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**F. Scientific research**

883. The Law on Scientific Research Activity<sup>409</sup> regulates the establishment, activities, organisation, governance and termination of public and private entities in the field of scientific research. Specifically, the Law determines the establishment of scientific-research institutions, the rights and liabilities of scientific workers and researchers, the establishment of the Kosovo Council of Science and scientific councils in specific fields, the development of the Kosovo Scientific-Research Programme and the manner of financing scientific research activities in Kosovo.

884. The Law specifies that scientific-research activity shall be founded on principles of:

- Freedom of scientific research and creativity<sup>410</sup>
- Publicity of work
- Protection of intellectual property rights of ownership

- Program and science project competition
- Inviolability and security of human capacity and dignity
- Ethical and scientific responsibility of researchers for consequences of their work
- Human environmental protection
- Correlation between scientific research and higher education
- Inclusion in international scientific activity<sup>411</sup>

885. "For the purpose of fulfilling the necessary conditions and providing the means, up to 0.7% shall be allocated from the Budget of Kosovo. These means are used to finance:

- Regular scientific-research activity
- Development and extension of scientific results
- Increase the capacity and quality of scientific-research activity
- Publishing science achievements
- Implementing the results of scientific research
- Support and encourage workers to deal with scientific work

886. The Law provides that the scientific research institutes having legal public personality are the Kosovo Academy of Science and Arts, the Scientific Research Institutes, the Albanological Institute, the History Institute and Universities. At present, the Albanological Institute and the Historical Institute are functioning as research institutes within the University of Prishtinë/Priština. The total number of research staff is reported to be 80, of which 11 are women and 69 are men.

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<sup>409</sup> Law No. 2004/42 On Scientific Research Activity, promulgated by UNMIK Regulation No. 2005/6 of 3 February 2005.

<sup>410</sup> Note that Law No. 2002/3 On the Higher Education in Kosovo, promulgated by UNMIK Regulation No. 2003/14 of 12 May 2003, also guarantees freedom of scientific research and teaching in Section 7 on autonomy of providers.

<sup>411</sup> Article 6 of the Law No. 2004/42 On Scientific Research Activity, promulgated by UNMIK Regulation No. 2005/6 of 3 February 2005.