

# Involvement of stakeholders in external QA: examples from Estonia

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# Stakeholders (*students, employers...*) are involved in....

- ✓ evaluation committees (HE, VET)
- ✓ working groups when developing new evaluation procedures and
- ✓ trainings for potential future experts
- ✓ Quality Assessment Councils for HE and VET
- ✓ ...

# Presentation of evaluation results & roundtable with different stakeholders in **teacher training & educational science (2017)**

- University of Tartu and Tallinn University had passed quality assessment of study programme group of Teacher Training & Education Science in 2016 *(both SPGs together included over 50 programmes at BA and MA level)*

*Expert report here: [http://ekka.archimedes.ee/wp-content/uploads/Assessment\\_Report\\_Teacher\\_training\\_final.pdf](http://ekka.archimedes.ee/wp-content/uploads/Assessment_Report_Teacher_training_final.pdf)*

- EKKA, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Research, initiated a roundtable to share the evaluation results with a wider public and generate further discussion about the challenges and opportunities in this field between different stakeholders in society

# Roundtable in Teacher Training in April 2017

## Participants:

Tallinn University

University of Tartu

Cultural Affairs Committee of the Estonian Parliament

Estonian Teachers' Union

Estonian Education Personnel Union

Estonian Association of School Directors

The Working Group of the Estonian Lifelong Learning Strategy

The Estonian Association for Advancement of Vocational Education

Eesti Alushariduse Juhtide Ühendus

Qualifications Authority

Estonian Union of Student Associations

Estonian Union of Parents

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## Agenda of the meeting

- 1) Welcome and intro (Vice-Chancellor for General and Higher Education, Ministry of Education and Research)
- 2) General overview of quality assessment of study programme groups in HE (Director of EKKA)
- 3) Presentation of evaluation results: main strengths and areas of improvement *(two panel members: the Chair of expert panel and member of the Estonian Teachers' Union)*
- 4) Comments on the evaluation results and activities relates to suggestions of expert panels *(representatives of Tallinn University and University of Tartu)*
- 5) *Questions & discussion*

# Presentation of evaluation results & roundtable with different stakeholders in **aviation (2018)**

- By March 2018 the Estonian Aviation Academy had passed all evaluations (institutional accreditation, quality assessment of two study programme groups, initial assessment...)
- In March 2018 EKKA, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Ministry of the Interior (which is the responsible ministry for aviation) organised a meeting to bring together various stakeholders in aviation
- **Purpose of the meeting** was to introduce the results of different evaluations EKKA has conducted by looking at them in a larger context, discussion about developments and next steps in the aviation education, needs of the labour market, etc.

# Roundtable of aviation in March 2018

## Participants:

- Estonian Aviation Academy
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
- Civil Aviation Administration
- state and private aviation companies
- Union of Estonian Student Associations
- Qualifications Authority
- Two members of the evaluation committee of the Academy (local employer representative and the chair of the panel from France)

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# Student Quality Network

- Was initiated by EKKA in collaboration with the Estonian Union of Student Associations 2 years ago (includes only students from HEIs)
- **Purpose of the network:**
  - increase the awareness of students about their role and possibilities to impact the quality of teaching and learning in HE
  - offer a platform for collaboration in order to analyse and discuss various current issues/topics, share practices and find solutions together
  - become active agents of change in one's own institution
  - train student experts in external QA so they can participate in evaluations if possible (both in Estonia and abroad)
  - better collaboration among university student associations and the Estonian Union of Student Associations
- Those wishing to become members need to **apply for membership** by sending their CV and motivation letter
- Network **meets about 2-3 times a year**
- EKKA staff members are also engaged in the activities of the network

Information about the network on EKKA website: <http://ekka.archimedes.ee/en/student-quality-network/>



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