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**D6.5 Published policy and projects for the support and development of the
teaching staff with regard to distance learning**

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The instructors of the MSc program are academic members and researchers of recognized standing in scientific fields related to the subject areas covered by the curriculum. The majority of instructors come from the collaborating Departments, while academic members from other departments of the University of the Peloponnese, as well as from other institutions, may also be employed as instructors. Their involvement in the MSc program is additional to their primary employment at their home institution; they retain all their rights, and by decision of the Joint Coordinating Committee, there is the possibility of adjusting the teaching schedule so that they can participate in conferences, events, etc., without hindering their research activity.

In the course of their teaching duties, all instructors are encouraged and urged to organize educational visits to professional environments relevant to the subject of the MSc program, as well as to invite professionals from the sector to deliver lectures to students on contemporary issues in agriculture, and food science and technology. In this way, teaching is directly linked to the labor market, while instructors are also informed about current issues concerning the production, processing, standardization, and distribution of food. This, in turn, creates the potential for the development of research collaborations between market stakeholders (such as chambers, producers, food companies, etc.) and research institutions, aiming to address and solve problems and to develop new techniques, processes, and products.

In order to obtain the MSc degree, students must successfully complete the coursework of the first three semesters, conduct, write, and present a Master's Thesis under the supervision and guidance of one of the instructors, and also to complete their Traineeship. This provides instructors with the opportunity to carry out either literature-based or laboratory research on topics of their interest. Additionally, financial compensation for supervising a Master's Thesis may be provided to the supervising professor.

Teaching is conducted also through distance learning methods. This allows instructors to utilize modern distance education techniques, develop contemporary educational material using audiovisual media, explore effective approaches to student engagement, enhance communication skills, and apply learning techniques that maintain student interest.

Within the MSc program, evaluation procedures for the educational work are implemented in accordance with the provisions set by the Quality Assurance Unit (MODIP) of the University of the Peloponnese. The results of the evaluation process are communicated to the instructors concerned. Based on the evaluation data, each instructor can adjust their methodologies, develop new educational material, explore new teaching methods, and improve their effectiveness.

Finally, the Joint Coordinating Committee ensures the fulfillment of the formal obligations of the instructors, including compliance with requirements regarding attendance, performance, self-evaluation, training, etc.

The implementation of a comprehensive support and development system for the MSc staff makes the program more attractive and, consequently, enhances its ability to attract high-level academic personnel.