

HIGH COUNCIL DECISION N. 4/2021

of 23 June 2021

**setting up a researchers' grant fund financed by
non-national contributions and a social benefit
fund supporting the Institute researchers'
parental leave. Repealing High Council Decision
No. 6/06 of 8 December 2006**

THE HIGH COUNCIL

Having regard to the Convention setting up a European University Institute (hereinafter the "EUI"), and in particular Article 6(5)(a) thereof.

Having regard to the EUI's Academic Rules and Regulations for the Doctoral and Master's Programme as amended by Academic Council Decision N° 1/2017 of 18 January 2017, in particular Chapter 12.4 thereof.

Whereas:

- 1) The establishment of a "grants" fund and a "maternity" fund was formalised by High Council Decision No. 6/06 of 8 December 2006 setting up a researchers' grant fund financed by non-national contributions and a social benefit fund supporting the Institute researchers' maternity leave, also establishing the terms of their management,
- 2) Considering that a proposal to extend the maternity allowance scheme to include also funding for second parents has been submitted to the High Council by the Budget Committee with the aim of moving towards greater gender equality,
- 3) High Council Decision No. 6/06 of 8 December 2006 setting up a researchers' grant fund financed by non-national contributions and a social benefit fund supporting the Institute researchers' maternity leave needs to be replaced in order to extend the current funding scheme to include also second parents among EUI researchers entitled to the funding scheme.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Authorisation is hereby given to establish a researchers' grant fund financed by contributors other than national ones, and a social benefit fund to support the EUI researchers' parental leave. These funds may be endowed by duly authorised appropriations in the annual budget (Title 1) or other revenue entered under Titles 2 and/or 3.

Article 1bis

The grant fund established by the present Decision shall be open to EUI researchers who apply for parental allowance. Fathers, mothers, and second parents shall be covered.

Article 2

Payments into these funds may be made annually against budget appropriations.

Article 3

Any appropriation remaining in these funds at the close of the financial year shall be retained and automatically carried forward to the following financial years.

Article 4

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption. It replaces High Council Decision No. 6/06 of 8 December 2006

Done in Florence, 23 June 2021

For the High Council

The President

(original signed)

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