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On National Research programme “Sports”

1. In accordance with Section 13, Paragraph 2, Clause 3 of the Law on Scientific Activities, and in compliance with the Paragraph 4 of Cabinet Regulation No.560 of 4 September 2018 “Procedures for the Implementation of National Research Programme Projects”, approve the National Research programme 'Sports' (hereinafter referred to as “the programme”).
2. Assign the Ministry of Education and Science to take charge of the implementation of the programme.
3. The total [funding of the programme is EUR 4,500,000](https://likumi.lv/ta/id/107337) and [the implementation](https://likumi.lv/ta/id/107337%23p13) time is from 2023 to 2026. The programme is financed from the funds of the state budget programme of the Ministry of Education and Science, [05.00.00 “Science”](https://likumi.lv/ta/id/301438) sub-programme 05.12.00 “National Research programmes”.
4. The overarching goal of the programme is to effectively use Latvia's sporting capital and its potential for the sustainable development of the country and the well-being of society.
5. The programme aims to develop research excellence in health and sports science, strengthen the links between research and sports, develop a data-driven scientific and analytical base for sports, generate new knowledge and approaches, and strengthen material and medical science capacity to promote sustainability and efficiency in sports.
6. In order to achieve the objectives of the programme, the following programme tasks should be set:
	1. To develop research methods and the knowledge base for the development and production of innovative solutions for sports;
	2. To develop research methods and knowledge base on athletes' health, functional abilities, training methodologies and approaches to improve performance;
	3. To develop research methods and methodological approaches to assess the impact of the Latvian sports sector on the economy and strengthen the links between research, public administration and society.
7. To identify the following common (horizontal) objectives for the implementation of the Programme:
	1. To ensure impact of the research process and results on the following target groups:
		1. the scientific community by developing the resources necessary for research, and competitive interdisciplinary groups of scientists which use the latest research methods and technologies in their scientific activities;
		2. students, ensuring the use of the project's scientific results in the study process;society in general, ensuring the transfer of knowledge and promoting understanding on the role and contribution of research in society;
	2. To promote the involvement of scientists and the development of their scientific activities in the thematic area of the programme;
	3. Communicating research and its results and making them visible in society;
	4. To ensure cooperation between programme promoters through joint activities (e.g. original scientific articles, public awareness-raising activities, guidelines, recommendations, conferences and seminars).
8. To identify the following results to be achieved during the implementation of the Programme:
	1. ensuring public access to research results, including:
		1. original scientific articles that have been published in Q1 or Q2 quartile journals *Web of Science* or *SCOPUS* databases;
		2. original scientific articles that have been published in journals or collected conference items included in the *Web of Science* or *SCOPUS* databases;
		3. other peer-reviewed scientific publications (including monographs, conference materials, collections of articles);
		4. Research outputs (publications and data) made available in research data repositories according to FAIR*(Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable*) principles – findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable articles;
	2. Prepared and published reports on methodologies developed and used in the research programme;
	3. Prepared and published reports on policy recommendations and policy impact (e.g. advice to sectoral policy makers, recommendations and guidelines);
	4. Doctoral students, PhD candidates and young scientists are involved in the programme's activities;
	5. Implemented measures to involve sector specialists - for information and capacity building;
	6. Patent applications, new products or technology prototypes and other intellectual property
	7. Proposals and datasets for sports policy planning and implementation;
	8. Other research-specific outputs (including developed recommendations, programmes).
9. The programme may be extended by up to one year without the award of additional funding if this is necessary to consolidate and publish the outcome of the programme and its projects.

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