

CONCLUSIONS AND PROPOSALS OF THE RECTORS' CONFERENCE

The 111th Rectors' Conference of the Greek Universities, which was organized by the University of Piraeus in Attica from April 1 to April 4, 2026, reached the following findings and proposals:

1. The Conference places particular emphasis on student welfare, especially in an environment of increased economic insecurity. It is proposed to increase the housing allowance and to extend it to other categories students. The conditions, as well as the financial and social criteria for the provision of free meals to students, should be determined independently by each Institution, on the basis of the annual state subsidy of their budget concerning student catering, with amendment and modernization of Joint Ministerial Decision No. F5/68535/B3 (Government Gazette 1968/B/2012).
2. The Conference reiterates its finding regarding the understaffing of Universities, with emphasis on the increased needs for administrative staff. It is proposed that Universities be allocated, on an annual basis, at least one (1) recruitment position for each one (1) retirement of a member of EDIP, ETET, EEP and administrative staff, exactly as applies to members of the Teaching and Research Staff (DEP), with amendment of Article 75 of Law 5094/2024 (Government Gazette A' 39 - 13.03.2024).
3. It underlines the urgent need to strengthen the funding of Universities through the National Development Programme, with the aim of maintaining and renovating educational and research infrastructure, particularly in Universities with very extensive and old facilities, which require immediate interventions.
4. It points out that, under the current international economic conditions, Universities require additional resources, through state funding, in order to address the consequences of increased energy costs.
5. Taking into account the significant malfunctions that have arisen during the implementation of the new legislative provisions for the procedure of election and tenure of members of the Teaching and Research Staff (DEP), it proposes that the necessary amendments be made, in cooperation with the Universities, in order to ensure the smooth implementation of the existing legislative framework.

6. The Conference expects the transition of Internationalisation Programmes to new funding instruments, so that the already approved International Postgraduate Programmes may be implemented, and prospects may be created for the development of new study programmes.
7. In cooperation with the General Secretariat for Higher Education, it was decided to implement actions for the reduction of bureaucracy, both in academic matters and in matters related to fund management. Additionally, it was decided to undertake actions for the formulation and sharing of good practices among academic institutions, under the coordination of the General Secretariat.

The political leadership of the Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports participated in the proceedings of the Rectors' Conference, namely the Minister Sofia Zacharaki, the Deputy Minister Nikolaos Papaioannou, the Secretary General for Higher Education Dimitrios Bourantonis, the Service Secretary Ioannis Vlassis, as well as the President of the National Authority for Higher Education Periklis Mitkas.

Also participating as invited speakers were the President of the Hellenic Court of Audit, Sotiria Ntouni, and the President of the Hellenic Single Public Procurement Authority, Androniki Theotokatou.