academic and research units' development plans' proposals, as well as the ones of digital transformation' plan, subjected to Article 227, accessibility for individuals with disabilities and special educational needs' plan, subjected to Article 226, and sustainable development' plan, subjected to Article 228, and their attunement with the HEI's strategic plan, in accordance with Article 224, Law No. 4957/2022,
- c) the preparation of strategic partnership agreements' proposals, subjected to Article 15, Law No. 4653/2020 (A' 12), submitted for approval to the Board of Directors, as well as, during their implementation period, the cooperation with the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education (HAHE) and the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs,
- d) the coordination and monitoring of the HEI's: di) strategic plan, dii) strategic partnership agreements', subjected to Article 15, Law No. 4653/2020 (A' 12), and diii) annual goal setting' implementation' process.

The Strategic Planning Office is staffed by a permanent or, of fixed term under private law employee of the HEI's administrative personnel. An employee of the HEI, under the expertise, or field of studies, as specified in the HEI's Organization, of Administrative-Economic, will be the Head of Office.

In particular, the responsibilities of the Strategic Planning Office are:

- (a) the Strategic Planning Committee' decisions' implementation and the Committee' administrative support,
- b) the collection, processing and analysis of all data submitted by the Institution's academic and administrative units, regarding the HEI's strategic plan drafting and documentation, as well as the strategic plan' implementation' procedures monitoring,
- (c) the coordination of all available funding sources' leverage intended for the implementation of the HEI's strategic plan and strategic partnership agreements, subjected to Article 15, Law No. 4653/2020,
- (d) monitoring the implementation' progress of the: di) digital transformation' plan, subjected to Article 227, dii) accessibility for individuals with disabilities and special

educational needs' plan, subjected to Article 226, and diiii) sustainable development' plan, subjected to Article 228,

(e) the monitoring of progress, related to the HEI's infrastructure and equipment development' projects,

f) the observation of national, European and international strategy' advancements in higher education, research and innovation areas, this way keeping the HEI's academic and research units, as well as other organizational units of the institution informed,

g) cooperating with the HEI's Quality Assurance Unit for the preparation of the annual achievements' report, related to the HEI's allocation of annual regular grant, in accordance with Article 16, Law No. 4653/2020,

h) the conduct of studies to support the HEI's academic, research and general development in the institution's fields of activity, collectively,

(i) cooperating with HEI's Digital Governance Unit for the development of an integrated information system, which is meant to facilitate the HEI's strategic plan', strategic partnership agreements and annual goal setting, implementation' monitoring; and

(j) the exercise of all responsibilities attributed to the Office as stated in the HEI's Organization.