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**Report on the current situation of the Ethical Committee at the University of Montenegro**

**1. Introduction**

Some general presentation of how important is ethics at your institution and how it is regulated could go here (i.e. bodies responsible for it).

The Ethical Committee (Sud časti) of the University of Montenegro performs usual professional tasks of such a body. It makes sure that the conduct of every member of the University is in accordance with the highest professional and community ethical standards, respects and complies with the law and contractual terms and conditions. EC supports university's goals and works towards avoiding conflicts of interest. It promotes respect for the rights and dignity of others, as well as the maintenance of the highest standards of academic integrity.

EC is in charge of pursuing a disciplinary action against any member who is shown to have knowingly worked against the above and against the established Code of Ethics. For the misconduct, the EC announces public warning or public sentence either at the meeting of the University's Senate or in the University's bulletins.

**2. National legal framework in the partner country**

Information about what regulates ethics in research and academic integrity in the HEIs in your country.



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University of Montenegro regulates the ethics in research and academic integrity.

### **3. Bodies responsible for ethics at your university**

Information about these bodies, their composition, organization of meetings and procedures, roles and responsibilities, tasks performed, difficulties encountered etc.

Ethical Committee of the University of Montenegro is responsible for ethics at our university.

EC of the University of Montenegro is an independent committee.

EC is elected every three years, except for its student representative which is elected every year anew.

EC has nine members elected by the Senate, except for the student representative who is elected by the Student Parliament. EC has a president and a vice president, elected by the EC members, and a secretary in charge of administrative duties.

A trial can have several instances. The case is first observed by the president and two more EC members. If the case is not solved on this level, a five-member committee is formed. The work of these committees has strictly regulated procedures.

EC meets once a month. Under pressure it meets on a two-week basis.

Work of the EC is public.

The work of the EC at the UoM is transparent, its meetings are open for public. Having in mind that the obligation of the EC is to decide about the ethical responsibility of the academic staff, who provide education to the student population, and having in mind the delicacy of the nature of the procedure this institution conducts, the information are not published on the university's website in the course of the procedure. If a misconduct is established, the judgement is officially published in the University's Bulletin or read out at the meeting of the UoM's Senate.

### **4. Institution's own legal framework**

What other legal instruments does your institution use to regulate ethics besides the law on HE? Information about the Code of Ethics or similar document, the university Statutes and Regulations, if relevant, can go here.

The Code of Ethics, available at <http://www.ucg.ac.me/fajlovi/Eticki%20kodeks.pdf>, regulates the behaviour and the procedures of the members of the Ethical Committee.

The Code of Ethics is the principal document that precisely defined ethical norms of behaviour of the teaching and research staff of the UoM.

### **5. Remarks/Suggestions for improvement**

Ideas for improvement can go here.

We evaluate current situation of the Ethical Committee at University of Montenegro satisfactory.

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