1. Aims of the preparation of the development plan

Development plan
- is the main document determining the development of the university
- gives a general background for the development of all fields
- includes taking strategic decisions of the university
- allows to prepare annual activity plans based on the structure as well as
- allows to effectively manage the university
- serves as an internal communication instrument (also during the preparation period)
- informs external target groups about the development trends of the university
- based on the described development trends, allows to successfully participate in
- competition based external financing programmes.

2. The preparation of the development plan is based on the aims stipulated in the University of Tartu Act:
- to be a universal integrated research, development, educational and cultural institution
- to advance science and culture
- to provide the possibilities for the acquisition of higher education based on the development of science and technology on the three levels of higher education in the field of the Humanities, social, medical and natural science
- to provide public services based on teaching, research and other creative activities
- to advance the sciences investigating Estonia and its people for the purpose of preservation and development of the Estonian language and culture, and education in Estonian
- to preserve national cultural heritage and provides the related services to the public
- to cooperate with other universities and the entire society by supporting the development of the Estonian society
- to create and develop possibilities based on integrated instruction and research for international cooperation and lifelong learning
- to help students become responsible citizens who are able to demonstrate initiative.

3. The development plan is based on the analysis of the internal and external environment of the university and the forecast changes.

4. Development plan preparation and strategic planning experiences of universities around the world, especially the universities of the Nordic Countries and the University of Helsinki shall be taken into consideration.

5. A 6-scaled approach shall be used, determining the role of the university (mission), aims (vision) and enablers (people, means, etc.) in the development of the university as an organisation, in the city of Tartu, in Estonia, in the Baltic Sea region, in the European Union and in the whole world.