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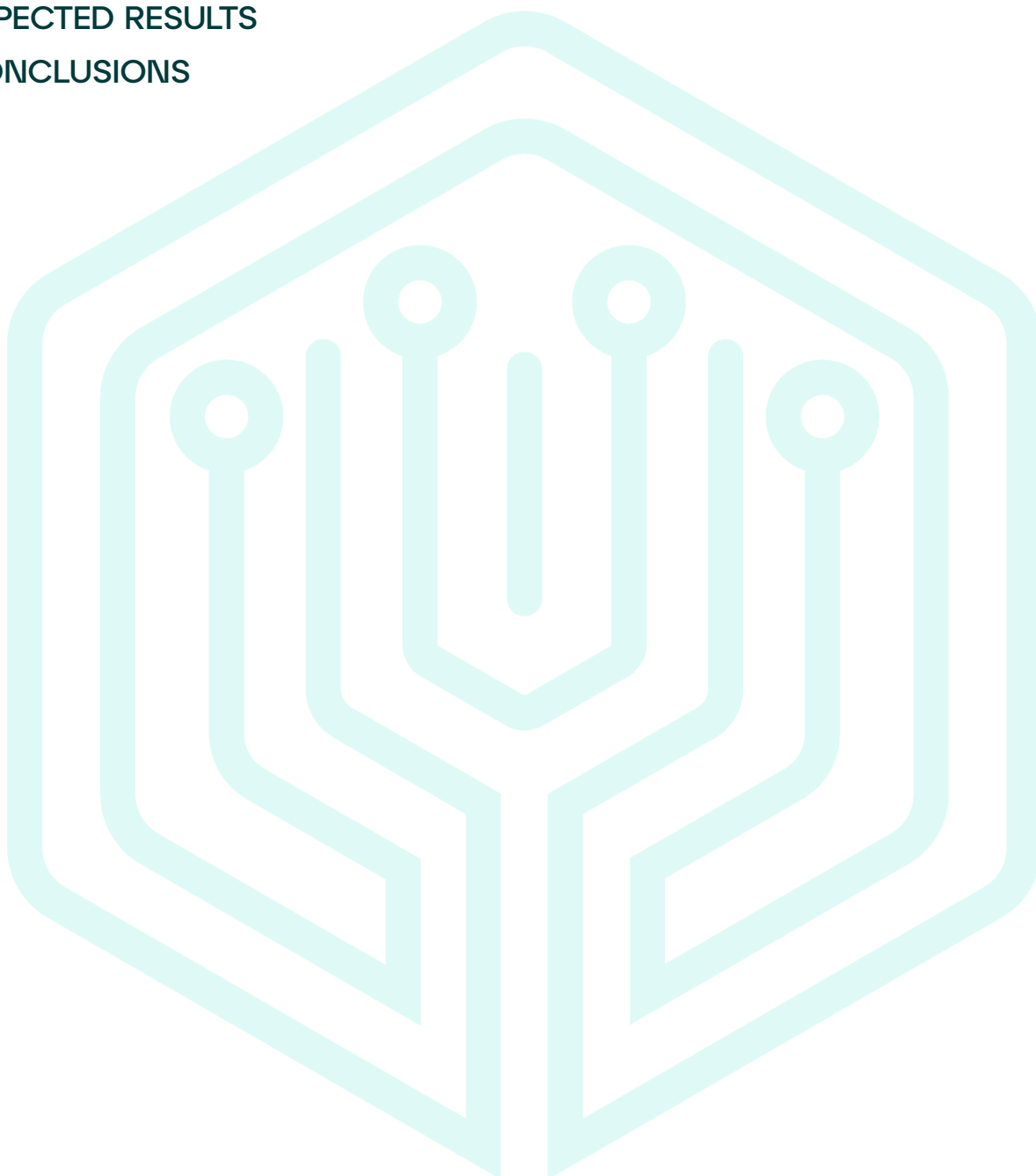
SDG 16

Policy of NJSC «D. Serikbayev EKTU»



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1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 Goal



The United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 16, “Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions,” aims to promote the building of peaceful and inclusive societies, ensure access to justice for all, and create accountable, transparent, and effective institutions at all levels.

The D. Serikbayev East Kazakhstan Technical University (VKTU) recognizes that its educational, research, and administrative activities shape a societal culture of fairness, trust, and civic responsibility. The university is aware of its role in strengthening the principles of honesty, transparency, accountability, and the rule of law within the academic environment.

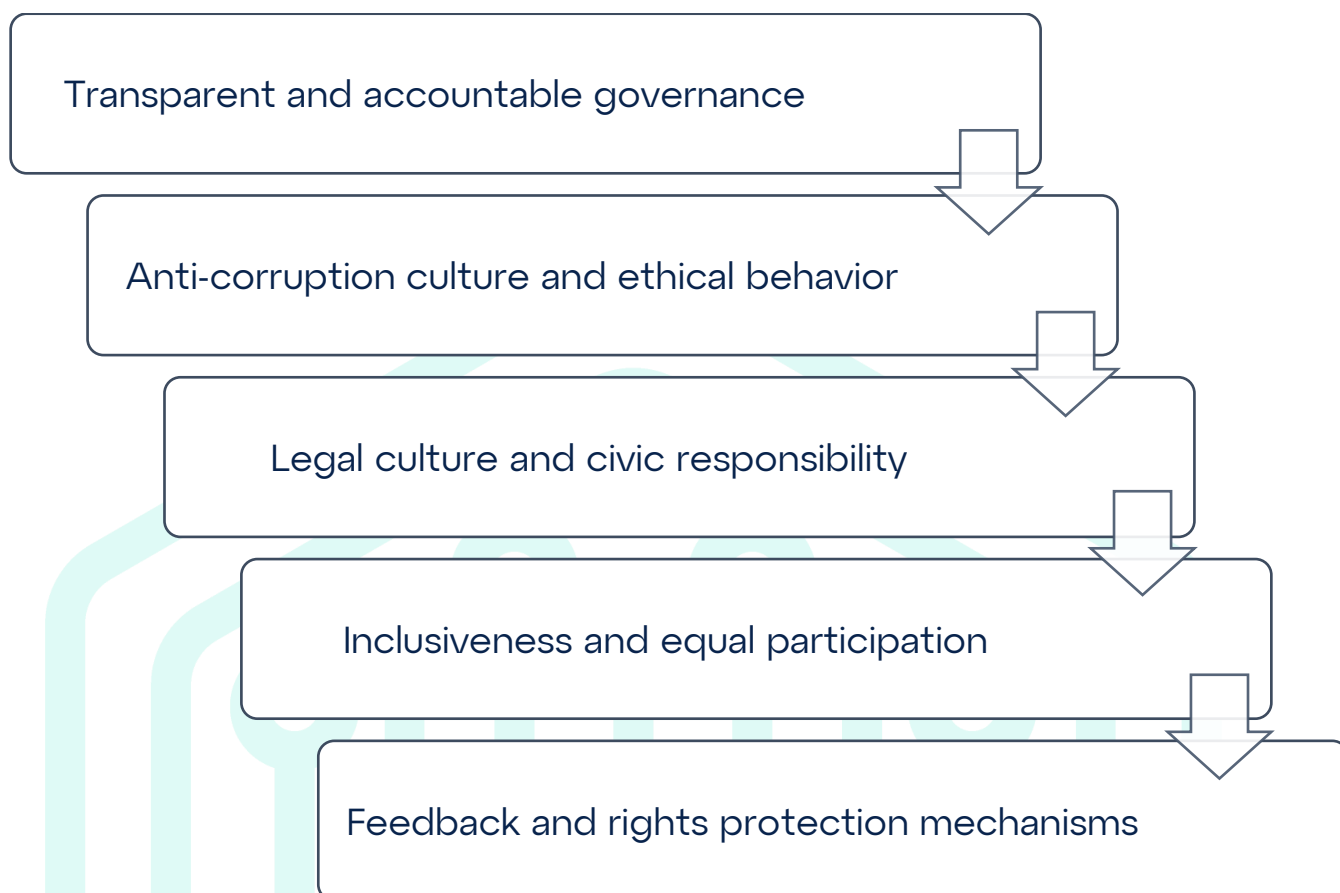
This policy is part of EKTU’s overall sustainable development strategy and is aimed at implementing principles of ethical governance, openness, and the protection of the rights of all participants in the educational process. The policy applies to all structural units of the university, faculty, administrative staff, and the student community.

Each EKTU unit is required to ensure that its activities comply with this policy and integrate its principles into the university’s educational, research, and management processes.

2. MAIN PRINCIPLES

1. **Transparency** — all decisions, regulations, budgets, plans, and reports are published and openly accessible (portal, website, student portal).
2. **Accountability and responsibility** — administrative bodies and university institutes report annually to the academic community.
3. **Inclusiveness and representation** — ensure participation of various social, gender, and special groups in student and administrative structures.
4. **Ethics, anti-corruption, and conflict of interest** — implementation of a code of ethics, protected complaint mechanisms, and sanctions for violations.
5. **Rights protection and independent procedures** — availability of anonymous complaint channels, independent commissions, and appeal procedures.
6. **Education and awareness on rights** — regular courses, lectures, and training on human rights, responsibility, ethics, and legal topics.
7. **Monitoring and evaluation** — development of key performance indicators (KPIs), regular audits, and policy adjustments.

3. MAIN DIRECTIONS OF THE POLICY



1. Transparent and Accountable Governance

The university ensures the openness of its activities through the publication of its charter, strategic documents, academic policies, and annual reports. VKTU develops electronic interaction and feedback systems — suggestion portals, virtual reception, anonymous surveys, and an electronic document management system. All decisions and processes within the university are made in accordance with the principles of legality, ethics, and transparency.

2. Anti-Corruption Culture and Ethical Behavior

EKTU implements the "University without Corruption" initiative, aimed at preventing corruption, fostering honesty, and promoting academic integrity. Training seminars, round tables, and information campaigns are held on counteracting corruption and protecting student rights. An Academic Ethics Code is being developed, outlining standards of conduct, mechanisms to prevent conflicts of interest, and responsibilities for violations.

3. Legal Culture and Civic Responsibility

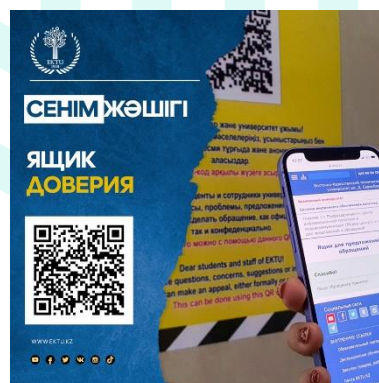
The university organizes lectures and training on human rights, culture of peace, and civic responsibility. Topics on ethics, the rule of law, and the inadmissibility of violence are included in the curricula. Students participate in dialogue platforms, discussions, and volunteer projects aimed at developing civic engagement and tolerance.

4. Inclusiveness and Equal Participation

EKTU ensures the representation of students, faculty, and staff in governance structures. Special attention is given to the participation of women, persons with disabilities, and representatives of diverse cultural groups in student committees and councils. An inclusive academic environment based on respect, fairness, and equal opportunities is maintained.

5. Feedback and Rights Protection Mechanisms

The university implements an anonymous electronic submission system to ensure the safety of complainants. An independent commission is established to review complaints and appeals, ensuring fair and confidential consideration of issues. EKTU regularly informs students about the available mechanisms for protecting their rights and freedoms.



4. EXPECTED RESULTS



Strengthening trust between students, faculty, and administration.

Establishing a sustainable anti-corruption and ethical culture within the university.



Enhancing transparency and efficiency of management processes.

Expanding participation of students and staff in decision-making.



Improving EKTU's position in international sustainable development rankings, including THE Impact Rankings for SDG 16 «Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions».

Creating a safe, fair, and inclusive university environment that promotes the personal and professional development of all participants in the educational process.

5. CONCLUSIONS

EKTU named after D. Serikbayev's SDG 16 policy reinforces the university's commitment to the principles of transparency, fairness, and accountability.

Its implementation aims to create an open and honest academic environment, strengthen civic values, and build trust among all participants in the educational process.

The implementation of this policy will enable VKTU to strengthen its position as a leading university that actively supports national and international sustainable development goals, making a tangible contribution to the formation of a peaceful and just society.