

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE

High Council Decision no. 4/08
of 12 December 2008
**amending High Council Decision no. 3/92 setting up a Research Council
and determining its powers**

The High Council,

Having regard to the Convention setting up a European University Institute, in particular Article 34;

Having regard to High Council decision 3/92 of 18 June 1992 setting up a Research Council and determining its powers;

Having regard to the Strategic Review Group Report of December 2007;

Following discussions during the High Council meeting in June 2008;

After having consulted the Research Council and the Academic Council;

Whereas the following changes in the composition and mission of the Research Council are proposed;

Has decided as follows:

Article 1

Mission

The Research Council shall be set up with the principal mission of advising the Institute's bodies (the Principal; the High Council; the Academic Council, etc.) on decisions relating to research.

Its aim is to stimulate and maintain the scientific excellence and strengthen the Institute's research through high-quality peer review. It will discuss and formulate policy and strategy with the view of reinforcing the Institute's profile so as to attract the best candidates for its doctoral and postdoctoral programmes.

Every year the Research Council will provide a report on the general orientations of research at the EUI.

The Research Council shall periodically assess the activities of a department, Centre or Programme, and report the results in its annual report.

The Research Council shall finance joint research initiatives submitted by EUI professors. These initiatives can be pluri-annual from one to four years. Members of the academic staff are invited to submit joint and/or interdisciplinary proposals.

Article 2

Membership

The members of the Research Council shall be:

- a) The Principal (ex-officio);
- b) Six highly qualified persons from outside the Institute, appointed by the High Council on a proposal from the Principal in consultation with the Chair of the High Council. Their term of office shall be 5 years, not renewable;
- c) Six highly qualified persons from outside the Institute, appointed by the Academic Council on a proposal from the Principal in consultation with the Executive Committee. Their term of office shall be 5 years, not renewable.

In his proposals for appointment, the Principal shall take account of the need to ensure balance among departments and optimal coverage of the profiles of departments and centres. His proposals shall also take account of European cultural and linguistic pluralism.

Article 3

Organization and operation

The Research Council shall be chaired by one of its members. After consultation with Research Council members, the Chair will be appointed by the Principal for a period of 3 years renewable.

The Research Council shall meet once per year.

Article 4

High Council decision no. 3/92 is hereby repealed. The current decision shall enter into force on the day on which it is signed by the Chair of the High Council.

To avoid an undesirable turn-over it is proposed that the first members from each category be appointed from among the existing Research Council members to the end of their current mandate.

Done at Florence, 12 December 2008

For the High Council

The President



Martin WILLIAMS