

APPROVED by the
Rector of the University of Tartu
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(effective as of 23 November 2022)

Statutes of the University of Tartu Centre for Sustainable Development

Based on subsection 27 (6) of the Statutes of the University of Tartu, I establish the Statutes of the University of Tartu Centre for Sustainable Development.

I. General provisions

1. The University of Tartu Centre for Sustainable Development ('centre') is a consortium of the University of Tartu ('university'), which aims to advance interdisciplinary cooperation at the university in teaching, research and development activities supporting human well-being, environmental management and balanced development of society, and knowledge transfer and social debate in the field of sustainable development.
2. To perform its mission, the centre
 - 2.1. carries out interdisciplinary research and development projects in the field of sustainable development, coordinates cooperation in this field and applies for funding;
 - 2.2. organises seminars, workshops and lectures on sustainable development;
 - 2.3. provides expert analysis and advice on sustainable development both in and outside of the university;
 - 2.4. organises lectures, discussions and round tables for the general public;
 - 2.5. develops international cooperation, including with similar centres of other universities;
 - 2.6. participates in developing the curricula and developing and providing courses in the field of sustainable development;
 - 2.7. performs other tasks related to the teaching and research of sustainable development.
3. The centre is guided in its activities by the university's statutes, these statutes and other legislation.
4. The name of the centre in English is Centre for Sustainable Development, University of Tartu.
5. The university's units ('units') and legal persons whose activities are related to the centre's field of activity may participate in the work of the centre. Legal persons participate in the centre's work based on a cooperation agreement signed between the university and the person.
6. The head of the Institute of Social Studies is responsible for organising the centre's documentary procedure and other administrative work.
7. The centre comprises the following units: Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Social Sciences, Faculty of Science and Technology, Natural History Museum and Botanical Garden, and the university's Museum.

II. Governance

8. The work of the centre is managed by the council and the head.
9. The council comprises
 - 9.1. the director of development of the university;
 - 9.2. a representative of each faculty on the proposal of the dean;
 - 9.3. a representative of the Natural History Museum and Botanical Garden on the proposal of the director;
 - 9.4. a representative of the university's Museum on the proposal of the director;
 - 9.5. a student representative on the proposal of the president of the university's student union;
 - 9.6. the head of the centre;
 - 9.7. up to three members appointed by the council.
10. The composition of the council of the centre is approved by the rector.
11. The student representative is appointed to the council for two years and other members for five years. The council elects the chair from among its members to direct the council's work.
12. The head of the centre can be an academic employee of the university holding a doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification. The council elects the head for a term of five years. The head performs the tasks assigned by the council.
13. The council
 - 13.1. forms an expert panel for sustainable development to organise the work of the centre; its members are proposed by the heads of units;
 - 13.2. approves the centre's annual activity plan, which also includes the tasks of the expert panel;
 - 13.3. approves and amends the budget of the centre;
 - 13.4. appoints the head of the centre;
 - 13.5. decides on involving new members in the composition of the council;
 - 13.6. determines the rules of procedure of the council;
 - 13.7. discusses and decides other matters relevant to the development of the centre.
14. The council meetings are held at least twice a year.
15. The regular council meetings are convened and chaired by the head of the council of the centre. Extraordinary meetings are convened by the council chair on their own initiative or at the request of at least half of the council members.
16. A council meeting has a quorum if more than half of the council members are present. Participating in the meeting using two-way audio and video technology is also possible. A decision is adopted if more than half of the council members attending the meeting have voted in favour. A council meeting may be held by email. In this case, a decision of the meeting is adopted if all council members have voted in favour.
17. The work of members of the expert panel is remunerated. The amount of the remuneration is decided by the council.

III. Funding

18. The funds of the centre are formed of allocations from the units participating in the work of the centre, research grants jointly applied for, and other allowances and donations. The main budget of the centre is part of the budget of the Institute of Social Studies. The budgets

of the funded projects are parts of the budgets of the units in which the project's principal investigator works.

IV. Supervision and reporting

19. The head of the centre reports to the council of the centre on its activities at least once a year.

V. Amending the statutes

20. Amending the statutes of the centre is decided by the rector on the proposal of the heads of at least two-thirds of the units participating in the centre's work.

VI. Implementing provisions

21. The head of the centre is appointed for five years by the director of development.
22. The heads of the units participating in the work of the centre and the president of the student union appoint their representatives to the council of the centre by 15 December 2022. The director of development convenes the first meeting of the council of the centre.