ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND PLAGIARISM IN POLAND

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Abstract: The presentation will start with describing the institutions responsible for safeguarding academic integrity and implementing good practice in Poland’s higher education.

The evolution of the system for ensuring academic integrity will then be presented, taking into account the modifications introduced by the reforms of 2014 and 2016, when the Law on Higher Education was amended to reflect a greater emphasis placed on ensuring that high ethical standards in academic work are upheld.

The presentation will then provide a detailed account of the disciplinary procedures currently in place in higher education, describing the roles played in them by the relevant entities.

The presentation will go on to deliver some statistical data regarding the incidence of plagiarism, based on the cases considered from 2009 till 2015 by the Disciplinary Committee of the General Council for Science and Higher Education.

The presentation will conclude with an account of the current efforts at discouraging plagiarism. This will focus on the ongoing expansion of the central electronic repository of theses, which is overseen by the minister for science and higher education, as well as the creation of a common antiplagiarism system, an on-line service that higher education institutions will be able to use to verify the originality of submitted theses.

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