



Hellenic Republic  
**National and Kapodistrian  
University of Athens**

**Special Account for Research Grants  
(SARG)**



**A brief presentation of the institution**

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## 1. Profile of the University of Athens

### 1.1 General Information

Name	National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (UoA)
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Legal Status	Legal Entity of Public Law

### 1.2 Brief historical account

1837	The first University of the Greek State is founded on 3rd May 1837 and it is named after the first King of Greece, Othon. It consisted of 4 Schools: Theology, Law, Medicine and Philosophy. (Applied Sciences and Mathematics were also taught in the latter).
1862	The Othonian University is renamed as National University.
1904	The School of Sciences is founded.
1911	The Kapodistrian University is founded to which the Schools of Theology, Law and Philosophy are transferred.
1932	The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens is established, after the merging of the aforementioned Institutions.
1960	Construction work begins on the University Campus in the suburb of Ilissia, where several Schools as well as the University Residence Hall are transferred.

### 1.3 Legal Status

The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (UoA) is a Legal Entity of Public Law.

### 1.4 Organisational Structure

The organisational structure of the University of Athens is based on the existing legal framework of Law 4009/2011 as applicable today. The administrative bodies of the Institution are: a) the Council, b) the Rector and c) the Senate.

### 1.5 School Faculties and Departments

According to the Presidential Decree 85/2013 (GG 124 A') from the academic year 2013-2014 the University of Athens consists of 8 Schools (Theology, Law,



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Economics & Political Science, Philosophy, Sciences, Health Sciences, Education and Physical Education and Sport Science).

The 33 Faculties of the University, divided into Departments, cover a broad spectrum of disciplines, are the following:

**School of Theology**

- Faculty of Theology
- Faculty of Social Theology

**School of Law**

- Faculty of Law

**School of Economics & Political Science**

- Faculty of Economics
- Faculty of Political Science & Public Administration
- Faculty of Communication and Mass Media Studies
- Faculty of Turkish and Modern Asian Studies

**School of Philosophy**

- Faculty of Philology
- Faculty of History and Archaeology
- Faculty of Philosophy, Pedagogy and Psychology
- Faculty of Psychology
- Faculty of English Language and Literature
- Faculty of French Language and Literature
- Faculty of German Language and Literature
- Faculty of Italian Language and Literature

- Faculty of Spanish Language and Literature
- Faculty of Theatre Studies
- Faculty of Music Studies
- Faculty of Slavic Studies

**School of Science**

- Faculty of Physics
- Faculty of Chemistry
- Faculty of Mathematics
- Faculty of Biology
- Faculty of Geology and Geo-environment
- Faculty of Informatics and Telecommunications
- Faculty of Philosophy and History of Sciences

**School of Health Sciences**

- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Dentistry
- Faculty of Pharmacy
- Faculty of Nursing

**School of Education**

- Faculty of Primary Education
- Faculty of Early Childhood Education

**School of Physical Education and Sport Science**

- Faculty of Physical Education and Sport Science

**Postgraduate Programmes**

In 2012-2013 106 postgraduate programmes were functional. Some of these are interdisciplinary programmes, involving more than one Department or Faculty.

**1.6 Human Resources**

According to data collected during the 2012-2013 academic year, there are:

- 104.994 Registered Undergraduate students (7.398 are first year students and 40.858 are active students according to the rule of v+2)



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- 11.058 Postgraduate students (7.715 students up to three years of studies)
- 14.789 PhD Candidates (6.540 are active)
- 6.917 Graduate students, 2.586 MA students & 619 PhD
- 5.471 students from other countries at all levels of study
- 1.854 professorial staff members of all ranks (Full Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors and Lecturers)
- 30 special research teaching fellows
- 39 special teaching fellows
- 141 special technical staff
- 1.277 administrative staff

### **1.7 Student Benefits**

All UoA students are offered free health care and, if they are eligible, they may be granted with food coupons and accommodation in the UoA residence halls as well as scholarships.

Students are also offered the opportunity to enroll in various cultural and other activity clubs, to participate in the choir and orchestra, and be involved in sports, theatre, dancing, cinema and photography.

The Languages Centre offers university students courses in 30 foreign languages with very low fees.

Foreign students are given the opportunity to attend Modern Greek courses for free or with a low registration fee.

Through the Liaison office of the University of Athens, students are informed about issues related to employment and future career.

Two printing centres are available to cover students' needs concerning academic books, course notes, etc.

### **1.8 Facilities**

The University of Athens has the necessary equipment and facilities to support undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and research. These facilities are in the buildings at the University Campus and in the centre of Athens (Panepistimiou street, Stadiou street, Christou Lada street, Ippokratous street, Navarinou street, etc.) which house the various Faculties, laboratories, study centres and libraries, as well as the administrative offices.

The University also has a centre of telematics which is operated by the Network Operations Centre, creating a unified, high-speed networking environment which offers users both basic and advanced telecommunication services.

The 33 Faculties altogether have 160 established laboratories and 27 laboratories to be established that cover needs for teaching and research, while at the same time there are 60 clinics and 2 medical units at the School of Medicine, where medical services are offered to the public.

Every faculty of the UoA has its own study centre, while there are 6 main libraries with approximately 450.000 book titles, 3.800 academic journal titles and about



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1.500 audiovisual material titles, while, at the same time, access is provided to over 30 bibliographic databases.

There are also eight Centers (Research and/or Counseling) fully operational, as they are attached to two Faculties of the University.

The National Observatory of Athens, which covers educational and research needs and is open to the public on special occasions and events.

The Archaeological Park, which belongs to the Museum of Archaeology and History of the Art and is open to the public.

Within the UoA there are eighteen (18) museums which are open to the public, with educational programmes for both university and school students, offering a wealth of educational and research material.

**Table 1: UoA Museums**

<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>NAME</b>
Directorate of Public and International Relations	ATHENS UNIVERSITY HISTORY MUSEUM
Faculty of Biology	BOTANIC MUSEUM OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS
	ZOOLOGICAL MUSEUM OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS
	BOTANIC GARDEN
Faculty of Geology and Geoenvironment	MUSEUM OF GEOLOGY AND PALEONTOLOGY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS
	MUSEUM OF MINERALOGY AND PETROLOGY
Faculty of Medicine	MUSEUM OF CRIMINOLOGY
	MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY
	MUSEUM OF PATHOLOGICAL ANATOMY
	MUSEUM OF PHARMACOLOGY
	HYGIENE MUSEUM
Faculty of History and Archaeology	MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND ART HISTORY
Faculty of Social Theology	MUSEUM OF BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY AND ART
Faculty of Dentistry	MUSEUM OF CRANIOFACIAL EVOLUTION AND HISTORY OF DENTISTRY
Faculty of Philosophy, Pedagogy and Psychology	HISTORY OF EDUCATION MUSEUM



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Faculty of Philology	MUSEUM OF MAN' S LIFE
	FOLKLIFE MUSEUM AND ARCHIVE OF THE FACULTY OF PHILOLOGY
Faculty of Physics	MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

### 1.9 International collaborations

Active participation in the European LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMME and the following sub-programmes: ERASMUS, LEONARDO DA VINCI, COMENIUS, GRUNDTVIG, JEAN MONNET.

Specifically, about ERASMUS: the Erasmus Extended University Charter (31475-IC-1-2007-1-GR-ERASMUS-EUCX-1) has been awarded to the University of Athens by the European Commission, and since 2007 the UoA has the right to take part in all programme activities. As such, from 1987 to this day, the UoA has

- signed and honoured 689 bilateral agreements with 347 European Universities in 30 countries
- catered to the needs of 9.200 UoA students who have taken part in the programme and have studies in other European Universities.
- welcomed 4.200 incoming students from various countries
- facilitated 550 professors who have spent a teaching period at another collaborating university.

Participation in various other European education and mobility programmes, such as TEMPUS, ERASMUS MUNDUS, ALFA as well as European collaboration projects with industrial countries (USA, Canada, Australia, South Korea).

Establishment of international bilateral agreements with 59 Universities as well as participation in independent international projects.

Development of common international postgraduate and doctoral programmes as well as co-supervision of doctoral theses (32 bilateral agreements have been signed with an equal number of European Universities for co-supervision of doctoral theses).

Participation in international organizations, associations and University networks: EUA, IAU, UNICA, UNIMED, EAIE, etc.

### 1.10 Research at the University of Athens

A wealth of multilevel and innovative, internationally acknowledged research is being carried out at our University – research in the basic sciences and technology. The basic principle of the projects carried out by the university staff is that research does not only help the production of new knowledge but links the University to the society and the market.

Students –especially postgraduate students– are in fact encouraged to participate in the research projects carried out at the UoA, with a view to providing them with practical experiences and familiarizing them with research tools, methodology and



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management. It is highly desirable goal of the academic community to actively participate in as many funded research programmes as possible, at both a national and international level. However, equally important is to ensure that each project has managed to attract highly-qualified young scholars who are not yet members of the academic community, and to motivate students to participate.

The research and its prospective for development in new areas have highlighted UoA as a modern, robust, academic organization of great status and high reliability in the international scientific community. A prerequisite for the development of a systematic research policy in the UoA is the existence of resources necessary so as to carry out research.

The **Special Account for Research Grants** plays an essential role in managing all the research and development programmes of the University of Athens, at an administrative and financial level.





## 2. The Special Account for Research Grants

### 2.1 History, Organisation and Financial Data

The Special Account for Research Grants (SARG), was founded at the University of Athens by the Senate on 10.11.1983.<sup>1</sup> Its aim is to manage research grants from a variety of sources which are necessary for the expenditures during the implementation of its programmes.

The projects are directed and managed by the professorial staff of the university but external experts, young scholars and students also take part in the projects, which may not only involve research but also educational practice and training, as well as work which leads to the development of new products and of services offered internally or externally.

Moreover, SARG is involved with the management of grants coming from the provision of scientific, technological and art services, the development of special studies, the execution of pilot studies, measurements, laboratory tests and analyses, the provision of consultations, the drafting of specifications on behalf of third parties, the formation and implementation of scientific, research, cultural and development programmes, as well as other relevant services, with credits from the SARG reserve for the benefit of the Institution, following a proposition made by the SARG administrative committee and the decision made by the University Senate.

SARG has installed and has been applying a Quality Management System, according to ISO 9001:2008 regarding all its activities. More specifically, the Special Account for Research Grants has received the following certificates together with the right to use their trademarks:

- a) Quality System Compliance Certificate
- b) IQNet Certificate.

The aforementioned system is updated and modified at regular intervals, following relevant inspections. Additionally, SARG has received Administrative Aptitude for NSRF Beneficiaries (verification type B and C) from the Special Management Service of the Operational Programme "Education and Lifelong Learning".

SARG is directed by the **Educational, Research and Administration Committee** which as specified by Law No 4009/2011, article 80, paragraph 17 consists of representatives from Schools. The responsibilities of this Committee include the inspection of the decisions and functions of SARG, as well as of the progress of the work carried out through the programmes. The Committee has also the responsibility to assist the Senate and the Rector to develop and implement the University's research policy. The Committee is also responsible for communicating with researchers in order to increase their involvement in the framework of

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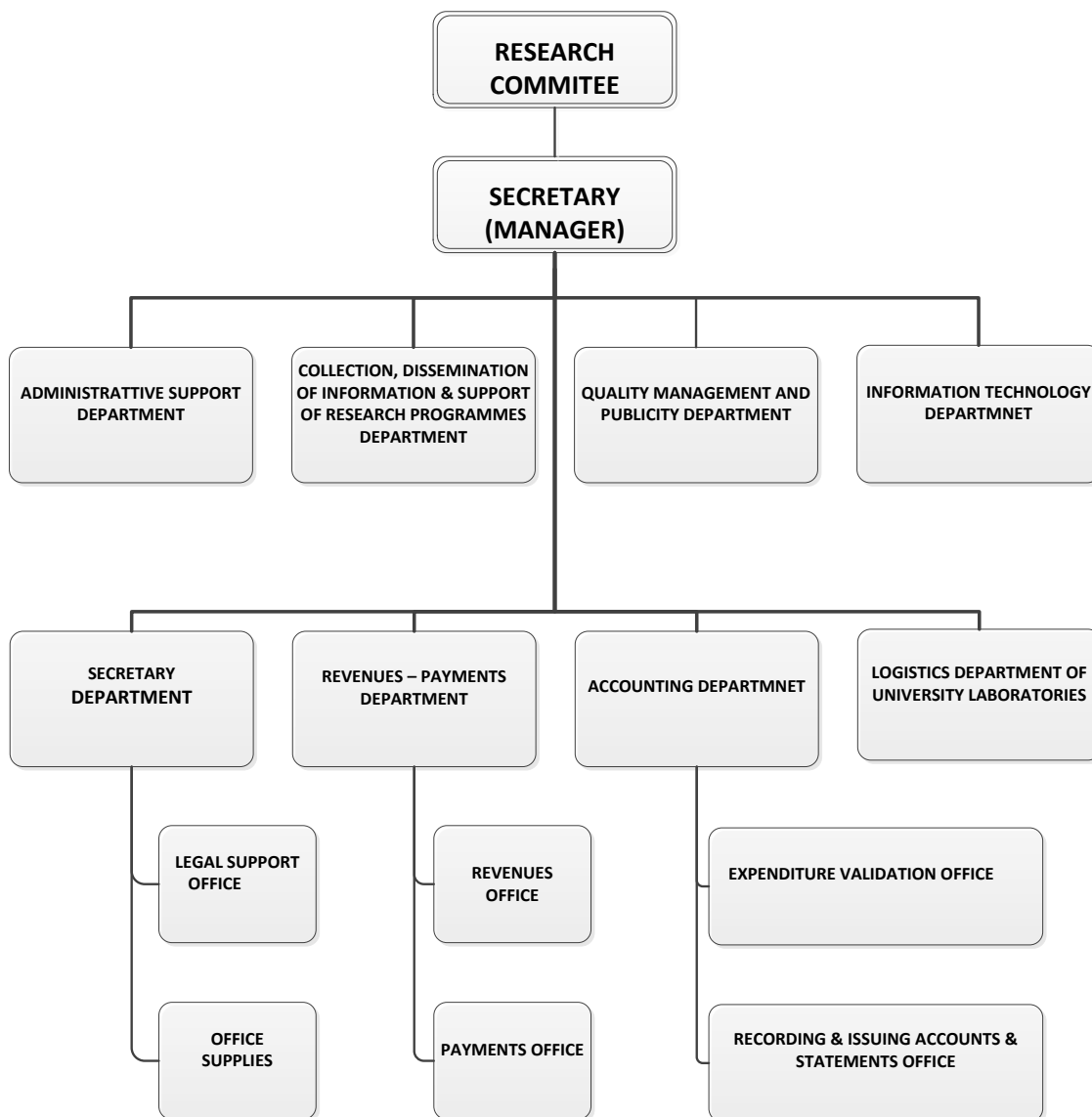
<sup>1</sup> SARG has been operating according to No KA/679/22.08.1996 (Government Gazette (GG) B' 826/10.09.1996) Joint Ministerial Decision made by the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Education and Religious Affairs, which was recursively ratified with Article 36 of law No 3794/2009 (GG 156 A'), and was modified with Article 36 of law No 3848/2009 (GG A' 71/2010).



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research programmes as well as to ensure the effectiveness of SARG' s operation for the benefit of research and of the overall operation of the Institution.

The Committee is assisted by the Research Committee Secretariat, which is in charge of the enforcement of the Committee decisions, as well as of the accounting and management of the Special Account. The Research Committee Secretariat is staffed with experienced personnel that specialises in research programme management. The organisational structure of SARG is shown in the following diagram.



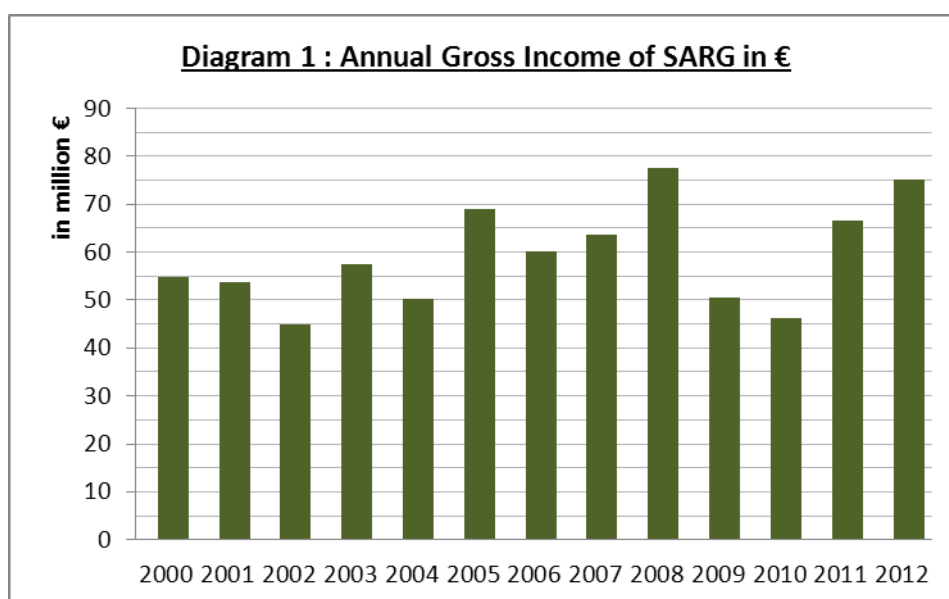


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According to the published balanced sheets, the annual gross income of SARG, pertaining to research projects, as well as to direct funding from 2000 to 2012, is shown in **Table 2** below, as well as in the **Diagram 1** that follows.

Table 2: Annual Gross Income of SARG in €

Year	Income in €
2000	54.905.316
2001	53.652.559
2002	45.009.563
2003	57.580.405
2004	50.207.592
2005	69.058.129
2006	60.178.379
2007	63.567.304
2008	77.411.512
2009	50.468.273
2010	46.262.490
2011	66.564.649
2012	75.077.089

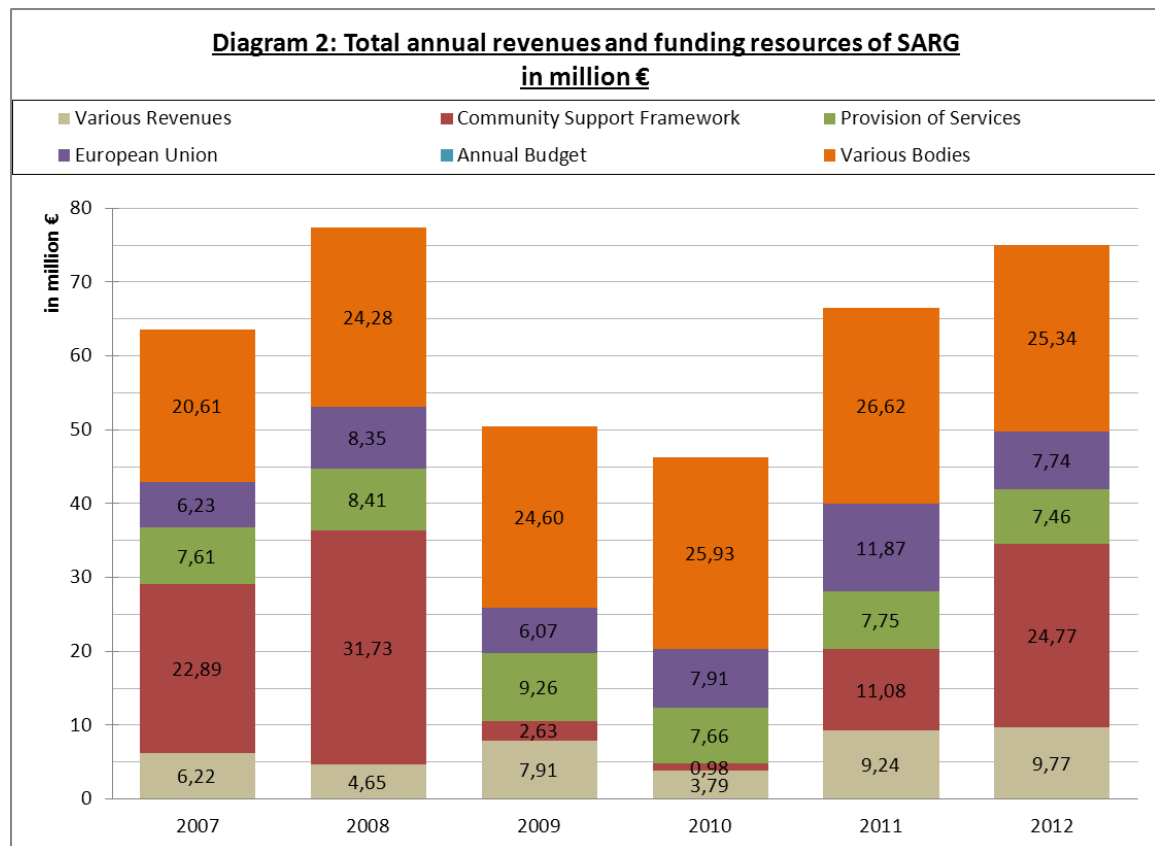




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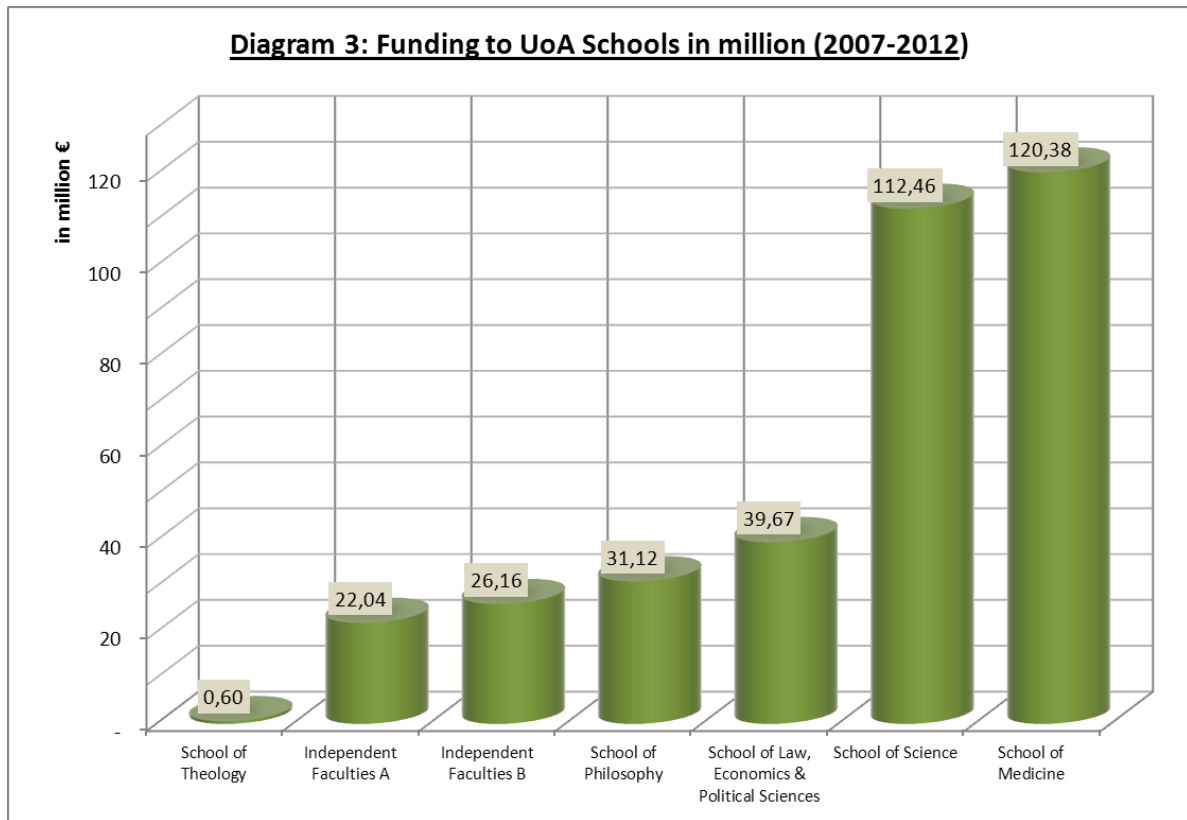
- Public and Private Bodies
- The European Union and other International Organisations (Structural and Competitive Programmes)
- Revenues from the services offered by the Institution's Laboratories, Clinics, et cetera
- Community taxes over the fringe benefits of Faculty members.



The **Diagram 2** above presents the total annual revenue of SARG per funding source from 2007 to 2012 in million euro, as well as the individual alteration of every source per year, in absolute values. Please note that there was no funding from the regular budget during the time period in question.



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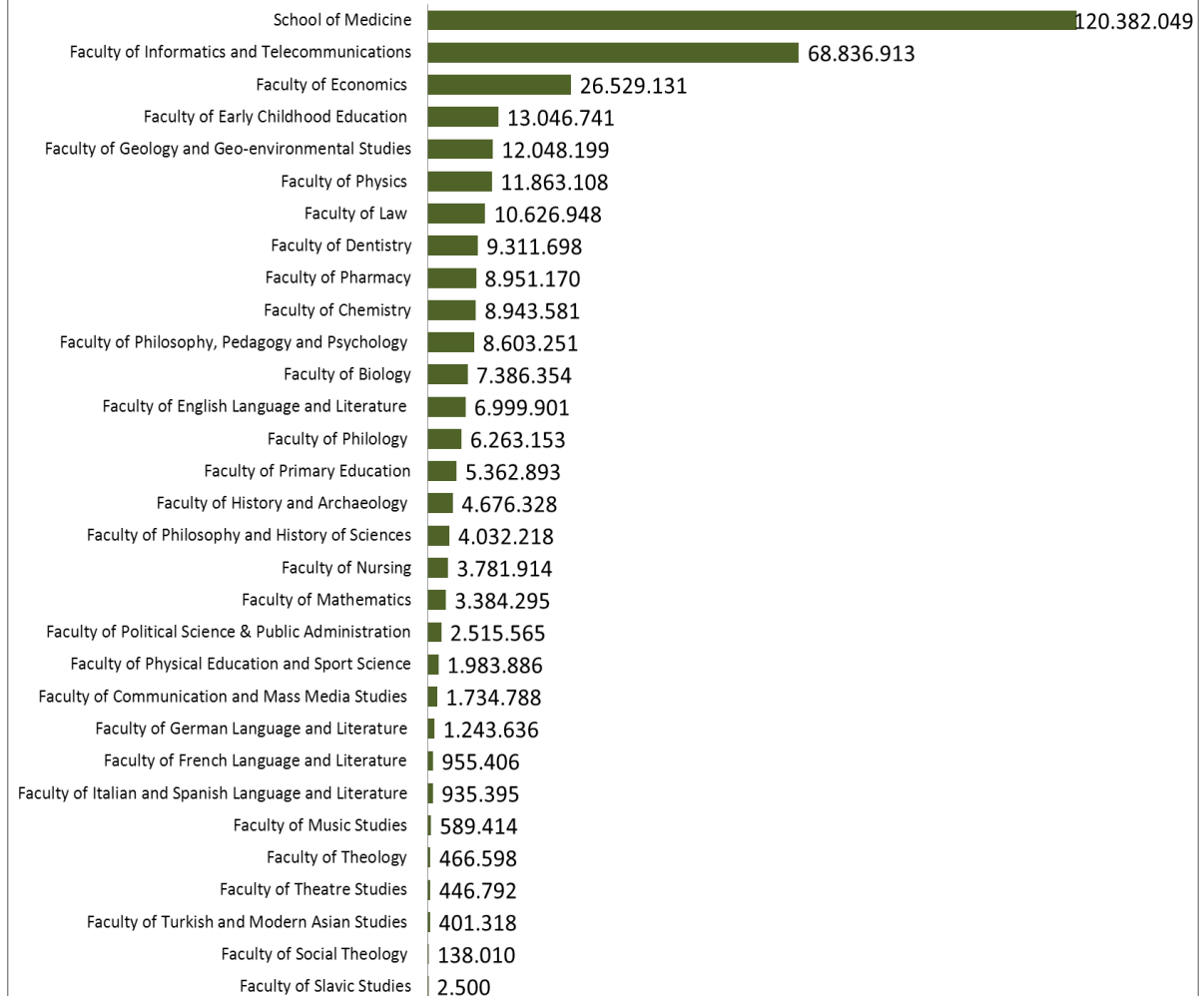


**Diagram 3** presents the total funding from all the programme categories of all the National and Kapodistrian University School from 2007 to 2012 in million euro. The Faculties which do not belong in any School – case A- are the Faculties of Dentistry, Pharmacy and Nursing while the Faculties of case B are the Faculties of Physical Education and Sport Science, Primary Education, Early Childhood Education, Communication and Mass Media Studies and Philosophy and History of Science.



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**Diagram 4: Research programme funding input per UoA Faculties from 2007 to 2012**



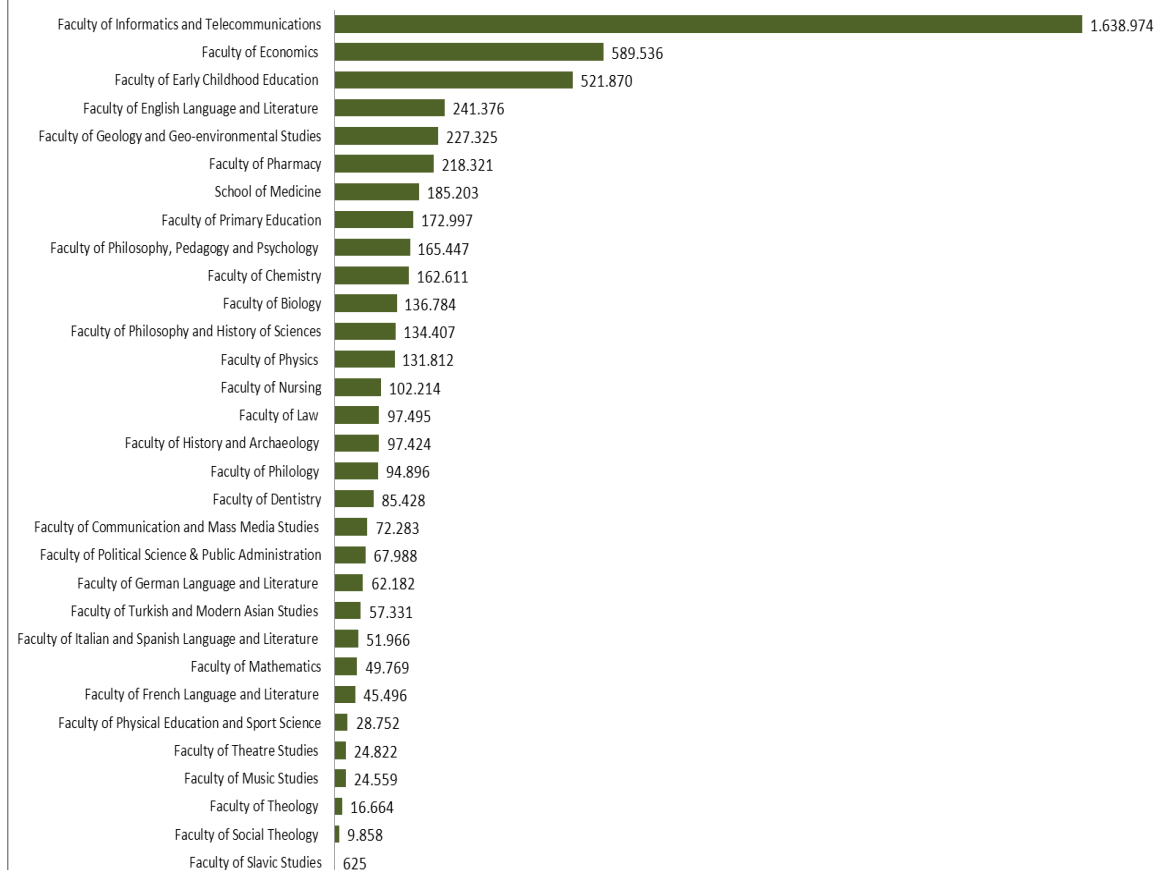
**Diagram 4** above presents the programme funding input at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens from 2007 to 2012, per Faculty.

**Diagram 5** below presents the funding input per Faculty member at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens from 2007 to 2012.

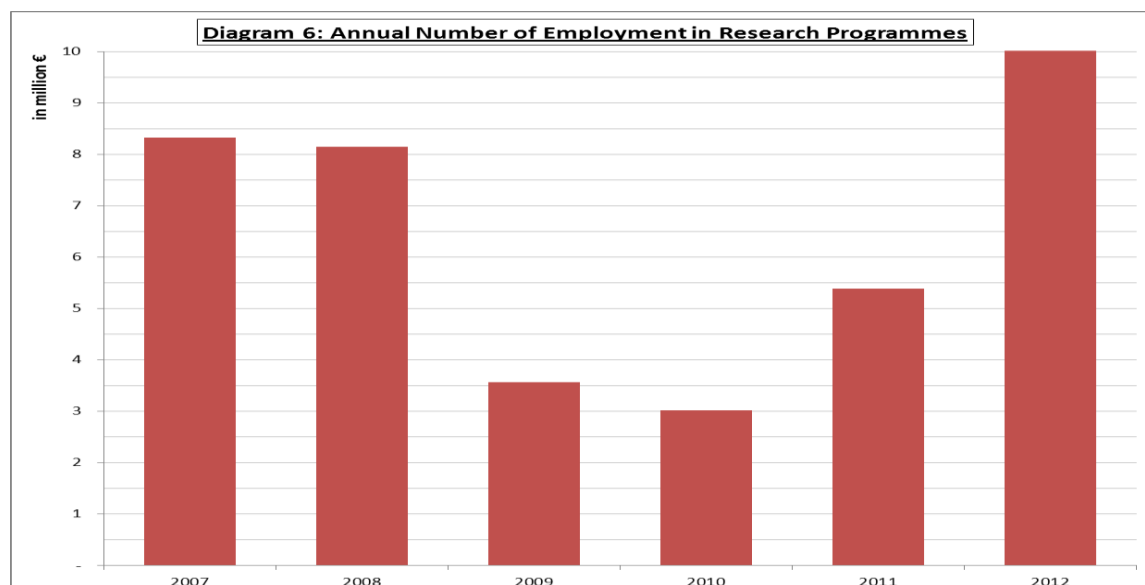


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**Diagram 5: Funding input per UoA Faculty Members from 2007 to 2012**



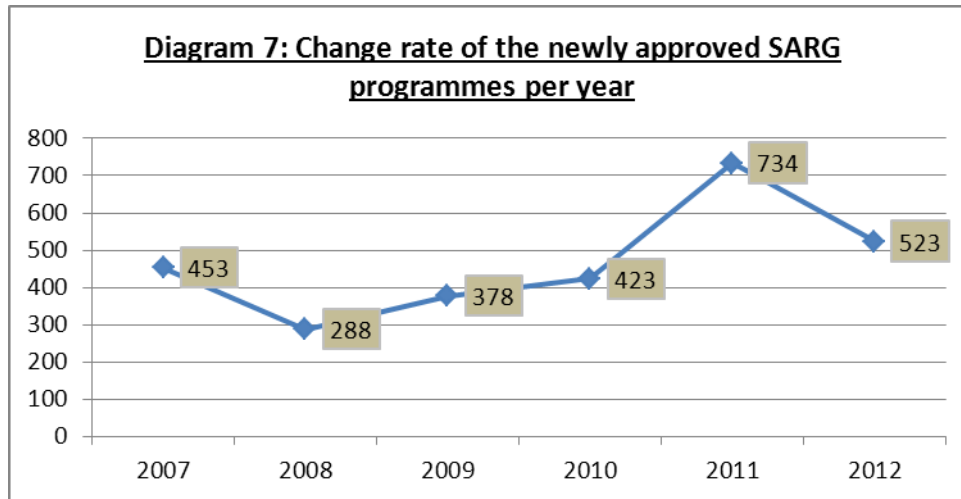
**Diagram 6** below presents the annual number of employment in research programmes within the framework of the programmes implementation from 2007 to 2012.





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**Diagram 7** below presents the change rate of the newly approved SARG programmes per year from 2007 to 2012.



Over the years, the Special Account for Research Grants managed more than 12.000 research programmes which are carried out by faculty members in a variety of fields. The projects in the Health Sciences, in the Applied and Social Sciences as well as Technology receive more funding than the projects in the Humanities and the Arts. Some of the funding comes from the European Social Fund.

The proper operation of SARG and the management of finances are monitored by Certified Accountants and the Court of Audit, which performs ex-post controls. Anyone who has legal or justified interest in SARG's operation, as for example funding bodies (such as the General Secretariat for Research and Technology, the European Union, the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, Sports and Culture) may conduct or seek to have inspection conducted.

The justification of expenses, within the framework of programme management implemented by the Special Account, is carried out according both to the Research Committee Management Instructions and to the standards of Greek legislation.

The list of the University of Athens associates includes Greek Universities and Technical Educational Institutes, national and international research and educational institutes, all of the major Greek companies, as well as Greek state organisations, like the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Development, Competitiveness and Shipping, the Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks, the Ministry for Health and Social Solidarity, the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, Sports and Culture, the Public Power Corporation, the Hellenic Telecommunications Organisation, et cetera. The co-operating Faculties and Laboratories are in charge of the





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management of major projects on behalf of the Greek public sector, as can be seen both in the completed projects and in the development of important co-operative bonds with several districts and Local Authorities.

## 2.2 Implementation and participation in major projects

The UoA has a large number of projects (as a contractor, as a co-operating body, or on behalf of other parties). It has also undertaken development and research projects as well as service projects to third parties.

Below are presented some indicative projects that the UoA implements during the period 2008-2014:

- of a total budget €125.000.000, within the framework of the **Operational Programmes for National Strategic Reference Framework (N.S.R.F.)**
- of a total budget €96.500.000 funded by the **European Commission**
- of a total budget €63.500.000 funded by the **Special Account for Research Grants** (UoA own funding)
- of a total budget €42.500.000 funded by **third parties** such as donations, financial aids etc.
- of a total budget €98.600.000 for **providing services in various sectors and institutions**. More specifically UoA has implemented projects of a total budget €2.000.000 funded by the Operational Programme N.S.R.F., projects of a total budget €921.500 funded by the European Commission and projects of a total budget €95.700.000 funded by other organizations.

Finally, the UoA has participated in and implemented within the framework of the Operational Programmes of the **3<sup>rd</sup> Community Support Framework** 672 development projects, of a total budget €173.670.175,04 during the period 2000-2008.