

**LAW No. 04/L-135 ON SCIENTIFIC- RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**

**Assembly of Republic of Kosovo;**

Based on Article 65 (1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo,

Approves

**LAW ON SCIENTIFIC- RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**

**CHAPTER I  
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 1  
Purposes of the Law**

With this Law there are regulated: establishment, activity, organization, governance, rights and obligations of scientific workers and researchers in this activity; position of the National Science Council, approval and implementation of the National Science Program, financing bases of scientific-research activity, as well as other issues regarding the scientific-research activity in Kosovo.

**Article 2  
Scientific-research activity**

1. Scientific-research activity shall be of special public and state interest and integral part in the international scientific space.
2. Scientific-research activity shall be systematic research work that is done for research and development of new knowledge, their use and implementation in practice.
3. Scientific-research activity, knowledge and technology transfer and innovation shall include:
  - 3.1. development scientific-research and publication of their outcomes;
  - 3.2. training of personnel for development and scientific-research works;
  - 3.3. transfer of knowledge and technology;
  - 3.4. recognition and promotion of innovation that comes as result of scientific researches;
  - 3.5. construction and maintenance of scientific-research infrastructure that helps economic, technological, cultural and social progress of the country.

**Article 3  
Definitions**

1. Terms used in this law shall have the following meanings:
  - 1.1. **Training of personnel for scientific-research work** - inclusion in the methodology and technique of scientific-research work of master and doctoral students, preparation and defense of master and doctoral thesis and postdoctoral studies for further scientific perfection within the country and in the world.

1.2. **Scientific-research infrastructure** - facilities, equipments and necessary services for scientific-research activity, such as laboratories, libraries, information technology, scientific journals, archives and all other resources with scientific content.

1.3. **Technology and knowledge transfer** - transfer of ownership right or the right to use a part or the totality of a technology or an idea from the party that has the right to transfer this kind of technology or knowledge.

1.4. **Innovation** – scientific discoveries or inventions that lead to a new production, new process or new technology with unique characteristics, created based on the individual or team scientific achievements.

1.5. **Scientific research and experimental work** – comprises the axis of creative activities undertaken with the purpose of research and development of new knowledge, the use and implementation of it into practice.

1.6. **Basic research** – presents the theoretical or experimental work undertaken primarily with the aim of achieving new knowledge of the interest in the fundamental aspect of certain phenomena.

1.7. **Applied research** – includes the creative work based on the results of fundamental researches, which shall be undertaken for solution of certain practical issues.

1.8. **Industrial research** - the planned research that aims at the acquisition of new knowledge and skills for developing new products, processes or services in order to bring a significant improvement in existing products, processes or services.

1.9. **Experimental development** - systematic work based on existing knowledge gained from research or practical experience, which is used for producing new products, devices or materials.

1.10. **Research organization** - an economic unit, such as Universities or research Institutes, irrespective of their legal status, the primary goal of which is to conduct basic research, industrial research or experimental development in order to disseminate their results through teaching or publication.

1.11. **National Science Program** - basic scientific document approved by the Assembly of Kosovo upon the proposal of the Government.

1.12. **National Science Council**- a body that shall be established by the Assembly upon the proposal of the Government that aims at developing the scientific-research activity in Kosovo.

1.13. **Ministry** - the relevant Ministry for science.

## **CHAPTER II SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

### **Article 4 Principles and objectives**

1. Guidance principles in support of science and research for organization of scientific institutions shall be:

1.1. freedom of exercising the scientific activity and academic teaching;

1.2. importance of science and research, technology and innovation for society and economy;

1.3. research cooperation between universities and non-university institutions;

- 1.4. cooperation between state and other institutions, regulated by Law;
  - 1.5. international research cooperation, in particular that European;
  - 1.6. provision of adequate means for science and research, technology and innovation;
  - 1.7. equal treatment of males and females;
  - 1.8. systematic use of assessment and monitoring of programs, instruments, initiatives, research measures and of technological development;
  - 1.9. public work with state interest;
  - 1.10. ethics and responsibility of scientific workers and researchers on the outcome of his work;
  - 1.11. the care for protection of the vital environment and cultural heritage.
2. Objectives for support of science and research, technology and innovation as well for organization of science and research shall be:
- 2.1. to expand and to deepen scientific knowledge;
  - 2.2. to support development of human resources in science and research in university and non-university research institutions, especially young researchers;
  - 2.3. to simulate the increase of development research and technological activities of the enterprises, university and non-university research institutions;
  - 2.4. to increase cooperation between enterprises and university and non-university research institutions;
  - 2.5. to contribute significantly in the development of the economy of Kosovo, by intensifying scientific research and by improving quality and distribution efficiency of outcomes gained by respecting social values and environmental protection.

#### **Article 5**

#### **Funding of scientific-research activity**

1. For providing the conditions and necessary means for scientific-research activity, the Government of the Republic of Kosovo allocates zero point seven percent (0.7 %) of the local annual budget. These means are used for financing of:
  - 1.1. basic research activities, applied researches, technologic development and innovation, that are related with above mentioned activities, the Republic of Kosovo provides adequate means for the following adequate activities;
  - 1.2. basic research activities in the field and applied researches, which are qualified as right under pre-assessment mechanisms, in particular assessments, external expertise and assessment of qualified selected commissions;
  - 1.3. activities in the creation, development and maintenance of scientific infrastructure;
  - 1.4. activities in systematical preservation and distribution of activities outcomes of basic research and those applied, such as scientific conferences, exhibitions, publications and other forms of documentation;
  - 1.5. activities in development of human resources in the field of science and research, technology and innovation;

- 1.6. activities in technology development or innovation, which are based in additional basic research and applied activities;
- 1.7. activities in the transfer of research, development outcomes and innovation in pilot and demonstration projects;
- 1.8. technical feasibility studies;
- 1.9. technological transfer;
- 1.10. assistance for industrial expenses of the property rights for small medium enterprises;
- 1.11. assistance for new innovative enterprises;
- 1.12. assistance for the process and innovative organizational services;
- 1.13. assistance for innovative and guidance services and for supporting innovative services (including establishment, development and maintenance of deep technological business incubators, scientific-technological parks and similar enterprises);
- 1.14. assistance for credit of qualified personnel;
- 1.15. assistance for innovative groups;
- 1.16. relevant research and development programs and at the same time complementary support measures presented above, may be used at the same time also for participation in European and international initiatives;
- 1.17. realization of the National Science Program;
- 1.18. publication of scientific achievements;
- 1.19. support of scientific workers and researchers, to deal with scientific-research and educational work;

2. State budgeted for scientific-research activity is specific budgetary sound.

#### **Article 6** **Bearers of scientific-research activity**

1. Scientific-research activity shall be exercised by legal and natural persons that meet conditions according to this Law.
2. Scientific-research works shall be exercised by scientific workers and researchers that have relevant scientific and research titles or relevant academic education.

#### **Article 7** **Legal and natural scientific-research persons**

1. Scientific-research activity shall be exercised by scientific institutions as legal scientific-research persons.
2. Legal scientific-research persons are:
  - 2.1. Academy of Sciences and Arts of Kosovo;
  - 2.2. Universities;
  - 2.3. Albanological Institute;

2.4. Institute of History; and

2.5. other scientific-research and higher education institutions.

3. Other legal persons may deal with scientific-research activity if they meet certain conditions determined by this Law and if they obtain the licence from the respective Ministry of Science.

4. Natural persons that are not workers of scientific-research institutions shall be considered scientific-research workers if they deal with this activity and with their work meet conditions of evaluation (scientific works, publications, results, etc) and promotion specified for scientific workers employed in scientific institutions.

#### **Article 8 Scientific-research institutions**

Scientific-research institutions shall be established by legal and natural persons, local and foreign, based on the conditions foreseen by this Law.

#### **Article 9 Academy of Science and Arts of Kosovo**

Academy of Science and Arts of Kosovo shall exercise scientific-research activity according to this Law and Law on Academy of Science and Arts of Kosovo.

#### **Article 10 Universities**

1. Universities are higher education institutions that exercise educational and scientific-research activity under the Law on higher education and this Law.

2. Universities, within faculties and study programs, may establish institutes or other scientific-research units determined by their Statute.

#### **Article 11 Institutes**

Scientific-research institutes are independent public scientific institutions, public-private or private, while those established within the higher education institutions are scientific-research institutes in composition of these institutions.

#### **Article 12 Cooperation**

Scientific-research institutes and higher education institutions shall cooperate with purpose of interconnection and use of experiences of scientific-research and educational work and use of experiences of each other for multidisciplinary research.

#### **Article 13 Establishment of the Institute**

1. Institute may be established by legal person and natural person, local and foreign, under the conditions foreseen in this Law.

2. For conducting of scientific research of public interest, the relevant Ministry for science shall establish public scientific institutes.

3. Scientific-research public institute shall be established based on the provisions of this Law.

4. Private institutes shall be established with decision of the founder in the manner determined by the provisions of this Law.

5. Licence for exercising the scientific-research activity of scientific-research institutes shall be given by the respective Ministry for science.

#### **Article 14** **The activity of the Institute**

1. Scientific-research institute shall have this activity:

1.1. exercises scientific-research activity;

1.2. attends to building of scientific-research capacities;

1.3. organizes and progresses the activity in the field of publications as well as scientific-research information;

1.4. cooperates with scientific-research institutions of the country and the world;

1.5. is engaged in scientific-research activity, in accordance with priorities of National Science Program, cooperating mutually with other institutions;

1.6. implements the scientific-research results as a measure for growth of competitive ability of the economy of Kosovo;

1.7. deals with promotion and transfer of new technologies according to scientific achievements;

1.8. deals with promotion of scientific system integration of Kosovo in European Scientific Research Area (ERA);

1.9. deals with interconnection of science and higher education through cooperation with universities and other higher education institutions;

1.10. notifies the relevant Ministry for science regarding the activities and measures undertaken for internationalization of their scientific activity.

2. Scientific-research institutes activity shall consist of the base activity, foreseen with the act of foundation, with contracted activity and with activity that comes as a result of gained projects based on competition in the country or abroad.

3. Science public institutes with their projects shall offer solution of general state interest.

4. Activities of private scientific-research institutes shall be regulated with their act of foundation and provisions of this Law.

#### **Article 15** **Other legal and natural persons**

1. Local or foreign legal entities and natural persons may establish institutions for implementation of scientific-research activities according to provisions of this Law.

2. Other legal persons engaged in scientific-research activity shall take the status of legal scientific research person upon the registration in register.

#### **Article 16** **Data publication**

1. Legal scientific-research persons shall be obliged to publish in their web-pages or in any other way to make available to the public all normative acts and relevant information for their institution, as below:

- 1.1. Law, statute and other general acts;
- 1.2. the strategy of scientific development of the legal person;
- 1.3. structure of countries of scientific work and others;
- 1.4. information for members of scientific bodies of legal persons and duration of their mandate;
- 1.5. rules and procedures that regulate the functioning of decision- making bodies of legal scientific persons;
- 1.6. results of internal and external control of quality insurance and its improvement in accordance with legal documents that regulate quality assurance in the field of science and higher education;
- 1.7. ethics code; and
- 1.8. other acts foreseen by the activity act of scientific entities.

2. Public research institutes should publish in their web-pages even the information below:

- 2.1. the report over progress of activities and scientific-research projects;
- 2.2. special program agreements related with the relevant Ministry for science;
- 2.3. the document over category of public scientific-research institutes in accordance with the decision approved by the relevant Ministry for science;
- 2.4. the list of external scientific workers and researchers;
- 2.5. other information arising from general acts and from development strategy of public scientific-research institutes.

#### **Article 17 Development Strategy**

1. Legal scientific-research persons that are financed from the state budget should have the plan of the objectives for scientific-research activity and the strategy of development which should include:

- 1.1. fields of scientific activity according to National Science Program;
- 1.2. types of scientific research;
- 1.3. plan of objectives for three (3) years period;
- 1.4. long-term aims for six (6) years period;
- 1.5. measures and deadlines on achieving objectives;
- 1.6. measures of cooperation with public or economy sector;
- 1.7. plan for development of human resources in science;
- 1.8. development plan of scientific infrastructure;

1.9. plan of scientific and technical activities for the benefit of competitive and tendering incomes and others;

1.10. public presentation and implementation of the results of scientific activity in economy and other relevant sectors for society;

1.11. plan of cooperation with universities and other scientific-research institutions and of higher education;

1.12. other relevant issues for specific scientific-research activities of legal scientific-research persons.

### **Article 18** **Conditions for the establishment of the Institute**

1. Scientific-research institute shall be established and shall exercise scientific-research activity if it meets these conditions:

1.1. to have long-term program of scientific-research activity;

1.2. to have at least seven (7) scientific workers and researchers in permanent employment relationship for an indefinite time, among whom at least three (3) to have doctoral degree of sciences;

1.3. to assure facility and equipments;

1.4. to have scientific-informing document;

1.5. to meet also other conditions determined by Law.

2. Based on the request of the relevant Ministry for science regarding the meeting of conditions from paragraph 1 of this Article, National Science Council shall give evaluation for meeting the conditions for establishment, organization and development of activity of the scientific-research institutes;

3. National Science Council shall be obliged that evaluation from paragraph 2 of this Article to give to the relevant Ministry for science within two (2) months from delivery of request for registration.

### **Article 19** **Licensing**

1. Scientific institutes that apply and meet conditions from this Law shall be given the licence for beginning of the activity and shall be registered by the relevant Ministry for science.

2. The procedure of registration and of licensing shall be determined by the relevant Ministry for science through sub-legal act.

3. Public and private scientific institutes may begin exercising their activity from the moment of registration.

### **Article 20** **Activity in extraordinary circumstances**

1. In extraordinary circumstances of occupation, of direct threat of war or situation of war, work and activity of scientific institutes may be developed also in other conditions foreseen with this Law.

2. The relevant Ministry for science shall determine with sub-legal act the conditions from paragraph 1 of this Article.



**Article 21**  
**Organization and governance**

1. Internal organization of institute shall be determined by statute, the establishment act and in accordance with the Law.
2. Measures for governance and administration of public scientific-research institute shall be determined by statute approved from the steering council with prior consent of the relevant Ministry for science.
3. The relevant Ministry for science should give the consent for approval of statute within sixty (60) days, while its approval from the steering council should be done not later than thirty (30) days after receipt of consent.

**Article 22**  
**Governing bodies of the institute**

1. Bodies of public institutes shall be:
  - 1.1. Steering council;
  - 1.2. Science council; and
  - 1.3. Director.
2. Governing bodies of private institutes shall be determined according to the Law on the establishment of private enterprises while their professional and scientific bodies should be established based on this Law.

**Article 23**  
**Steering council**

1. Steering council is collegial governance body of the institute.
2. The council shall comprise of heads of particular units of institute, while it is headed by the director of the institute.
3. Steering council of public institutes shall consist of five (5) members.
4. The relevant Ministry for science shall nominate two (2) members of the Steering Council who have scientific degree.
5. Steering council shall issue the statute and acts for organization of work and creation of conditions for development of scientific-research activity.

**Article 24**  
**Scientific Council**

1. Scientific council is a professional body of the Institute that:
  - 1.1. examines and decides for scientific and professional issues;
  - 1.2. proposes candidates for director of institute;
  - 1.3. supervises the selection procedure in scientific and research titles;

- 1.4. performs also other works in accordance with statute of institute and decision for its establishment.
2. Number of members, composition and competences of scientific council shall be determined by statute.

#### **Article 25 Election of director**

1. Director of public institute shall be elected based on the public competition which is announced by the steering council after the prior notification of the Ministry.
2. Scientific council shall appoint the professional-scientific commission for implementation of selection procedure of director. The commission is obliged to ascertain which of the candidates that have competed meet the general conditions and special ones, in accordance with law and statute of the institute.
3. The commission, after the review of the candidates' documents, shall represent to the scientific council the scientific and professional evaluation for each presented candidate as well as shall give its proposal which of them meet conditions at the best to be elected director of institute.
4. In support to this evaluation, scientific council of the institute shall propose to steering council candidates for director of the institute.
5. Director of institute shall be elected and dismissed by the steering council based on the proposal of the scientific council of the institute.
6. The relevant Ministry for science shall have the right to revise or revoke the decision of the steering council when found that there are violated the legal provisions for the appointment or dismissal of the director of the institute.
7. Director of institute that acts within institutions of higher education, according to conditions and procedure determined by statute, shall be appointed and dismissed by the founder.

#### **Article 26 Competences**

1. Director shall have these competences:
  - 1.1. leads and represents the institute and shall be responsible for legality of the activity of the institute;
  - 1.2. chairs the scientific council;
  - 1.3. organizes the work and activity of the institute;
  - 1.4. issues the act for systematization of job positions according to the proposal of scientific council;
  - 1.5. signs employment contracts with workers of the institute;
  - 1.6. completes also other works determined by the Law and statute of the institute.

#### **Article 27 Responsibility**

1. Director regarding his work shall respond to steering council in accordance with provisions of this Law and provisions of the institute statute.

2. Director, at least once a year, shall represent to scientific council of institute a report for his work and institute activity.

**Article 28**  
**Leadership of private institutes**

Provisions of this Law for leadership of public institutes shall be implemented also in the leadership of private institutes, except provisions for the way of election, composition and the mandate of leading bodies and heads.

**Article 29**  
**Loss of the scientific-research statute of the institute or other legal person**

1. Institute or other legal person loses scientific-research statute if:

1.1. the relevant Ministry for science ascertains that the institute or other scientific-research legal person does not meet the conditions foreseen with this Law, on which case within one (1) year term, will implement the procedure for deregistration of legal and natural scientific-research persons;

1.2. does not perform the activity for which it is founded.

2. Against the decision for deregistration, the complaint may be presented to the Government.

3. Regarding the decision for deregistration, the relevant Ministry for science shall notify the founder.

**Article 30**  
**Scientific workers and researchers**

1. Scientific worker in a scientific-research institution is the person employed by competition and that has doctor of science degree.

2. Researcher in a scientific-research institution is the person employed by competition that has degree of Master or Master of sciences.

3. Besides the scientific workers, the researchers deal with scientific-research works that according to provisions of this law shall meet criteria to be selected with research titles.

4. Scientific worker is also natural person that is not employed in any scientific-research institution, dealing with scientific-research activity, that has doctor degree of sciences and that has published at least one (1) scientific work at a relevant international journal.

**Article 31**  
**Scientific titles**

1. Scientific titles shall be:

1.1. Scientific associate;

1.2. Senior scientific associate; and

1.3. Scientific advisor.

2. Title scientific associate – is equivalent with science-education title professor assistant, high scientific associate title is equivalent with scientific-education title associated professor, scientific advisor title is equivalent with scientific-education title regular professor.

3. Degrees and scientific titles gained abroad of the personnel of scientific-research institutes shall be subject to the regular procedure of verification and equivalency at MEST.

**Article 32**  
**Titles of Researchers**

1. Research titles shall be:

1.1. researcher; and

1.2. independent researcher.

2. Title researcher is equivalent with new assistant title; title independent researcher is equivalent with assistant title.

**Article 33**  
**Selection in scientific titles**

1. Scientific associate, in duration of four (4) years, may be selected the person that has doctor of science degree, that has published at least one (1) scientific work in any relevant international journal within the field.

2. Senoir scientific associate, in duration of four (4) years, shall be selected the person that has achieved the scientific degree of doctor of sciences, that has published at least three (3) scientific works in the relevant international journals within the field, two (2) of them after the previous selection.

3. Scientific advisor shall be selected the person who has achieved doctor of sciences degree, that has published at least five (5) scientific works in the relevant international journals within the field, two (2) of them after the previous selection and that has participated successfully in organizing the scientific activity.

4. Scientific advisor title shall be permanent.

**Article 34**  
**Selection in research titles**

1. Researcher in duration of three (3) years, shall be selected the person with basic relevant studies with average grade over eight (8) and that has completed studies for scientific master, that is not older than twenty- seven (27) years old.

2. Independent researcher, in duration of three (3) years, shall be selected the person that has been enrolled in doctoral studies and that has published works in scientific journals.

3. Researchers from paragraph 1 and 2 of this Article may be selected in the same title also for one (1) more mandate.

**Article 35**  
**Assessment**

1. Selection of scientific workers and researchers shall be done based on the public competition.

2. The opinion that the candidate meets or not the conditions for selection in scientific title or in research title, shall be given by the review commission appointed by the scientific council of institute, which applies the competition procedure.

3. The review professional commission shall consist of at least of three (3) members, two (2) of them should be of the close professional field and should not be with lower titles than the title for which they write the review.

**Article 36**  
**The concluding and termination of employment relationship**

1. Scientific workers and researchers shall conclude the employment contract with the institute or with other scientific-research legal person, in accordance with legislation into force.
2. Employment contract concluded between scientific worker or researcher and institute or other scientific-research legal person shall be terminated:
  - 2.1. upon the request of scientific worker or researcher;
  - 2.2. if the scientific worker or researcher loses the status of the scientific worker, because he is not elected or re-elected in the foreseen title;
  - 2.3. if the worker seriously violates the working tasks, or with his behaviours lowers the institutes authority;
  - 2.4. in other cases defined by the Law.

**Article 37**  
**Training and scientific-research perfection**

1. With purpose that youth to be prepared, trained and involved in scientific-research work, in interns may be engaged at the institute.
2. Intern may be selected the person with basic relevant studies, with average grade over eight (8).
3. Intern shall be selected in duration of one (1) year with possibility of extension also for one (1) more year.
4. With statute of the institute there are determined the conditions for selection of intern.
5. The relevant Ministry for science, with sub-legal act, shall determine special rules for training and scientific perfection of interns, of post graduate students and for their inclusion in scientific-research work.

**Article 38**  
**National Science Program**

1. National Science Program is basic scientific document with which there are determined:
  - 1.1. scientific fields that should be developed in special way;
  - 1.2. scientific fields that should be developed in systematic way, due to the stagnation in development;
  - 1.3. development of institutional scientific capacities.

**Article 39**  
**Approval and implementation of the National Science Program**

1. National Science Program shall be approved by the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo, upon the proposal of the Government.
2. National Science Program shall be approved for the five (5) years period. It shall be supplemented and amended with the same procedure.

3. The Government of the Republic of Kosovo shall present to the Assembly until 31 March the report on implementation of National Science Program, as well as on the general condition in the scientific-research activity in Kosovo.

4. Means for realization of National Science Program, according to the proposal of the Government, shall be set by the Assembly of Kosovo.

5. The Government may bring favouring financial measures for scientific-research institutions with purpose of realization of National Science Program.

#### **Article 40 National Science Council**

National Science Council shall attend to systematic development of scientific-research and technological activity in the Republic of Kosovo.

#### **Article 41 Activity**

1. National Science Council shall:

- 1.1. present to the Government of Kosovo the proposal of National Science Program;
- 1.2. assess, in comparative term, condition in scientific-research and technological activity, position and its development in the national and international degree;
- 1.3. give opinion for the need of establishment, restructuring or abolishment of scientific-research institutions;
- 1.4. propose and stimulate taking of measures for the progress of scientific-research activity;
- 1.5. examine issues of special importance related to the national system of innovations as well as propose and stimulate taking of measures for its progress in technological development function;
- 1.6. examine and give opinion for other important issues for the overall development of the country, upon the request of the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo.

#### **Article 42 Composition and election of the members of National Science Council**

1. National Science Council shall consist of fifteen (15) members.
2. Members of the National Science Council shall be appointed by the Assembly, upon the proposal of the Government, with mandate of four (4) years.
3. Members of the National Science Council shall be proposed by the Government at least six (6) months before the completion of the mandate of the Council.
4. Members of the Council shall be appointed by the Assembly at least thirty (30) days before the completion of the mandate of current members.
5. National Science Council shall elect the Chairperson among their members by a secret voting.
6. Meeting of the National Science Council shall be attended even by the Minister or the representative of the respective Ministry for science, without the right of voting.

**Article 43**  
**Proposals of the members of National Science Council**

1. Scientific institutions of Kosovo shall propose to the relevant Ministry for science members of the National Science Council.
2. There should be ensured adequate representation of scientific-research institutions, of priority fields of science and scientific authorities at the National Science Council.
3. Institutions which give proposals for members of the National Science Council, should present the overall scientific and professional activity for each proposed candidate.
4. The relevant Ministry for science may propose to Government of the Republic of Kosovo also any other candidate who is not proposed by scientific institutions of Kosovo, in accordance with paragraph 1 and 3 of this Article.

**Article 44**  
**Dismissal of members**

1. Member of the National Science Council may be dismissed before expiration of the mandate, in these cases:
  - 1.1. if does not fulfill the obligation of the member;
  - 1.2. if loses the ability to exercise the duties;
  - 1.3. if with his behaviour violates dignity of function which performs;
  - 1.4. if, without reason, does not take part in three (3) activities of the Council.
2. The request for dismissal of a member may be made by the chairman or, at least five (5) members of the Council.
3. After receiving the request in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article, the Council shall establish a commission among its members, and based on the report of this commission, the Council shall propose to the Assembly the dismissal of its member. Assembly, with the majority of votes of the deputies present shall decide for the dismissal of the member of the Council.

**Article 45**  
**Scientific Council of the Ministry**

1. The relevant Ministry for science shall establish Scientific Council of seven (7) members and councils for specific scientific areas, with the purpose of implementation of the National Science Program.
  - 1.1. scientific council assesses implementation of scientific-research projects;
  - 1.2. orientates the development of scientific fields in accordance with National Science Program;
  - 1.3. helps the drafting of the annual financial plan for science;
  - 1.4. proposes distribution of funds for scientific-research activity from the state budget.
2. Members of Science Council shall be nominated by the relevant Ministry for science among the known scientific workers, taking into consideration the relevant representation of scientific fields. Their mandate is four (4) years.

3. Member of Scientific Council of the relevant Ministry for science ex-officio is the head of its science department.

**Article 46**  
**Councils of scientific fields**

1. The relevant Ministry for science shall establish councils of scientific fields, members of which shall be appointed for four (4) years based on the priorities defined by the National Science Program.

2. Councils of scientific fields shall:

2.1. do professional assessment of projects;

2.2. give opinion for funding of other scientific activities, local and international.

3. Scientific fields shall be determined by the Minister, based on the proposal of the National Science Council.

**Article 47**  
**Funding**

1. Means for completion of scientific-research activity of institutions shall be provided from:

1.1. the budget of the Republic of Kosovo, designated for the work of institutions and for scientific-research activity;

1.2. funds, foundations and donations;

1.3. means that are realized by the scientific research institution;

1.4. other legal resources.

**Article 48**  
**National Scientific Research Agency**

National Scientific Research Agency shall be established by a special Law.

**CHAPTER III**  
**FINAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 49**  
**Issuance of sub-legal acts**

The relevant Ministry for science shall issue sub-legal acts within twelve (12) months from the day of entry into force of this Law.

**Article 50**  
**Repealing provisions**

Upon entry into force of this Law, there shall be repealed the Law on Scientific-Research Activity No. 2004/42 as well as all legal provisions which are in contradiction with this Law.



**Article 51**  
**Entry into force**

This Law shall enter into force fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo.

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