

# VILNIUS UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF LAW STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2023-2025



The Faculty of Law of Vilnius University is a modern and open center for legal studies and research, committed to the Lithuanian society and the faculty community, and striving for leadership in the region.

This strategic plan has been prepared through active discussion by various members of the Vilnius University (hereinafter - VU) Faculty of Law community and in cooperation with social partners and alumni of the Faculty of Law of VU and taking into account the strategic plan of Vilnius University for 2021-2025.

During the discussions, the study programs conducted by the Faculty of Law of VU were evaluated, the ongoing and completed research (projects) and the dissemination of their results at the national and international level were analyzed, the role of the faculty in the university was assessed, society and the state, the main strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and challenges of the VU Faculty of Law community have been identified.

The goal of the Faculty of Law of VU is to create an inclusive environment in which top-level legal studies are conducted and international and interdisciplinary science is developed, contributing to the development of the legal culture of the country and the region.



# STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS, LONG-TERM GOALS AND INDICATORS OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENT

#### INTERNATIONALIZATION

- · Visible and strengthened internationalization in studies.
- Increasing the number of high-level international scientific research (projects) and scientific publications published in internationally recognized publishing houses and databases with a citation index (Elsevier Scopus, Claritive Analytics Web of Science).
- More active mobility of students and researchers.

#### 2. INTERDISCIPLINARITY

- · Development of interdisciplinary studies.
- Promotion of interdisciplinary research (projects) at the national and international level.
- Ensuring the qualification improvement of researchers (including PhD students).

#### 3. SOCIAL IMPACT

- · Active participation of researchers in public discourse on strategic and other issues at national and international level.
- Wider dissemination of studies and scientific achievements in society.
- Strengthening of social partnership networks.

#### **4.STRONG COMMUNITY**

- · Promoting inclusive communication among all community groups.
- Development of initiatives promoting equal inclusion.
- Improving the inclusive environment for work and studies.



## **INTERNATIONALIZATION**



- Targeted initiatives in order to attract foreign students to the study programs conducted by the Faculty of Law of VU.
- Development of study programs and/or study subjects taught in English.
- Implementation of "Internationalization at Home".
- Support for researchers in submitting applications for international research (projects) or publishing scientific articles in internationally recognized publishing houses or in databases with a citation index (Elsevier Scopus, Claritive Analytics Web of Science).
- Preparation of publications that would be published by internationally recognized publishing houses.
- Increasing the number of visiting professors and researchers.
- Creation of a system designed to encourage faculty students, PhD students and researchers to use international mobility programs more actively.
- Encouraging students to participate in international moot court competitions.
- Increasing the number of international scientific events, the organizer or one of the main coordinators of which is the Faculty of Law of VU.
- Promotion of the activities of prospective law centers of foreign countries.



### **INTERDISCIPLINARITY**



- More active cooperation on the VU Tech Hub platform or with researchers from other faculties of VU.
- Broader involvement of students in scientific interdisciplinary activities.
- Application of innovative teaching methods in the study process.
- Development of tutoring activities and introduction of new ways to develop students' soft competences.
- Promotion of the creation of interdisciplinary scientific thematic groups.
- Promotion of good practices in teaching, learning and conducting scientific research (projects).
- Encouraging and creating conditions for raising the qualifications of researchers (including competences to integrate knowledge from different fields).
- Ensuring sustainable mechanisms of inter-institutional cooperation and optimal utilization of the opportunities of international networks.



## **SOCIAL IMPACT**



- Encouraging researchers (including PhD students) to prepare comments on relevant topics on various national or international internet portals.
- Development of the TeisėPro portal.
- Continuation of the TeisėTalk project.
- Encouraging researchers to participate in various working groups, commissions, etc. formed by international, foreign states and national institutions.
- Regular organization of various national and international events (scientific and practical conferences, discussions, etc.).
- Active provision of expert proposals in legislative and law application processes, involving PhD Lab in these activities.
- Systematic and continuous cooperation with Lithuanian schools, including updating of the Ambassador program.
- Development of law lessons in schools and on the YouTube platform.



## STRONG COMMUNITY



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- Encouraging the involvement of foreign students and researchers in the faculty community.
- Encouraging intercultural dialogue.
- Preparation of the gender equality plan.
- Strengthening the monitoring of graduates' careers.
- Strengthening relations with VU Faculty of Law alumni, including organizing regular events.
- Monitoring of the improvement of personnel competencies.
- Strengthening the culture of annual interviews.
- Modernization of faculty auditoriums and public spaces, taking into account the needs of all community members.