

## SELF-EVALUATION REPORT MODULE 3

EVALUATED UNIT: Faculty of Arts (FA), University of South Bohemia

### 3.1 General self-assessment of the social benefit of R&D&I in the fields of research at the evaluated unit, and of the evaluated unit as a whole

#### *Preamble and the social contribution of research, development and innovative activity of the Faculty of Arts, University of South Bohemia:*

##### Preamble:

The Faculty of Art, University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice, primarily focused on basic research. The scholarly focus of the Faculty of Arts has long been located in the international context of research, which is strengthened by the suitable geographical location on the Czech-Bavarian-Austrian border. Scholarly partnership with universities in Passau and Vienna is of key importance, but there are also partnerships developing with Polish, French and Italian universities. Besides that attention has been paid to activities of application character, which have an impact on both individuals and the society and are largely of non-economic character. This is reflected in solving of individual projects, in contractual research or in development of various forms of partnership with non-academic sphere. Considerable attention is dedicated to the spreading of awareness about these results of the scholarly activity and their further popularisation.

##### The societal contribution of research, development and innovative activity of the Faculty of Arts, University of South Bohemia:

In accordance with the Strategic Plan of Educational and Creative Activities of the Faculty of Arts of the University of South Bohemia for 2014-2018, the societal contribution of the main scientific areas developed by the workplace can be seen in the transfer / application of theoretical and experimental work results into social awareness of own history, acceptance of cultural traditions or the protection of cultural heritage, all reflecting the knowledge especially of the European context. The transfer of knowledge reflecting also interactions with non-university or application spheres in various forms has positive impact on the development of language skills, communication skills or, secondly, increased employability on the labor market.

The societal contribution of research, development and innovative activity of the Faculty of Arts, University of South Bohemia, was also the subject of the pilot testing as a part of the so-called IPN Methodology (OPVK – Individual Projects for Tertiary Education, Research, Development and Innovations) organised by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport Czech Republic, which the Faculty joined in 2015. The result of the project was the report of the evaluation panel, drafted on the basis of data from publicly available databases and on the basis of the evaluation on the premises, with the basic statement that the Faculty of Arts, University of South Bohemia... “is a recent institution (founded only in 2006) with solid experience of research in some specific fields due to the richness of the archival funds in the region, and special support on the regional and national levels. Historical research has a very good level, recognized in Czech Republic’s scientific landscape as well as increasingly also abroad. Also, research in traductology as well as in philology and linguistics is good. An example of strong relationship tied between the linguists is the famous Prague Linguistic Circle founded by Mathesius and Jakobson a century ago, which still is the core of a very active network in Europe.” For complete results of the report see:

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