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RESEARCH ASSESSMENT REPORT ON THE HUMANITIES

General Observations

- I will limit myself to those topics that are specifically relevant to the humanities in Lithuania.
- The general quality of research is good (av. Score: 2,9): most units are strong national players with some international recognition.
- Many of the research results deserve an international readership.

General Observations (continued).

- It is almost impossible for any unit in the humanities to be a global leader.
- Units invest in multidisciplinary collaboration.
- Good infrastructure.
- Many units perform better than was to be expected on the basis of their overload of teaching.

Assessment Score1: Research Quality

Determining factors:

- Conducting academic research at all
- Productivity
- Quality of the publications and kind of journals in which they appeared.
- International impact
- Interdisciplinary collaboration

Assessment Score 2: Econ. & soc. imp.

Determining factors:

- Number and variety of partners in society
- Number of people of the UoA involved
- Structural character of collaboration
- A sought-after partner.
- Economic impact was overall rather limited.

Assessment score 3: Infrastructure

- Library facilities were above average, thanks to EU funding.
- How to keep this up to date?
- Working space varies.

Assessment score 4: Management

Determining factors:

- Quality SWOT-analysis
- Clear research profile?
- Is the UoA a group or as a collection of individuals?
- Stimulating interdisciplinary collaboration?
- Attracting external funding?

Assessment Score 5: Potential

Determining factors:

- Research quality in relation to focus.
- Impact on society (becomes ever more important throughout Europe)
- Quality of management
- Number of phd-students and researchers from abroad.
- Attracting external funding.

Overall Assessment Score

- Most UoA are strong national players with some international recognition.
- Great heterogeneity of disciplines within one UoA.
- Sometimes great differences in research quality within one UoA.
- Hence, no general conclusions about the quality of specific research areas.

Concluding Remarks

- A ranking system for journals and series.
- Need for internationalization (including phd-students).
- Need for external funding.
- More interdisciplinary research.



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