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Slovenian Quality Assurance Agency
for Higher Education

SUPPORTING INTERNATIONALISATION IN THE QA PROCESSES

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INTERNATIONALISATION AND QA

Why?

Common European values, strategies & policies, strengthening collaboration between different higher educational institutions, creating greater opportunities for research, learning and teaching, the global context and needs of the digital society, knowledge transfer, intercultural competences of students...

Impacts on:

- STUDENTS
- HIGHER EDUCATION TEACHERS
- HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEMS
- GLOBAL /EUROPEAN HIGHER EDUCATION AREA

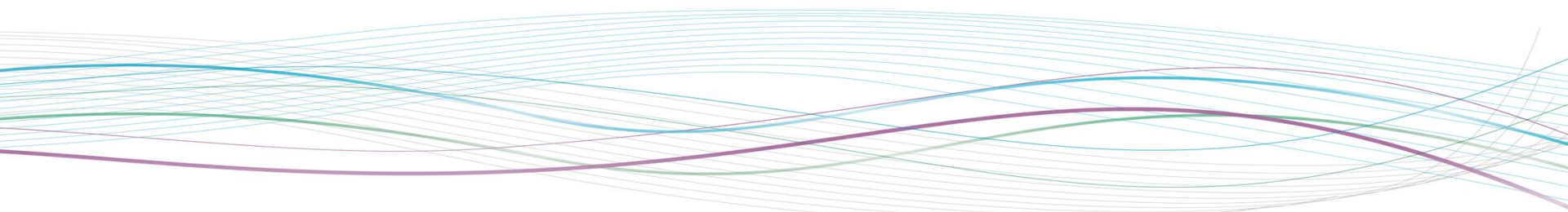
CRITERIA

for the accreditation and external evaluation of higher education institutions and study programmes

...The higher education institution shall successfully **fulfil** its **mission in the Slovenian and international higher education area...**

In the QA processes experts look at:

Forms of international cooperation, types of mobility programmes, number of exchanges for students and staff, the use of foreign literature, lectures in Slovene/English language



LANGUAGE AT THE HEIs

Higher education institutions can provide study programmes in a foreign language under the conditions laid down by their statutes

If a higher education institution provides a public service, the following may be provided in a foreign language:

- foreign-language **study programmes**
- **parts of study programmes** if visiting higher education teachers from other countries participate in the provision thereof or a large number of foreign students are enrolled therein,
- study programmes if such **programmes are also provided in Slovenian** at the higher education institution.

Some definitions...

- **International joint study programmes:** study programmes to obtain education which shall be adopted by the higher education institution and implemented together with another higher education institution or more higher education institutions from abroad
- **Consortium agreement:** written agreement, contract or other legal form regarding cooperation between higher education institutions which design, adopt and implement the international joint study programme
- **Transnational higher education (THE):** are all the forms and modes of higher education, in which the publicly-recognized study programme in whole or in part is carried out in a country other than the holder of a higher education study programme is based.
- **European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes:** defines standards that are based on the agreed tools of the EHEA, without applying additional national criteria
- **Standards And Procedures for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes in the EHEA** (Status, Joint design and delivery, Cooperation Agreement, Learning Outcomes, Study Programme, Admission and Recognition, Learning, Teaching and Assessment, Student Support, Resources, Transparency and Documentation, Quality Assurance)

CRITERIA

for International Cooperation in Higher Education

The purpose of these criteria is to ensure:

- **Appropriate quality** of international joint study programmes in accordance with the standards of quality defined in the criteria for accreditation and external evaluation of higher education institutions and study programmes and the European standards (ESG);
- **Equality** of the offered transnational higher education and the implemented transnational higher education: the implemented transnational higher education should be equal to the study programme or its part which was accredited or was recognized the public validity in the country of the registered office of the provider of transnational higher education;
- **Comparability** and quality of notified international joint study programmes

The Agency decides on:

- accreditations of international **joint study programmes**;
- The requirements for entry of **transnational higher education** to a public register,
- **notifications of international joints study programmes**

Transnational higher education

THE AGENCY MONITORS **CROSS-BORDER EDUCATION ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF TRANSNATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION** AND ASSESSES THE APPROPRIATENESS OF ITS CONTRACTS

The Agency defines the **criteria and conditions for the implementation of THE**, thus ensuring that the THE carried out by the THE provider is equivalent to the accredited or publicly recognized study programme in its home country.

In the case of THE there is no accreditation/evaluation procedure – only the assessment of the THE agreement

Transnational higher education may be implemented or organized based on the **THE agreement:**

- information about the programmes, obtained public documents, participating institutions and their roles in the cooperation in transnational higher education,
- relevant qualifications of the staff and adequate premises,
- internal quality assurance mechanisms,
- relevant records about the cooperation and implementation of THE,
- regular external evaluations.

Joint study programmes

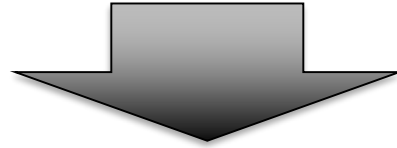
For joint study programmes that a higher education institution whose registered office is in Republic of Slovenia intends to implement with foreign higher education institutions accredited by agencies on the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education **list (EQAR)**, the first **accreditation procedure shall be carried out by one of the agencies on the EQAR list**. Such programmes **shall be notified to the Slovenian Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education**



EUROPEAN APPROACH

If joint study programmes that a higher education institution whose registered office is in Republic of Slovenia intends to implement with a foreign higher education institution **is not accredited by agencies on EQAR list**, the first accreditation procedure shall be **carried out by the Slovenian Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education**, and completed within five months of the completion of the application for accreditation.

Internationalisation of the Agency



Through its activities in European and international quality **networks and associations** (in management bodies and working groups), **international projects and bilateral partnerships**, the Agency brings knowledge and practices to the Slovenian higher education area, thus contributing to the **strengthening of quality culture** and ensuring the **comparability of the Slovenian Higher Education Area with the European one.**

The Agency is a member of:

- [European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education \(EQAR\)](#)
- [European Consortium for Higher Education Accreditation \(ECA\)](#)
- [European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education \(ENQA\)](#)
- [Central and Eastern European Network of Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education \(CEENQA\)](#)
- [International Association of Quality Assurance Agencies \(INQAAHE\)](#)

The Agency adopted the **Strategy for International Cooperation**

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