**Cabinet Order 462**

Riga, 14 July 2023 (Minutes No 36 §87)

Regarding the state research programme ‘20th and 21st Century Historical Research and Regeneration of Human Capital’

1. Approve the state research programme ‘20th and 21st Century Historical Research and Regeneration of Human Capital’ (‘Programme’) in accordance with Section 13(2)(3) of the Law on Scientific Activity, Section 4 of Cabinet Regulation 560 ‘Procedure for the implementation of state research programme projects’ of 4 September 2018.
2. Assign the Ministry of Education and Science to take charge of the implementation of the programme.
3. The total funding allocated to the programme is 1,800,000 euros, with an implementation period of 2023 to 2026. The programme is funded through State Budget Programme 05.00.00 ‘Science’, Sub-Programme

05.12.00 ‘State research programmes’, of the Ministry of Education and Science.

1. The overarching goal of the programme is to build a better understanding of the key issues of 20th and 21st-century Latvian history among the Latvian and international public.
2. The individual goals of the programme are to improve the understanding of the history of Latvia in the 20thand 21st centuries, to produce human capital for researching the historical period set in the programme, to ensure the involvement of young scholars in historical research, to foster communication about Latvian history topics in Latvia and abroad.
3. In order to achieve the goals of the programme, define the objectives for the programme, namely: research certain topics of the 20th and 21st century Latvian history that, if better understood, would:
	1. contribute to a better consolidation of Latvia’s national identity;
	2. reduce the ability to create and spread disinformation about Latvia;
	3. promote Latvia’s image within the international community.
4. Set the following shared (horizontal) objectives for the implementation of the project:
	1. ensure that the research process and its outcome have an impact on the following target groups:
		1. the science and research community, by developing the resources necessary for research and competitive interdisciplinary research teams using innovative research methods and technologies, developing and adapting digital resource sets, expanding their functionality, and integrating the digital resources already developed;
		2. students within the context of their study process, creating internship and employment opportunities, as well as platforms and the use of the scientific outcomes of the project in the process of attaining university degrees;
		3. policymakers and policy implementers in the sector, providing recommendations for developing sector policy;
		4. general public, spreading and transferring of the knowledge produced by the research, and building a better understanding of the role of the research and its benefit to the public;

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* 1. engage in the focused communication of the project’s achievements in Latvia and abroad, especially in the public and scientific forums that discuss the topics of Latvian history, including in the context of Baltic and European history;
	2. enable public access to the results of the research, including through the publication of these results in popular-science media and free-access magazines, and the posting of the new research data in open repositories of research data, encouraging the reuse of these data in accordance with the FAIR principles (Findability, Accessibility, Interoperability, and Reusability).
	3. create a project team focused on excellence and collaboration in achieving the goals, involving in it as broad a range of Latvian and international scientific institutions, researchers, and experts as possible.
1. Set the following expected outcomes for the implementation of the programme:
	1. original research articles published in journals listed in the Web of Science or SCOPUS databases;
	2. research results published in the form of scientific articles, collections of articles, or monographs;
	3. research results presented at international scientific conferences;
	4. changes pursued in action policy (e.g. sector policymakers consulted, recommendations and guidelines prepared);
	5. doctoral students, doctoral candidates, and young scientists are involved in the development of new research methods, which includes using an interdisciplinary approach in their application;
	6. topics of Latvian history and the results achieved by the programme communicated in Latvia and abroad.
2. 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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