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# **The Main Results of the Amendment to the Internal Quality Evaluation Report on Educational, Creative and Related Activities of the University of Defence for 2023**

*The Amendment to the Internal Quality Evaluation Report on Educational, Creative and Related Activities of the University of Defence for 2023 was discussed by the Scientific Council of the University of Defence on 25 February 2025 and approved by the Academic Senate of the University of Defence on 10 April 2025.*

The quality evaluation of educational, creative and related activities for the year 2023 was carried out based on the internal regulation Quality Assurance System Rules of Educational, Creative and Related Activities and Internal Quality Evaluation System Rules of Educational, Creative and Related Activities at the University of Defence, and the related Measure of the Rector of the University of Defence No. 2/2024. Details of the Quality Assurance System Rules of Educational, Creative and Related Activities and Internal Quality Evaluation System Rules of Educational, Creative and Related Activities at the University of Defence.

The following study programmes (hereinafter referred to as "SP") were the subject of the evaluation for the year 2023:

- Security and Defence - follow-up master's study programme;
- State Defence Theory - doctoral study programme;
- Technology for Defence and Security - Mechanical - bachelor's study programme;
- Technology for Defence and Security - Mechanical - follow-up master's study programme;
- Cyber Security - long cycle master's study programme;
- Military Technologies - Electrical - long cycle master's study programme;
- Military Technologies - Mechanical - doctoral study programme;
- Medical Rescue - bachelor's study programme;
- Military Healthcare for the Branch of Pharmacy - long cycle master's study programme;
- Epidemiology - doctoral study programme;
- Infectious Biology - doctoral study programme;
- Medical Microbiology - doctoral study programme.

Of the lifelong learning ("LL") programmes implemented by the Centre for Security and Military Strategic Studies ("CSMSS"), the following courses were evaluated:

- Military career course for senior officers KVD-1;
- Military career course for senior officers KVD-2;
- Military career course for senior officers 67. KVD;
- Military career course for senior officers - 4. KVD-NM.

As part of the internal evaluation of the quality of creative activity, this activity was evaluated at all faculties, institutes and centres.

The evaluation of the so-called related activities included an evaluation of the integration of related activities with educational and creative activities, management provision and university administration, provision of marketing activities, provision of external relations, and provision, management and effectiveness of the use of support activities.

The evaluation results are included in partial evaluation reports on study programmes, partial evaluation reports on lifelong learning programmes, interim reports on educational activities of the faculties, interim reports on creative activities of the faculties, institutes and centres and interim reports on the evaluation of related activities.

## **Main Results of the Amendment to the Internal Quality Evaluation Report on Educational, Creative and Related Activities of the University of Defence for 2023:**

### **a) Educational Activities**

The internal evaluation of educational activities (including the evaluation of SPs and LL programmes) consisted in comparing the actual situation, i.e. the values achieved for individual quality indicators, with the relevant standard or the so-called critical value. In the event that the relevant standard was not achieved, the Dean of the Faculty or the Director of the CSMSS, on the proposal of the SP guarantor or the LL programme guarantor - depending on the evaluated activities, was obliged to formulate corrective measures that led to the fulfilment of the relevant standard. In case that the critical value of a given standard is not met, the Internal Evaluation Board of the University of Defence specifies a possible recommendation for the Dean of the Faculty or the Director of the CSMSS in the form of an action for improvement.

It was not possible to evaluate the results of the student and graduate evaluation indicators for all SPs due to the anonymity of the respondents and the consequent inability to identify the number of participants in the student evaluation of the quality of teaching of the subject by a SP (the application administrator did not release the data for publication).

The faculties continued to raise students' awareness of their options in terms of auxiliary scientific force activities and the competition of student creative activities, to instruct academic staff on the possibility of involving students in these activities and to motivate them to participate in these. At the same time, they worked to increase the number of students involved in the Erasmus+ international programme. Measures related to the so-called adaptation period during the entire first year were applied again to reduce the drop-out rate of first-year military students. As part of the adaptation period, some lessons in selected subjects continued to be dedicated to additional preparation of students at the faculties, including lessons for language and physical training of students.

In 2023, two student evaluations of the quality of course teaching were conducted to provide relevant feedback to academic staff (SP guarantors, course guarantors and lecturers).

Based on the evaluation, the following main problem areas were identified in educational activities:

- direct participation of PhD students in international cooperation in the year under review
- student creative activities
- international dimension of the SPs

### **b) Creative Activities**

All three faculties, the Faculty of Military Leadership, the Faculty of Military Technology, and the Military Faculty of Medicine, have demonstrated their ability to obtain financial support for components in 2023. The faculties have defined strategic goals in the field of creative activity, strategic management of creative activity is implemented at the faculties and strategic goals in the field of creative activity are evaluated.

The NBC Defence Institute positively reflected the quality of the results of the creative activities of the doctoral SP students.

For the Institute of Intelligence Studies, the ability to obtain funding for components has been fulfilled.

For 2023, creative activity was assessed for all centres. The Physical Training and Sports Centre, as well as the Centre for Security and Military Strategic Studies, have demonstrated their abilities in obtaining financial support for the components, as well as in engaging PhD students in research projects supported by public earmarked funds. In the case of the Language

Centre, the zero number of PhD students did not allow for an evaluation of the quality of creative activity within the doctoral study programmes.

In April-May 2024, a pilot evaluation of academic staff for 2023 was also carried out using a software tool (IS HAP) enabling the evaluation of each academic staff member's performance in creative and pedagogical activities. The evaluation took into account the academic worker's involvement in academic functions at the University of Defence and performance in a managerial position. The evaluation was carried out at all faculties, institutes and centres of the UoD. A total of 540 academic workers were evaluated at the University of Defence. As in the previous year, evaluations were conducted also by senior staff.

Based on the evaluation, the following main problem areas were identified in the creative activity:

- the quality of the results of the creative activity of doctoral students
- involvement of PhD students in scientific projects supported by public earmarked funds
- obtaining financial support for components

### **c) Related Activities**

The University of Defence has defined its vision, mission and development goals in its strategic documents. On their basis, priority and operational objectives and the measures and tasks to achieve them are identified.

There is a functional management system in place, a system of internal regulations and other management documents that are interrelated. The system has rules for the implementation of SPs, for creation, approval and modification of SPs or areas of study, as well as policies for the appointment and removal of SP guarantors. The activities of the University of Defence are planned, implemented, regularly monitored and evaluated. At the same time, management principles and tools are set out.

The aim of the support activities of the University of Defence (such as the provision, management and use of personnel, financial and information resources, movable and immovable property, etc.) was to ensure and support the implementation of the educational and creative activities of the University of Defence.

Counselling services were provided at the University of Defence by the Counselling Centre, which comprises the Group of Counselling Services and Veterans Care, designated academic staff and other professionals from among the employees of the University of Defence. Counselling services included psychological, pedagogical, socio-legal, study and career counselling. Counselling in the above-mentioned areas of interest was provided mainly to University of Defence students, other interested employees, and war veterans.

*Pursuant to Section 77b(3) of Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Higher Education and on Amendments and Supplements to Other Acts (Act on Higher Education), the University of Defence makes available reports on internal quality evaluation of educational, creative and related activities and supplements to these reports to the bodies and members of the bodies of the University of Defence and its units, the National Accreditation Bureau and the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports.*