## **TEMPLATE 4: ACTION PLAN**

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Name Organisation under review:

Medical University of Lodz, Poland

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## **1. ORGANISATIONAL INFORMATION**

*Please provide a limited number of key figures for your organisation. Figures marked \* are compulsory.* 

STAFF & STUDENTS	FTE
Total researchers = staff, fellowship holders, bursary holders, PhD. students either full-time or part-time involved in research	956
Of whom are international (i.e. foreign nationality)	7
Of whom are externally funded (i.e. for whom the organisation is host organisation)	20
Of whom are women	582 (61%)
Of whom are stage R3 or R4 = Researchers with a large degree of autonomy, typically holding the status of Principal Investigator or Professor.	362 (38%)
<i>Of whom are stage R2 = in most organisations corresponding with postdoctoral level</i>	454 (47%)
<i>Of whom are stage R1 = in most organisations corresponding with doctoral level</i>	91 (10%)
Total number of students (if relevant)	8274
Total number of staff (including management, administrative, teaching and research staff)	2202
RESEARCH FUNDING (figures for most recent fiscal year)	€
Total annual organisational budget	79.5 mln
Annual organisational direct government funding (designated for research)	3.1 mln
Annual competitive government-sourced funding (designated for research, obtained in competition with other organisations – including EU funding)	4.3 mln

Annual funding from private, non-government sources, designated for research	332.6 mln				
ORGANISATIONAL PROFILE (a very brief description of your organisation, max. 100 words)					

The **Medical University of Lodz (MUL)** is an attractive scientific and educational centre in the European Research Area, fulfilling the mission of modern academic education and research, and developing innovative health-promoting solutions for the epidemiological and socio-demographic challenges faced by our society. It is a highly specialized University in such disciplines as Medicine, Pharmacy and Health Science. Its clinical facilities include four hospitals that score top positions in national rankings. MUL has received grades A and A+ within the parametric evaluation - one of the best in Poland. MUL is an active partner in the largest healthcare initiatives worldwide: <a href="https://www.eithealth.eu/">https://www.eithealth.eu/</a>.

## 2. STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF THE CURRENT PRACTICE:

Please provide an overview of the organisation in terms of the current strengths and weaknesses of the current practice under the four thematic headings of the Charter and Code at your organization.

Thematic heading of the	STRENGTHS and WEAKNESSES
Charter and Code	
Ethical and professional	According to the internal survey, ethical and professional aspects are one of
aspects	the best assessed areas of the Charter and Code at the Medical University of
	Lodz (MUL). The internal survey carried out among academic staff, researchers
	and PhD students of MUL revealed that the vast majority perceives the
	university as a place that gives the opportunity of research freedom and
	professional responsibility in scientific activities. MUL creates a suitable
	environment within the research process in which the researcher is given
	adequate encouragement and support to act in accordance with the
	professional and ethical principles listed in the Charter and Code.
	MUL respects the national, sectoral, and institutional provisions and guidelines
	regulating the work conditions and trainings. There are a number of
	instruments helping the researcher in performing to the highest and ethical
	standards such as: bioethical committees, MUL Ethics Advisor, antiplagiarism
	system: <u>https://plagiat.pl/</u> , Committee on Intellectual Property. The Centre
	for Innovation and Technology Transfer of MUL ( <u>http://ciitt.umed.pl/</u> ) ensures
	the protection of intellectual rights of researchers. It also promotes knowledge
	and technology transfer originated at MUL through building and maintaining

	steady relations with the economic environment. MUL has signed the Institutional Policy of Open Access (open access, open innovation) supporting
	researchers in publishing in open access journals, increasing their visibility and
	recognition.
	University researchers are obliged to follow the national and internal
	regulations concerning financial management. They are supported by the
	Financial Office and the Accountancy Office. The Audit Office monitors and
	controls the execution of projects run at MUL.
	MUL is not only a scientific leader and a recognized University, but also an
	important opinion-forming centre - a place where various attitudes and views
	clash, where freedom of speech and thought abide. It promotes counteracting
	discrimination and rules of equal treatment of workers.
	The Strategy for Development of the Medical University of Lodz defines the
	strategic mission, vision and operational goals and directions of the University
	development for the years 2015-2020. It is a framework document, a point of
	reference for the MUL all organizational units. The Office of Science, Strategy
	and Development is responsible for monitoring and implementing the Strategy
	and supports the authorities in the strategic management.
	According to the internal analysis, this area does not require any changes and
	additional actions. All survey respondents had positive attitude towards MUL
	supervision of the principles listed in the Ethical and Professional Area.
Recruitment and selection	The recruitment and selection rules at MUL are strictly determined by
	applicable law: internal, national and international (in cases of EU grants)
	provisions regarding recruiting researchers at all stages (R1-R4).
	At the moment, all universities in Poland, including MUL are in the process of
	implementing legislation changes introduced on 1 October 2018 by a new
	Parliament Act - Law on Higher Education and Science (Ustawa 2.0).
	Ustawa 2.0 replaces four acts: The Act of 27 July 2005 - Law on Higher
	Education, the Act of 14 March 2003 on academic degrees and academic
	titles, and degrees and the titles in the field of art, the Act of 30 April 2010 on
	the principles of financing science and the Act of 17 July 1998 on loans and
	student loans.
	MUL plans to implement all the actions in compliance with the names and
	provisions of the New Act. Some discrepancies in terminology may occur
	later, however, they will not impact the Action Plan results.
	Currently, vacancy announcements related to MUL contain the necessary
	information such as the expected profile and competencies of the candidate,
	information about the entity and/or research group and job expectations. All

	vacancies are announced via the jobsite www.kariera.umed.pl
	( <u>http://kariera.umed.pl/index.php/kariera/</u> ) and through social media. Highly
	skilled and experienced candidates are also advertised internationally by
	Euraxess https://www.euraxess.pl/poland/jobs-funding
	Internal survey and analysis, however, revealed that the internal system of
	recruiting and selection has some gaps which need to be tackled.
	The survey indicated that the academic community of MUL perceives the
	structuring of the recruitment process as relatively poorly understood (in
	particular in relation to appointing recruitment committees, transparency of
	the process). The second major issue which needs to be improved in
	respondents' opinion is including fewer formal criteria for the evaluation of
	candidates by considering the variety of career paths such as gaining mobility
	experience.
	The general objective of the proposed actions will be streamlining the
	recruitment and selection process by clearly defining the procedures and
	guidelines to researchers. The main goal is to provide information to
	researchers in a clear way on one hand, and developing and organizing all
	necessary information in a structured form, on the other.
	The proposed actions will be strengthened by the Open, Transparent and
	Merit-Based Recruitment (OTMR) Strategy and a detailed description of
	recruitment policy which will give details in particular about: the rules of
	choosing members of recruitment committees, the way they are working and
	the possibility of including specialists from other units in the work of
	committees as well as individual criteria for choosing candidates. Additionally,
	MUL plans to prepare a standardized template for criteria assessed during the
	recruitment process.
Working conditions	The Medical University of Lodz is an active research, didactic and clinical
	centre. Our development relies on the advanced collaborative, often
	interdisciplinary research and a highly specialized and experienced team of
	academic teachers. The respondents of the survey consider the highly
	developed research environment with its constantly developing infrastructure
	as an unquestionable advantage.
	MUL stimulates and supports research environment with the state-of-the-art
	equipment, including centrally located core facilities in Biology, Medicine and
	Biotechnology, Genomics and Proteomics such as: Core-Lab
	http://a.umed.pl/corelab/; Onco-Lab and Bio-Lab. This approach increases
	efficacy and allows regular investment.

MUL undertakes extensive basic and applied research, often connected to innovation in medicine and healthcare in broad national and international collaboration.

The year 2011 marks the foundation of the Healthy Aging Research Centre (HARC) financed within the Regpot FP7 EU Programme. Since 2015, the University has been a member of the EIT Health consortium (https://www.eithealth.eu/) supported by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) to increase entrepreneurship and create innovations in the area of healthy lifestyle and active aging, as well as to seek ways to improve the quality of life in Europe. In January 2017, the Medical University of Lodz, together with all major stakeholders of the Lodz Region, has been awarded the status of a 2-star EIP AHA Reference Site to Lodz4Generations (https://ec.europa.eu/eip/ageing/reference-sites en) regional initiative promoting healthy and active ageing in the community. The last two years allowed us to leverage the quality and quantity of projects and joint international activities.

The MUL Strategy for Development, based on the concept of the knowledge triangle (research, education, innovation), has been continued in new, integrated educational programmes, in cooperation with business and other local, national and international stakeholders.

One of the flagship interdisciplinary projects transforming the MUL research environment is the strategic green campus EcoUmed with wide engagement of social activities. EcoUmed (<u>http://eco.umed.pl</u>) introduces organizational, investment and backup process activities of MUL potential and ambitions. The vision of EcoUMED is to implement a sustainable development in the University management, education programmes, and other activities so it becomes a part of management, financial and environmental excellence of MUL.

MUL provides appropriate working conditions, including disabled and handicapped employees, in accordance with national regulations. Researchers (R1-R4) are treated fairly and friendly at every career level; their working hours are flexible on one hand, and stable employment is ensured on the other hand. MUL runs a policy of protecting intellectual property rights and open access to scientific publications and research data. MUL as one of the first universities in Poland accepted the **Institutional Policy of Open Access** 

	http://otwarty.umed.pl/polityka-otwartosci-um-w-lodzi/ and as one of the
	few institutions is also a member of the Institutional Open Access Program
	(IOAP) https://www.mdpi.com/about/ioap.
	Among the problems regarding working conditions researchers mention
	about: insufficient transparency regarding information about the
	system of remunerating employees at various career levels both at the
	recruitment and employment stage; lack of procedures clearly
	describing the path of researchers' career development; insufficient
	provision of scientific mentoring for young employees- not including
	time devoted to training in employees evaluation systems, particularly
	dedicated to dedicated to training of novice scientists by staff with a
	higher academic degree.
	The general conclusion for that area is that despite the existence of many
	forms of support and training, either procedural or organizational at MUL,
	researchers have a sense of lack of information about their rights and
	obligations, co-occurring with a sense of insufficient active support from MUL.
	Therefore, several activities in that area will directly focus on improving direct
	communication with researchers and systematic internal evaluation of
	achievements, depending on decisions of the authorities of faculties at MUL.
Training and development	The expectations set out in the Charter & Code tie in seamlessly with the MUL
	Strategy for Development 2015-2020 where continuing personal development
	of all professionals is highly recommended and required.
	Participation in national and/or international research organizations is
	encouraged by the University.
	Supervision and mentorship at MUL are related to the structure of
	departments, in which heads of departments and senior colleagues most
	frequently work at the same laboratory.
	Supervisors at MUL are obliged to provide adequate expertise and
	commitment to early stage researchers. A supervisor is expected to have
	sufficient time, knowledge, experience, expertise, and commitment and to be
	able to offer them to the researcher trainee.
	In conclusion, MUL has already taken numerous actions and initiatives

associated with the professional and career development of researchers and
their supervision and coaching within a broader context of: interdisciplinarity,
weak skills, entrepreneurship, and increasing mobility.
As regards the future, we will continue to oversee the needs and requirements
related to our offer of educational programmes and will further optimize them
if necessary.
MUL will include several actions in our Action Plan, dedicated to raising
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awareness among supervisors and mentors on the importance of training
courses in career development. We would like to include participation in
trainings as a part of periodic employee evaluation process.
The participation in EIT Health consortium provides additional opportunities
for PhD students, early stage researchers, as well as advanced researchers (R1-
R4), and administrative staff enabling them to attend international courses,
workshops, and contests, which will improve and enrich their competences
MUL implements the Erasmus + program. Every University employee can go
abroad for training, provided that it will develop his professional competences
and teaching skills. Each PhD student can go on internships or studies abroad.
Participation in the program gives every researcher an opportunity to get a
grant in the form of a scholarship. Researchers from MUL account for about
50% of all participating in the program.
Continuous access to the information about all the events at MUL and
opportunities concerning international collaboration is ensured.

# 3. ACTIONS

The Action Plan and HRS4R strategy must be published on an easily accessible location of the organisation's website.

# Please provide the web link to the organisation's HR Strategy dedicated webpage(s):

\*URL: <u>https://umed.pl/hrs4r</u> (PL) <u>https://en.umed.pl/hrs4r/</u> (EN)

# Please fill in a sum up list of all individual actions to be undertaken in your organisation's HRS4R to address the weaknesses or strengths identified in the Gap-Analysis:

Proposed ACTIONS	GAP Principle( s)	Timing (at least by year's quarter/semester)	Responsible Unit	Indicator(s) / Target(s)
1.The recruitment policy and process will be described in the "Guide of Good Practices in the Recruitment and Employment Process"	14,19,17, 16, 27	Q4 2019-Q4 2020	HRO	"Guide of Good Practices in the Recruitment and Employment Process" Creation of a tab describing the recruitment process on the website www.kariera.umed.pl
2. Training for the MUL employees in the area of financial regulations and MUL internal procedures, particularly important while applying for grants	26	Q1 2020- Q4 2021	Science, Strategy and Developmen t Office/ Vice- Chancellor - Bursar	Training of at least 50 researchers R2-R4 /per year - they will participate in courses available on the e-learning platform during the whole year Training of 100% of PhD students (R1) at MUL
3. Preparation of a handbook for new employees with the information about development opportunities, entitlements, and obligations, including important data for the adaptation of a new employee (so called on- boarding)	24	Q4 2019-Q4 2020	HRO	A handbook for all the University staff and especially for new employees, will be available in electronic or/and paper version

4. Improvement of the	33,28	Q4 2019-Q4 2021	HRO / IT	A new periodic employee's
Periodic Evaluation System			Centre	evaluation form
for academic teachers with				
the evaluation form and a				Creation of an Internet
field concerning the				application for the Periodic
development path analysis,				Employee Evaluation System
which must be filled in				
5. Systematic monitoring of	27	Q4 2019-Q4 2021	Rector's	Yearly- report on systematic
University actions on gender			Office	monitoring of the gender balance
balance and prevention of				issue at MUL. The report will
discrimination and				analyse cases of infringement
intolerance based on				procedures and suggest possible
regulations included in the				systemic solutions in this area
"Guide of Good Practice in				based on national and European
the Recruitment and				regulations as well as good
Employment Process".				practices in equal treatment of all
MUL will monitor and actively				subjects
support gender balance while				
choosing members of the				
Recruitment Committees,				
in the areas where				
interventions are possible,				
however, without giving up				
the competence criterion				
6. Implementing a standard	16	Q1-Q4 2020	HRO/IT	An electronic form on the
electronic recruitment form				Internet website
for applicants				www.kariera.umed.pl;
				www.umed.lodz.pl;
				FB:@UMEDkariera
7. Preparing and	16	Q4 2019 – Q3	HRO	The Recruitment Strategy (OTMR)
implementing the Open,		2020		
Transparent and Merit-Based				
Recruitment Strategy (OTMR)				
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8. Recruitment –	15	Q4 2019-Q4 2020	HRO	Standard announcement
vacancy announcement				template for a vacant position
template				available on the website
				http://kariera.umed.pl/index.php
				/kariera/
				The English version of the
				description of the recruitment
				procedure on the website
				http://kariera.umed.pl/index.php
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9. Placing a link on the	18	Q4 2019	HRO	Link directing to the Internet
website kariera.umed.pl				website:
directing to the Internet				https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/
website:				
https://euraxess.ec.europa.e				
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10. MUL publication "Good	32	Q4 2019- Q1 2020	Ethics	1 MUL internal regulation
Practices/ Customs in			Committee/	
Publication and Reporting			UMED	
Inventions"			Information	
			and Library	
			Centre	
			(team	
			coordinating	
			the	
			"Interscienc	
			e Cloud"	
			project)	
11. Preparing a statement on	32	Q2 2020	HRO	1 MUL internal regulation
knowing "Good Practice				
/Customs in Publishing and				
Reporting Inventions", which				
will be a compulsory element				
of applying for vacant				
positions in competition and				
promotion proceedings				

12. Redesigning the Intranet	28, 30,	Q4 2019-Q4 2020	Science,	Intranet tab, containing all the
site by adding information	35,29		Strategy and	necessary information for
on career path and			Developmen	researchers
counselling for researchers,			t OFFICE	
sources of financing scientific				
and foreign internships				
enhancing career				
development, which will be				
available in one place.				
Including information on the				
possibilities opened in				
https://www.eithealth.eu/				
http://alliance4life.ceitec.cz/				
Erasmus+				
Intranet information about				
rights and existing procedures				
at the University will be				
provided, with links to the				
relevant national (Ministry of				
Science and Higher				
Education, National Contact				
Point for Research				
Programmes of the EU) and				
European portals:				
https://euraxess.ec.europa.e				
<u>u/</u>				
13. Working out the	28	Q4 2019 - Q3 2020	HRO	Currently available internal
researcher's career path				document approved by the
				UMED authorities

14. Changing the form of	39	Q4 2019 - Q4 2021	HRO in	To increase in the number of
trainings - transition to the e-			cooperation	training courses available to
learning platform, which will			with other	researchers via the e-learning
be available to MUL			MUL units	platform: 5 new courses.
researchers				

The establishment of an Open Recruitment Policy is a key element in the HRS4R strategy. Please also indicate how your organisation will use the Open, Transparent and Merit-Based Recruitment Toolkit and how you intend to implement/are implementing the principles of Open, Transparent and Merit-Based Recruitment. Although there may be some overlap with a range of actions listed above, please provide a short commentary demonstrating this implementation. If the case, please make the link between the OTM-R checklist and the overall action plan.

The Medical University of Lodz, appreciating the impact of the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers to ensure a high quality of work environment and scientific research, and emphasize the value of employees as a key source of the organization, has decided to initiate the implementations of the provisions of the Code and Charter creating the rules of the Open, Transparent and Merit-Based Recruitment (OTMR) Strategy.

The implementation of processes specified in OTMR correlates/harmonizes with the MUL Strategy, where one of the key areas is an improvement in the quality and efficacy of human capital.

Due to the above, the University Authorities and the HRO have been obliged to develop, implement, and promote the Recruitment Strategy (OTMR) among researchers. This will be a priority task for the HRO which actively participates in the process of applying for the HR Excellence Award.

For a few years, the Medical University of Lodz has been using the elements of the policy defined in OTMR. Properly educated and qualified experts have been carrying out recruitment processes, periodic evaluations and training courses. The staff of the HRO also provides-expert knowledge in the HR area to the MUL employees.

The implementation of the elements specified in the OTMR is further strengthened by the introduction of the provisions of the Act - Law on Higher Education and Science in 2018 (<u>https://bip.umed.pl/SitePages/DevHome.aspx#Akty\_prawne\_Ustawa\_2\_0</u>), which oblige the university to provide feedback to researchers on the recruitment process. The information about the recruitment results, including the name and surname of the selected candidate and justification of the choice, is given to the public. This is the only one element of the OTMR policy, which has been already exists at MUL within the works of recruitment/competition committees.

The Guide of Good Practices in the Recruitment and Employment Process prepared by the HRO will be an element of the implementation of the HRS4R strategy, developed as part of the application for the HR Excellence Award. It will be a kind of guide containing general provisions regarding the respect for the principles of openness and transparency in the recruitment and employment process. The Guide of Good Practices in the Recruitment and Employment Process will be available to all employees via the Intranet. This will allow employees and especially the members of the Recruitment/Competition Committee to have permanent access to the content of the document. They all will be obliged to comply with the rules contained therein.

Moreover, UMED participates in the project "Operation-Integration", the Integrated Programme of the Medical University, co-financed from the European Union under the European Social Fund, which fosters, among others, the implementation of the Employee Recruitment Application whose goals are the following:

- optimization of the recruitment process,

- immediate feedback to the participants of the recruitment process at its every stage,

- quick delivery of information to managers about candidates in a transparent and systematic way.

Electronic forms of vacancy announcement will be created within the Application, which will replace paper form, and enable the entire recruitment process to be simplified and standardized.

The expansion of MUL's training activities by using the e-learning method will allow creating an effective on-line learning environment. Due to this, the University plans to create handbooks in electronic version and provide training courses in this area on the e-learning platform. These activities will allow to disseminate the necessary and useful information to researchers. The action taken in the area of e-learning will directly affect the promotion of the Recruitment Strategy (OTMR) among employees and ensure constant access to it.

Measures undertaken for researchers under the OTMR policy will allow to further improve working conditions and recruitment processes, which will be coordinated by the Human Resources Office.

If your organisation already has a recruitment strategy which implements the principles of Open, Transparent and Merit-Based Recruitment, please provide the web link where this strategy can be found on your organisation's website:

URL:

#### 4. IMPLEMENTATION

General overview of the expected implementation process:

The first step of the implementation of the HRS4R process was to analyse to what extent the existing practices at the Medical University of Lodz are in line with the provisions of the Charter and Code. Due to that fact, a questionnaire survey was elaborated in cooperation with specialists from the University of Lodz, and sent to all researchers at MUL.

Afterwards the in-depth analysis of the propositions and expectations was conducted in MUL Therefore, all the principles and requirements arising from the provisions of the Charter and Code have been analysed in the terms of implementation at MUL.

The **Rector of Medical University of Lodz Prof. Radzisław Kordek** signed the Endorsement and Commitment Letter on 6 March, 2018, and since then the implementation process has started.

Then the Working Group, Steering Committee, and the Committee overseeing the process have been appointed. As a result of their collaborative work with researchers **R1-R4**, the outline of the strategy for overcoming these gaps has been formed and the Action Plan for years 2019-2021 has been developed.

After being granted the prestigious award "HR Excellence in Research", MUL expects to continue and regularly oversee the completion of all activities proposed in the Action Plan. The implementation process will be directly supervised by the Vice-Rector for Research and International Relations. The Administrative Coordinator of HRS4R process will be responsible for management and communication between all the stakeholders. The organizational structure of implementing and supporting the HRS4R process will reflect the three-group division that is the Working Group, Steering Committee and Monitoring Group. The implementation process will include researchers R1-R4, additional administrative staff if needed, and all faculty authorities, which will have a significant role in reflecting on further gaps to be filled by the University. The implementation of HRS4R process will be continuously monitored and the progress will be reported to the responsible partners and Management Board at MUL, including Rector, in a regular way.

The provisions of HRS4R process will be included in the MUL Strategy for Development. All presented actions will be formally legitimized by acts in MUL or other internal documents which will be available for external use. The Monitoring Group with Working Group will be responsible for monitoring the planned actions in a systematic way. The Working Group will create its own data-based system to measure the indicators and targets.

Make sure you also cover all the aspects highlighted in the checklist below, which you will need to describe in detail:

Checklist	*Detailed description and duly justification
How will the Implementation Committee	The Working Group (consisting of 3 sub-groups) will be
and/or Steering Group regularly oversee	responsible for implementing planned actions together

n rogross)	with the relevant MULE write surround in the
progress?	with the relevant MULs units engaged in the implementation of the HRS4R process.
	The Administrative Coordinator will ensure proper
	communication and management between Working
	Group, Steering Committee and Monitoring Group and
	all engaged units. The Administrative Coordinator will
	regularly inform the Monitoring Group about the
	progress of tasks and indicators (at least once a
	quarter). The Steering Committee will regularly meet
	twice a year to regularly oversee the progress of
	actions.
How do you intend to involve the research	The Working Group, Steering Committee, and
community, your main stakeholders, in the	Monitoring Group consist of researchers R1-R4, PHD
implementation process?	students, and administrative employees. If there is any
	need during implementation, the representatives of the
	committees and working groups will have individual
	consultations with researchers. Once a year, there will
	be a special additional meeting for researchers,
	Management Board of MUL and other authorities of
	different faculties at MUL. The main goal will be to keep
	all the researchers community of MUL involved directly
	in the HRS4R process. Moreover, such overall meeting
	will help in defining gaps which may be fulfilled by the
	MUL in future.
How do you proceed with the alignment of	The HRS4R activities in MUL result directly from a
organisational policies with the HRS4R?	document entitled "Development Strategy of the
Make sure the HRS4R is recognized in the	Medical University of Lodz for the period 2015-2020"
organisation research strategy, as the	One of the key objectives of the strategic area called
overarching HR policy.	Science and R+D activity is an effective knowledge
	management system. The goal of this objective is to
	support research teams in running projects and to
	implement technical, IT and methodological support
	systems simplifying the analysis of gathered research
	data. Those activities are aimed at improving
	administrative processes which foster the development

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	of researchers' career.
	The HR process is also mentioned in another core area
	of the Development Strategy: management and
	organizational development, where activities are aimed
	at enhancing the quality and effectiveness of
	employees. The operational tasks of administration
	staff are supported by continuous improvement in
	internal and external recruitment processes.
	The MUL Strategy strengthens also the role of periodic
	evaluation for employees by creating the career
	development path for each employee, which
	contributes to their acquiring knowledge and boosting
	skills and competitiveness. The MUL Strategy assumes
	comprehensive support to research project teams
	through easing the ability of horizontal promotions in
	MUL and the possibility of having flexible working time.
	Although many activities are already mentioned in our
	Strategy, we plan to adopt HRS4R process as an internal
	process.
How will you ensure that the proposed	All presented actions will be formally sustained by legal
actions are implemented?	regulations in MUL and other additional documents.
	The final form of the documents will be approved by
	the Steering Committee, Monitoring Group and other
	authorities, which will be directly engaged in the HR4R
	process. The progress of each task and set of actions
	will be continuously documented by the Working Group
	coordinators.
How will you monitor progress (timeline)?	The current work will be reflected in reports prepared
	by the Coordinators of the Working Group.
	Once a quarter, the Working Group will meet with the
	Monitoring Group and will report about the progress of
	the implementation process.
	The Monitoring Group will be able to intervene and
	audit the process in every moment and will be
	and the process in every moment and will be

	responsible for informing about the possible difficulties and risks that may occur to the Steering Committee and the Vice-Rector for Science and International Relations. The Monitoring Group is also obliged to inform the Authorities and Steering Committee about changes which need to be expressed in MUL's Strategy for Development or any changes in the organizational level at MUL.
How will you measure progress (indicators) in view of the next assessment?	The Coordinators of Working Groups will provide reports including detailed description of the actions. All provided reports and documents will be available in substantive units of MUL responsible for implementing a set of actions.