

*Note that Regional Student Ombudsmen can examine complaints even though the first two steps did not occur, if:

- 1. They feel that these two steps are not likely to correct the situation adequately or the timeframe for processing the complaint during the preceding two steps makes their intervention pointless;
- **2.** The complaint concerns an act of sexual violence.

** Regional Student Ombudsmen have 20 working days to examine the complaint and draft the conclusions. The National Student Ombudsman has five working days to inform the Regional Student Ombudsman of whether he/she intends to examine the complaint. If the decision is made to examine the complaint, the National Student Ombudsman has 10 working days to finish examining it and, if he/she deems it deems it appropriate, the Regional Student Ombudsman's conclusions and recommendations are replaced by his/hers.