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Position statement Executive Board – evaluation Amsterdam Research Institute for Legal Sciences

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The Executive Board of the University of Amsterdam received the final report of the research review of the Amsterdam Research Institute for Legal Sciences or ARILS (2016-2021). An international peer review committee carried out the evaluation in 2022, using the Strategy Evaluation Protocol 2021-2027. The Executive Board wishes to express its gratitude to the peer review committee, chaired by Prof. dr. Elies van Sliedregt, for carrying out the evaluation.

The Executive Board is pleased to see that although the committee found itself unable to arrive at an overarching evaluation of all research at ARILS, it determined that ARILS has good hiring and training policies and sets clear quality indicators, guaranteeing a foundation for excellent research. The termination of the previously existing research priority areas within ARILS is welcomed by the committee, as this should increase overall research quality. Regarding the viability of ARILS, the committee concludes that it has adopted good policies for HR, PhD candidates (including their training and mentoring), and diversity and inclusion, ensuring a collaborative working culture. Research at ARILS generates much social impact: not only via research on topics such as sustainability and inequalities, but also via the myriad ways its researchers are involved in committees, supervisory boards, expert groups; moreover, the Law Hub connects students, researchers, and society.

The Executive Board supports the Faculty of Law in using the recommendations of the evaluation report to further strengthen the performance of ARILS, including forming new research centres, the adoption of a new policy on scientific integrity, formulating clear indicators for measuring societal impact, ensuring 40% research time for all researchers, and lastly improving the gender balance of the research staff (particularly at professorial level). All these should contribute to an even better and more viable research institute.

Yours sincerely,
The Executive Board

Prof. Edith H. Hooge
President