

**DECREE**

**On the public financing of higher-education and other university member institutions  
2004-2008<sup>1</sup>**

**I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Article 1

This decree regulates the public financing of study and extracurricular activities, investment and investment maintenance and development tasks at universities and independent higher-education institutions established by the Republic of Slovenia, and the financing of certain tasks of national importance.

The provisions on the financing of study and extracurricular activities and development tasks shall also apply to private concessionaire independent higher-education institutions, while the provisions on the financing of development tasks shall also apply to private independent higher-education institutions providing certified study programmes if they receive public funds.

Public funds for study activities shall be defined as total funds for a university or independent higher-education institution (integrated financing).

The University Library of the University of Maribor, the Central Technical Library of the University of Ljubljana, the Koper Scientific-Research Centre of the University of Primorska, the Primorska Institute for Natural and Technical Sciences in Koper of the University of Primorska shall also be financed under this decree.

**II. FUNDS FOR STUDY ACITIVITIES**

**1. General**

Article 2

Study activities of higher-education institutions shall comprise:

- educational and related scientific-research, artistic and professional activities of higher-education teachers and staff and scientific staff,
- library, information and other professional activities, and
- organisational, administrative and infrastructural activities.

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<sup>1</sup> The consolidated text of the Decree on the public financing of higher-education institutions and other university member institutions 2004-2008 comprises: Decree on the public financing of higher-education institutions and other university member institutions 2004-2008 (*Uradni List* RS 134/03) and the Decree amending the Decree on public financing of higher-education institutions and other university member institutions 2004-2008 (*Uradni List* RS 72/04)

## 2. Budget funds for study activities of higher-education institutions in RS

### Article 3

Annual budget funds for study activities (LPS) shall be total funds for the study activities of higher-education institutions. They shall be increased taking account of the starting points for the preparation of the budget and shall be defined in the financial plan of the ministry responsible for higher education (hereinafter: ministry).

## 3. Determination of annual funds for study activities of higher-education institutions

### Article 4

Annual funds for study activities of a higher-education institution (LSZ) shall comprise basic annual funds (OLSZ) and standard annual funds (NLSZ).

$$LSZ = OLSZ + NLSZ$$

### Article 5

Basic annual funds for a higher-education institution (OLSZ) shall amount to:

- in 2004 80% of annual funds for the higher-education institution from 2003, increased by k,
- in 2005 77.5% of annual funds for the higher-education institution from 2004, increased by k,
- in 2006 75% of annual funds for the higher-education institution from 2005, increased by k,
- in 2007 72.5% of annual funds for the higher-education institution from 2006, increased by k,
- in 2008 70% of annual funds for the higher-education institution from 2007, increased by k.

For the Academy of Theatre, Radio, Film and Television of the University of Ljubljana, basic annual funds from 2004 to 2008 shall amount to 90% of its annual funds from the previous year, each year increased by k.

The value of k is defined in Article 68 of this Decree.

### Article 6

The standard annual funds for a higher-education institution (NLSZ) shall be determined taking account of the annual initial value (LIV), the total number of students ( $\check{S}$ ), and the number of graduates (D) multiplied by the weighting (Ud) and the factor for the study group  $f_{(s)}$  to which the higher-education institution belongs.

$$NLSZ = LIV * \Sigma ((\check{S} + D * Ud) * f_{(s)})$$

### Article 7

The annual initial value (LIV) shall mean the standard annual funds per student in the first study group and shall be calculated as the quotient of the difference of annual budget funds

(LPS) and the basic annual funds of all higher-education institutions ( $\Sigma$  OLSZ) and the total number of students ( $\check{S}$ ) and the number of graduates (D) multiplied by the weighting (Ud) and the factor  $f_{(s)}$  of the study group to which the higher-education institution belongs.

$$LIV = (LPS - \Sigma OLSZ) / \Sigma ((\check{S} + D * Ud) * f_{(s)})$$

#### Article 8

Students ( $\check{S}$ ) are full-time students in undergraduate study programmes excluding graduands at the higher-education institution in the current academic year.

If there was no enrolment in the first year of the study programme, the calculation shall take account of the number of students in higher years of such study programme published in accordance with the resolution of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia on the allocation of study programmes.

#### Article 9

Graduates (D) are graduates of full-time undergraduate study programmes at the higher-education institution in the previous calendar year.

The graduate weighting (Ud) is the ratio between standard funds for graduates of the study programme and students of the same programme.

#### Article 10

Study groups (s) combine higher-education institutions by dominant study fields or subfields.

#### Article 11

Study field means one of the 22 fields defined in the Isced classification of study fields (UNESCO, November 1997): (14) Teacher training and education science, (21) Arts, (22) Humanities, (31) Social and behavioural science, (32) Journalism and information, (34) Business and administration, (38) Law, (42) Life sciences, (44) Physical sciences, (46) Mathematics and statistics, (48) Computing, (52) Engineering and engineering trades, (54) Manufacturing and processing, (58) Architecture and building, (62) Agriculture, forestry and fishery, (64) Veterinary, (72) Health, (76) Social services, (81) Personal services, (84) Transport services, (85) Environmental protection, (86) Security services.

#### Article 12

The factor of the study group  $f_{(s)}$  expresses the ratio between the funds allocated for the provision of study in the study group compared to the first study group.

There are six study groups:

1. (31) Social and behavioural science, (32) Journalism and information, (34) Business and administration, (38) Law, (76) Social services:  $f = 1.0$ ;
2. (22) Humanities, (14) Teacher training and education science, (81) Personal services, (84) Transport services, (86) Security services, (72) Health, subfields 723 – health care, 725 – medical technology, 726 – rehabilitation technology:  $f = 1.75$ ;

3. (48) Computing, (52) Engineering and engineering trades, (54) Manufacturing and processing, (58) Architecture and building, (85) Environmental protection:  $f = 2.50$ ;
4. (42) Life sciences, (62) Agriculture, forestry and fishery, Health, subfield 727 – pharmacy:  $f = 3.00$
5. (44) Physical sciences, (46) Mathematics and statistics:  $f = 3.50$
6. (64) Veterinary, (72) Health, subfields 721 – medicine, 724 – dental medicine, (21) art:  $f = 4.50$ .

#### Article 13

Factors of study groups and allocation of study fields and subfields or higher-education institutions into study groups may be amended on the basis of a justified proposal of universities and independent higher-education institutions and analyses of the ministry.

Amended factors and allocation of study fields and subfields shall be taken into account in determining standard annual funds for the next calendar year.

#### Article 14

For determination of standard annual funds of higher-education institutions, the higher-education institution shall be obliged to supply to the ministry data on the number of enrolled students for the current academic year no later than by 30 October, and data on the number of graduates for the previous calendar year by 15 January.

Data on the number of students and graduates must be presented by study programmes and study groups, and for universities also by members.

For justified reasons, corrections are possible to the data on the number of students and graduates. Determination of standard annual funds of higher-education institutions or the budgets thereof shall take account of the corrections sent within fifteen days of the end of the deadlines from the first paragraph of this Article.

Adjustments shall be made within the interval from Article 24 of this Decree.

#### **4. Determination of annual funds for newly established public higher-education institutions in a new study group or reallocation of funds in the event of status changes to a public higher-education institution**

#### Article 15

Start-up funds for new public higher-education institutions and basic annual funds for new higher-education institutions shall for the first year be determined by the charter.

#### Article 16

Start-up funds for a new higher-education institution and its basic annual funds for the duration of the studies of the first enrolled generation shall be determined by taking account of the estimated financial assets produced under the methodology of the minister responsible for higher education (hereinafter: minister).

## Article 17

In determining standard annual funds for a new higher-education institution, and taking account of Articles 6 and 7 of this Decree, the number of students shall be calculated as follows: the actual number of enrolled students for the first ten months shall be added to the number of advertised places for first year for the last two months multiplied by 2 and divided by 12. The number shall be rounded upwards.

The number of graduates shall be calculated taking account of the average number of degrees per student in the last three years in an individual study group. It shall be multiplied by the number of students calculated under the previous paragraph of this Article or the number of students in the last year currently provided. The result so obtained shall be multiplied by the graduate weighting. The number shall be rounded upwards.

The standard annual funds for a new higher-education institution shall be calculated under the previous paragraphs for the duration of the studies of the second enrolled generation.

## Article 18

Exceptionally a higher-education institution may be allocated additional funds for the provision of a new study programme. The minister shall decide by resolution thereon, taking account of international treaties and national priorities.

## Article 19

In the event of status changes to higher-education university member institutions, universities shall with the consent of the ministry redistribute as appropriate basic annual funds among the higher-education university member institutions.

## **5. Intervals for determination of annual funds for a higher-education institution**

### Article 20

The basic annual funds for a higher-education institution shall be determined annually within 30 days of the known realisation of payments of the ministry for study activities for the previous year under this decree.

### Article 21

Standard annual funds for a higher-education institution shall be determined annually, generally within 30 days of receipt of data on the number of graduates for the previous year, and no later than by 1 March.

## **6. Transmission and distribution of annual funds to higher-education institutions**

### Article 22

Annual funds for a higher-education institution shall be transmitted to the higher-education institution in monthly instalments, generally by the 4th day of the month for the previous month.

Annual funds for a newly established public higher-education institution in a new study group from Articles 16 and 17 of this Decree shall be first transmitted in November.

#### Article 23

Until the calculation of annual funds for a higher-education institution for the new calendar year, funds equal to the last instalment for the previous calendar year shall be transmitted to the higher-education institution.

#### Article 24

Adjustment of funds shall be carried out by 1 May taking account of Articles 20 and 21 of this Decree.

#### Article 25

Higher-education institutions shall allocate annual funds for study activities according to the criteria adopted by the management board, and shall inform the ministry thereof.

The criteria from the previous paragraph shall determine the proportion of funds for joint tasks of the higher-education institution, the proportion of funds for study activities, and the allocation of such proportions. The criteria may stipulate that up to a maximum of 3% of the annual funds of the higher-education institution shall be allocated otherwise than stipulated by this Decree. Within a study group, funds may be allocated independently of the provisions of this Decree.

In allocating annual funds for study activities, higher-education institutions shall be obliged particularly to respect the position of those members providing study programmes in different study groups that are classified in Article 71 of this Decree as a higher or lower study group than the study group in which they would be classified taking account of Articles 11 and 12 of this Decree.

### **7. Postgraduate study**

#### Article 26

Postgraduate study shall be cofinanced in accordance with a special regulation of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia.

### **III. FUNDS FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

#### Article 27

Extracurricular activities shall comprise university sport and study-related interest activities of students.

#### **1. University sport**

#### Article 28

Up to 3% of the funds for study activities of a higher-education institution may be allocated for university sport. Funds shall be determined taking account of the programme of work of the higher-education institution.

## **2. Interest activities of students**

### Article 29

Funds for interest activities of students shall be determined taking account of the number of students and the value points for an individual student, which shall be determined by resolution each budget year by the minister within 30 days of receipt of the data on the number of students for the current academic year. Funds may not be lower than the previous year.

### Article 30

The annual programme of interest activities shall form a constituent part of the programme of work of the higher-education institution.

### Article 31

Funds for interest activities of students shall be transmitted to higher-education institutions once per year by June.

### Article 32

Funds for interest activities of students may be used to cover the costs of goods and services.

## **IV. FUNDS FOR INVESTMENT AND INVESTMENT MAINTENANCE**

### **1. Investment**

#### Article 33

Investments shall comprise building, renovation or purchase of real estate and equipment.

#### Article 34

Funds for investment of a higher-education institution shall be determined pursuant to:

- Act on Basic Development Programmes in the Area of Education and Science, 2003-2008 (*Uradni List* RS 96/02) or the multi-annual investment programme of the higher-education institution to which the minister has consented,
- annual investment programme of the higher-education institution,
- adopted budget.

#### Article 35

The annual investment programme shall form a constituent part of the programme of work of the higher-education institution.

#### Article 36

Funds for investment shall be transmitted to the higher-education institution taking account of the realisation of the adopted investment programme on the basis of requests, and is envisaged three times per year (April, August, December).

#### Article 37

Funds may be used to implement investments defined in the annual investment programme and the plan of development programmes or the multi-annual investment programme.

## **2. Investment maintenance**

#### Article 38

Investment maintenance means maintenance of real estate and equipment so as to increase its value or lifespan.

#### Article 39

The annual programme of investment maintenance shall form a constituent part of the programme of work of the higher-education institution.

#### Article 40

Funds for investment maintenance shall be defined in the financial plan of the ministry. They shall be allocated among higher-education institutions in accordance with the criteria of the minister.

Funds for investment maintenance shall be transmitted annually to higher-education institutions, generally by 30 June.

## **V. FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT TASKS**

#### Article 41

Development tasks shall mean tasks to foster in particular:

- rejuvenation of the structure of higher-education teachers, scientific staff and higher-education staff,
- the quality of study,
- international cooperation,

and other tasks important for the development of higher education.

#### Article 42

Funds for the rejuvenation of the structure shall foster the employment of young higher-education teachers and staff (e.g. probationary assistants).

Development tasks in the area of quality of studies shall be realised primarily through cofinancing projects that cannot be included in systemic activities in the area of quality

assurance in higher education, but which significantly contribute thereto (e.g. introduction of more active forms of study, introduction of new study methods, training higher-education teachers and staff for teaching work, specific development projects with the objective of increasing interest in study and the effectiveness of study, reducing drop-out rates etc.).

Development tasks in the area of international cooperation shall be realised primarily through cofinancing of those projects that cannot be included in systemic activities in this field, such as Socrates and other programmes of the European Commission, multilateral programmes such as Ceepus, bilateral programmes etc., but which can significantly contribute to establishing Slovenian higher education in the international arena or can create new opportunities for such establishment.

Taking account of national higher-education strategies, the ministry responsible for higher education may also define other tasks fostering development in higher education, and shall inform universities and independent higher-education institutions thereof.

#### Article 43

Funds for development tasks shall be defined in the financial plan of the ministry. They shall be allocated by public tender and in accordance with the Rules of the minister.

#### Article 44

Funds for development tasks shall be transmitted and used in accordance with the provisions of the public tender or contract.

### **VI. FUNDS FOR SCIENTIFIC-RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**

#### Article 45

Higher-education institutions shall obtain funds for scientific-research activities in accordance with the provisions of the law regulating research and development activities.

### **VII. OTHER FUNDS**

#### **1. Funds for the University Library of the University of Maribor and the Central Technical Library of the University of Ljubljana**

#### Article 46

Funds for the University Library of the University of Maribor and the Central Technical Library of the University of Ljubljana (hereinafter: university libraries) shall be defined in the financial plan of the ministry taking account of the annual programme of the University of Maribor and the Central Technical Library of the University of Ljubljana, and shall be converted into monthly instalments.

#### Article 47

University libraries shall be guaranteed funds for:

- salaries and other employee expenditure,

- employer social-security contributions,
- expenditure for goods and services, and
- purchase and maintenance of equipment.

#### Article 48

Funds for salaries and other employee expenditure and employer social-security contributions shall be determined taking account of approved occupation of posts for the performance of university library activities and the envisaged promotions of employees in posts.

#### Article 49

Funds for expenditure for goods and services shall range from 40-60% with regard to the funds from the previous Article.

#### Article 50

Funds shall be transmitted to the University of Maribor and the Central Technical Library of the University of Ljubljana in monthly instalments, generally by the 4th day of the month for the previous month.

Until the calculation of annual funds for university libraries for the new calendar year, funds equal to the last instalment for the previous calendar year shall be transmitted to the University of Maribor and the Central Technical Library of the University of Ljubljana.

#### Article 51

Investment and investment maintenance for the University Library of the University of Maribor shall be determined in the annual investment programme of the University of Maribor, which shall form a constituent part of the programme of work of the University of Maribor.

#### Article 52

Investment and investment maintenance for the Central Technical Library of the University of Ljubljana shall be defined in the annual programme of work.

#### Article 53

A contract shall be concluded for the period of the adopted budget with the Central Technical Library of the University of Ljubljana which shall define the funds from the previous Articles and the rights and obligations of both contracting parties.

## **2. Funds for the Koper Scientific-Research Centre of the University of Primorska and the Primorska Institute for Natural and Technical Sciences in Koper of the University of Primorska**

#### Article 54

Funds shall be provided from the state budget to the Koper Scientific-Research Centre of the University of Primorska and the Primorska Institute for Natural and Technical Sciences in Koper of the University of Primorska for:

- administration and management costs,
- fixed operating costs.

Funds for the purposes from the previous paragraph of this Article shall be calculated according to the methodology under which founder's obligations to public research institutions and public infrastructure institutions are calculated.

#### Article 55

Funds from the previous Article of this Decree shall be calculated in equal monthly instalments and transmitted to the University of Primorska generally by the 4th day of the month for the previous month.

Until the calculation of annual funds for the Koper Scientific-Research Centre of the University of Primorska and the Primorska Institute for Natural and Technical Sciences in Koper of the University of Primorska for the new calendar year, funds equal to the last instalment for the previous calendar year shall be transmitted.

#### Article 56

Investment and investment maintenance for the Koper Scientific-Research Centre of the University of Primorska and the Primorska Institute for Natural and Technical Sciences in Koper of the University of Primorska shall be determined in the annual investment programme of the University of Primorska, which shall form a constituent part of the programme of work of the University of Primorska.

### **3. Funds for tasks of national importance**

#### Article 57

Higher-education and other institutions may ensure funds for the realisation of tasks of national importance (e.g. higher-education registration-information service, concern for Slovenian language, mentoring for individual training of grant-holders of the Republic of Slovenia pursuant to bilateral international treaties, offices for student halls of residence, quality committee), taking account of the annual programme of the institution undertaking such tasks.

Concern for Slovenian language from the first paragraph shall be deemed to include in particular the teaching of Slovenian at foreign universities, Slovenian-language training for foreign citizens pursuant to international treaties and for Slovenians without Slovenian citizenship, study training for Slovenians in neighbouring countries and seminars, symposia and other professional meetings intended to foster the Slovenian language.

#### Article 58

Funds for tasks of national importance shall be transmitted and used in accordance with the provisions of the public tender or contract.

## **VIII. PROGRAMME OF WORK, FINANCIAL PLAN AND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HIGHER-EDUCATION INSTITUTION**

### *Article 59*

The programme of work, the financial plan and the annual report of the higher-education institution must be prepared in accordance with financial regulations and the instructions of the ministry responsible for finance and the instructions of the ministry.

### *Article 60*

Higher-education institutions shall be obliged to send the draft financial plan to the ministry no later than 10 May or within the interval defined by the ministry.

### *Article 61*

Higher-education institutions shall submit to the ministry the adopted annual programme of work and the financial plan no later than within 60 days of the adoption of the budget.

### *Article 62*

The annual report shall comprise the balance sheet, revenues and expenditure statements, explanations of statements and a business report.

The annual report must be prepared in accordance with financial regulations and the instructions of the ministry responsible for finance and the detailed instructions of the ministry.

The business report must be published on the website of the higher-education institution.

### *Article 63*

Higher-education institutions shall issue annual reports to the ministry no later than 28 February.

### *Article 64*

Reports on the quality of studies for the previous study year shall be prepared in accordance with the criteria of the Council for Higher Education of RS and shall be published on the website of the higher-education institution.

## **IX. CONTRACT**

### *Article 65*

The ministry shall conclude a contract with higher-education institutions on financing for the calendar year. The contract shall stipulate the annual funds under this Decree and other regulations.

## **X. SUPERVISION AND MEASURES**

### *Article 66*

The ministry shall undertake supervision of the operation of higher-education institutions through:

- financial supervision of the use of funds transmitted under this Decree. Financial supervision shall be undertaken on the basis of annual reports on the use of funds, in which higher-education institutions report on the use of funds for individual purposes (salaries and other employee expenditure, employer social-security contributions, expenditures for goods and services, investment and investment maintenance),
- control of individual elements of the calculation of standard annual funds,
- review of annual reports of higher-education institutions,
- other prescribed methods of confirming the designated use of funds of direct budget users.

The ministry may at any time verify data provided by higher-education institutions at the higher-education institution, which must enable the ministry to inspect records, documents and other business documentation.

### *Article 67*

If the ministry concludes that:

- funds transmitted under this Decree were not used for the purposes defined by this Decree or other regulations, the recipient shall be obliged to return them in accordance with a special resolution of the minister responsible for higher education;
- if a higher-education institution twice in succession reports inaccurate data on the number of students or graduates, its basic annual funds shall be adjusted in the next year.

If after the interval stipulated for the elimination of deficiencies the ministry concludes that:

- a higher-education institution fails to provide a certified study programme, or
- the occupation of work posts at the higher-education institution fails to comply with the internal organisation and classification of work posts, or
- the higher-education institution charges tuition fees in contravention of the Rules of the minister,

its monthly transmission of annual funds for study activities shall be reduced by 0.5% until the deficiencies are eliminated.

## **XI. TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

### *Article 68*

Annual budget funds for study activities from Article 3 of this Decree shall be increased each year in real terms by at least the growth in gross domestic product and by not less than 2.5% with regard to the realisation for the previous year for study activities under this Decree.

The percentage increase from the previous paragraph of this Decree shall be k.

## Article 69

On the entry into force of this Decree, the following basic annual funds from Article 5 shall apply for 2004 to:

**University of Ljubljana: SIT 24,579,069,953.00.**

Determination of basic annual funds took account of the transformation of the Department of the Faculty of Education in Koper into a member of the University of Primorska.

**University of Maribor: SIT 7,395,775,699.00.**

Determination of the basic annual funds took account of the realisation of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for the Higher Police and Security College for 2003 at the Faculty of Criminal Justice, and for the Faculty of Medicine it was calculated using estimated financial funds required for the introduction and provision of the study programme of the University of Maribor.

**University of Primorska: SIT 917,960,004.00.**

Determination of the basic annual funds took account of the announced provision of study programmes in the 2003/04 academic year.

**Gea College – Higher Business College: SIT 85,689,209.00.**

**Nova Gorica Polytechnic: SIT 134,892,847.00.**

Determination of the basic annual funds took account of the announced provision of study programmes in the 2003/04 academic year.

**Higher Business and Management College Novo Mesto: SIT 113,395,281.00.**

## Article 70

From the start of application of this Decree until 31 December 2005, the weighting for graduates from Article 9 shall be number of semi-semesters.

## Article 71

On the entry into force of this Decree, the following shall be classified into the groups from Article 12 of this Decree:

**University of Ljubljana:**

Study group 1: Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Social Sciences, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Public Administration, Faculty of Social Work;

Study group 2: Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transport, Faculty of Sport, Faculty of Education, Theological Faculty, University College of Health Care;

Study group 3: Faculty of Architecture, Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Faculty of Civil Engineering and Geodesy, Faculty of Computer and Information Science, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Natural Science and Engineering;

Study group 4: Biotechnical Faculty, Faculty of Pharmacy;

Study group 5: Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Technology, Faculty of Mathematic and Physics;

Study group 6: Academy of Music, Academy of Theatre, Radio, Film and Television, Academy of Fine Arts, Faculty of Medicine, Veterinary Faculty.

**University of Maribor:**

Study group 1: Faculty of Economics and Business, Faculty of Organizational Sciences, Faculty of Law;

Study group 2: Faculty of Education, College of Nursing Studies, Faculty of Criminal Justice;

Study group 3: Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering;

Study group 4: Faculty of Agriculture;

Study group 5: Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering;

Study group 6: Faculty of Medicine.

**University of Primorska:**

Study group 1: Faculty of management;

Study group 2: Faculty of Education, Faculty of Humanities, Turistica – Higher Tourism College, Health Care College.

**Independent higher-education institutions with concessions:**

Study group 1: Gea College – Higher Business School, Higher Management and Business School Novo Mesto;

Study group 3: Nova Gorica Polytechnic.

Article 72

The first analysis under Article 13 of this Decree shall be undertaken no later than by 15 October 2005.

Article 73

The minister shall adopt the methodology from Article 16 within one year of the entry into force of this Decree, and the criteria from Article 40 and the Rules from Article 43 by 31 May 2004.

Article 74

Higher-education institutions shall be obliged to adopt the criteria from Article 25 of this Decree by 29 February 2004.

Article 75

Implementation of investments operationally managed within the ministry in accordance with the “Agreement on cooperation on the preparation and implementation of investments between the universities and their member institutions and the ministry” shall be continued by the higher-education institutions in accordance with this Decree.

The transfer shall be executed by the first transmission of financial funds from Article 36 of this Decree or no later than 30 June 2004.

#### Article 76

Article 64 of this Decree shall start to apply after the entry into force of the criteria of the Council for Higher Education of the Republic of Slovenia.

The Council for Higher Education of the Republic of Slovenia shall be obliged to adopt the criteria for the monitoring and assessment of quality and the effectiveness of educational, scientific-research, artistic and professional work no later than 29 February 2004.

#### Article 77

On the entry into force of this Decree, the Rules on the cofinancing of probationary assistants (*Uradni List* RS 38/99, 31/00), the Resolution on norms and standards for the performance of educational activities in further and higher education (*Uradni List* RS 39/92), the Resolution on the financing of higher education with regard to the duration and number of hours of study programmes (*Uradni List* RS 23/91) and the Resolution on the financing of higher professional education with regard to the duration and number of hours of study programmes (*Uradni List* RS 47/94) shall cease to apply.

#### Article 78

This Decree shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Uradni List* of the Republic of Slovenia, and shall start to apply from 1 January 2004.