Academic integrity and plagiarism in Poland

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Institutions safeguarding academic integrity, before and after reforms

Disciplinary procedures for academic staff, before and after reforms

Incidence of plagiarism and other types of academic dishonesty

Ongoing efforts to strengthen academic integrity
Committee for Ethics in Science

→ “Good practices in academic review procedures” (2010)

Committee for Good Academic Practices

→ “Integrity in scientific research and respect for intellectual property” (2012)
→ “Good academic practices in hiring and in superior-subordinate relations” (2014)

Assembly of Disciplinary Ombudsmen

Committee for Ethics in Science (of the Polish Academy of Sciences)

→ “Code of ethics for research workers” (2012)
Institutions, after the 2014 reform

- Institutional disciplinary ombudsmen
- Institutional Disciplinary Committee for Academic Staff
- Disciplinary Committee appointed by the Minister of Science and Higher Education
- Disciplinary Committee at the General Council for Science and Higher Education
- Labour and Social Security Tribunal of the Court of Appeals in Warsaw
Disciplinary procedure

- Investigation started, *ex officio*, by the institutional disciplinary ombudsman
- Institutional Disciplinary Committee for Academic Staff
  - admonition
  - reprimand
  - reprimand + managerial ban
  - work ban
- **Committee for Ethics in Science** (of the Polish Academy of Sciences)
- Defendant
- Disciplinary Committee at the General Council for Science and Higher Education
- Labour and Social Security Tribunal of the Court of Appeals in Warsaw
Publication of legally binding disciplinary sanctions

before October 2016

The Journal of the Minister of Science and Higher Education

since October 2016

The Integrated Information System for Science and Higher Education “POL-on”
## Statistics

**Incidence of plagiarism and other types of academic dishonesty, considered by the Disciplinary Committee at the General Council for Science and Higher Education, 2009 - 2016**

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- probably too early yet for the recent changes to have an effect
Ongoing efforts to curb plagiarism

Expanding nation-wide repository of graduate theses in electronic form, with active cooperation of rectors of higher education institutions

Central Uniform Anti-plagiarism System is being constructed, an on-line service for higher education institutions to use to verify the originality of submitted theses
Thank you for your attention