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(HEA)

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# The legal framework for QA in BiH:

1. Framework Law on HE in BiH (FLHE) ("Official Gazette of BiH", No. 59/07, 59/09),
2. laws and bylaws documents of the Agency (HEA BiH) aligned with ESG
3. documnets of Competent Educational Authorities in BiH (CEAs) aligned with FHLE and HEA documents

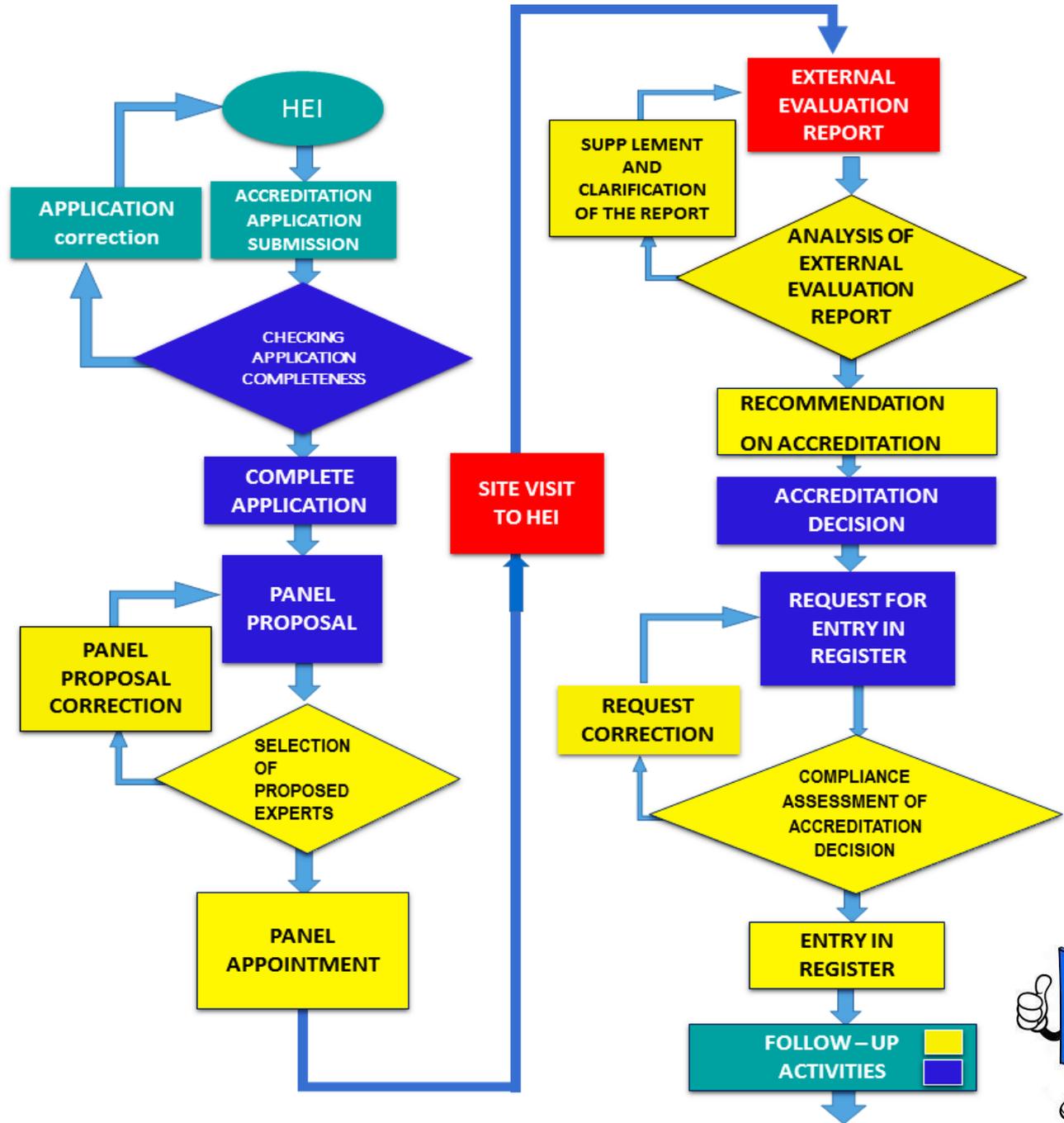


## 12 CEAs



# Process of accreditations

*vertical shared of responsibilities between HEA and CEAs*



HEIs

CEAs

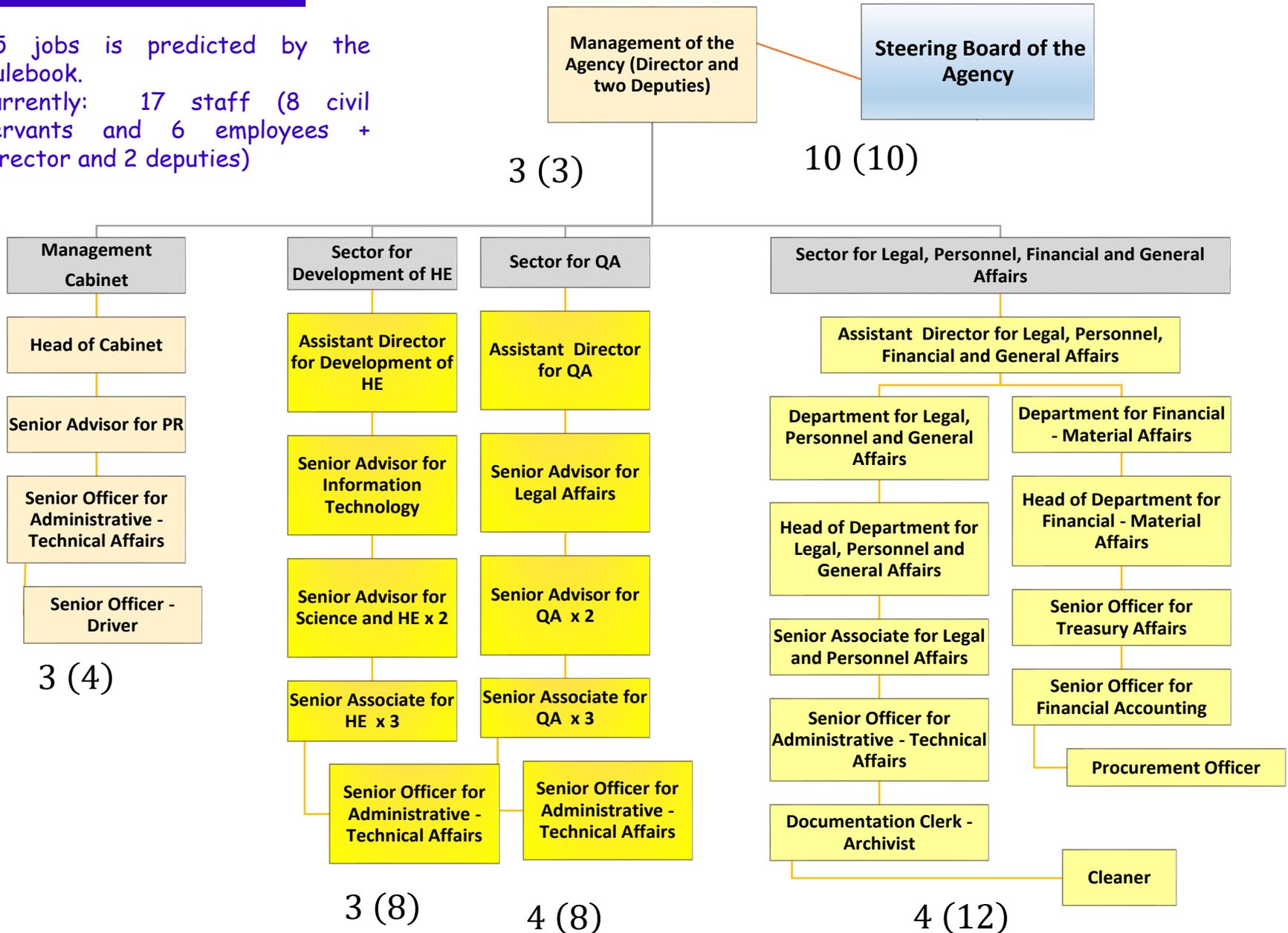
EXPERT PANEL

Agency HEA BiH



# Organisational structure

- 35 jobs is predicted by the Rulebook.
- currently: 17 staff (8 civil servants and 6 employees + director and 2 deputies)



# Main activities of HEA

## Main activities defined by Framework Law on HE in BiH:

- *Adopting criteria for accreditation HEIs and SPs*
- *Adopting decision on norms of minimum standards in higher education in BiH*
- *Selection of experts for accreditation HEIs and SPs*
- *Training of experts for accreditation HEIs and SPs*
- *Appointment of committees of experts*
- *Issuing recommendations on accreditation*
- *The rating compliance decision on the accreditation and entering of HEIs in the State Register of accredited HEIs in BiH*
- *Giving advice and information to stakeholders*
- *Setting quality standards, quality analyses, give recommendations for removal of shortcomings in the quality of studies and HEIs;*
- *Represent BiH in international organisations for quality in higher education;*
- *Giving advice on work and development policy to the CEAs*

## The jurisdiction of the SB of the Agency is determined by the Statute of the Agency in detail:

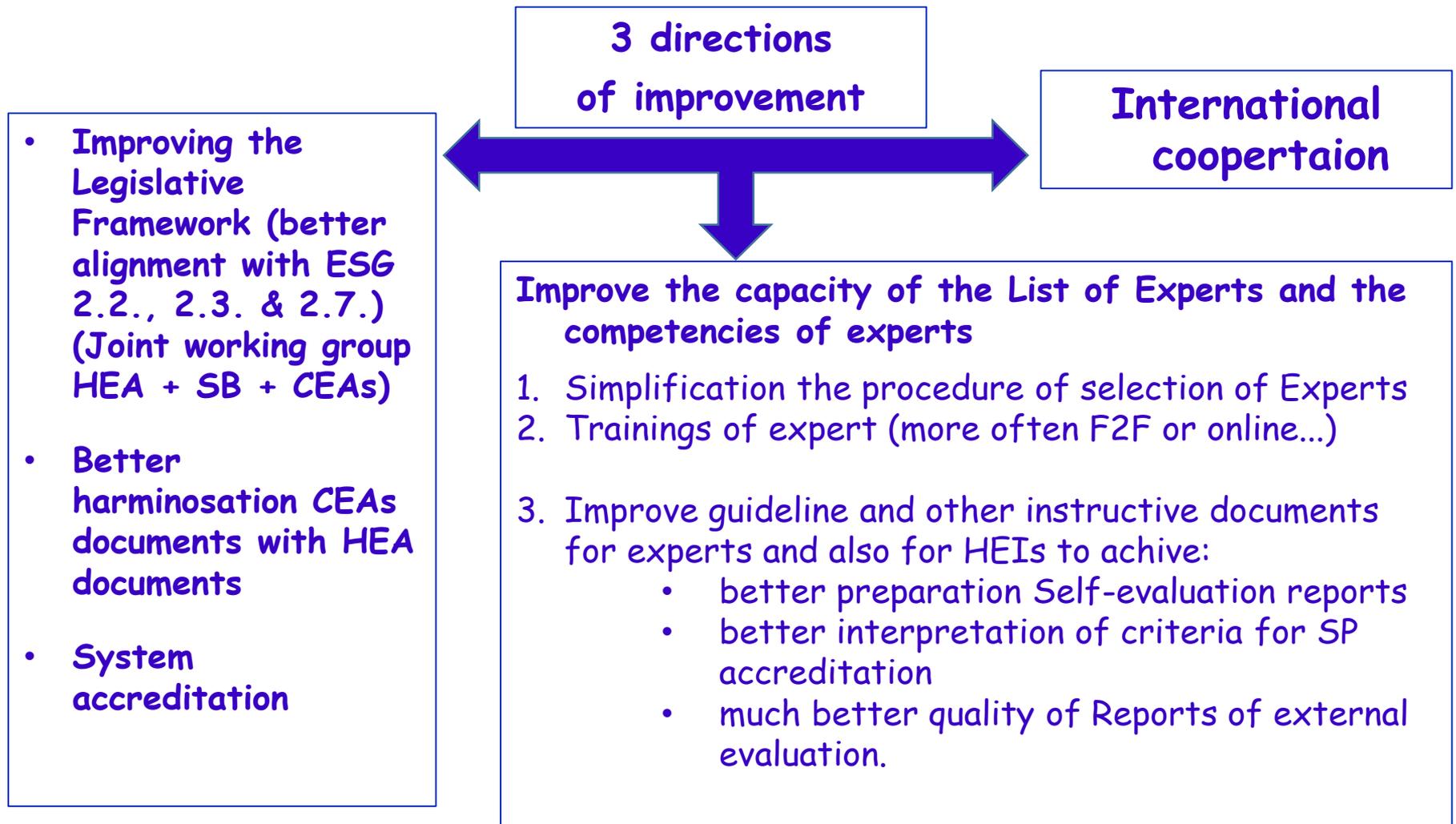
- a) adopts the Statute of the Agency and submits it for approval to the Council of Ministers of BiH;
- b) approves the regulations proposed by the Agency of its competence in the development of higher education and quality assurance, as defined in Articles 6 and 7 of this Statute;
- c) ensures that the Agency's work shall be in accordance with the responsibilities set out in the FLHE in BiH;
- d) ensures that the Agency's work shall be in accordance with the policy of priorities of the CM and the PA BiH in the reform of higher education in BiH,
- e) adopts the Agency Work Program for the period of the next calendar year, no later than 31<sup>st</sup> January of the current year, which regulates in detail the activities, jobs and funding of the Agency;
- f) monitors the implementation of the Agency Work Program;
- g) rules on appeals against the decision on annulment of accreditation;
- h) determines the types of services provided by the Agency and reimbursement of the amount of compensation for services rendered;
- i) before 31<sup>st</sup> March each year adopts the report on the work of the Agency in the previous year to be submitted to the CM BiH;
- j) delivers an annual written report to the PA BiH on its work;
- k) performs other duties in accordance with the FLHE and the Statute.

## Current number of accredited HEIs and SPs in BiH

currently:

- 45 licensed HEIs in BiH (10 public and 35 private) (27 universities and 18 colleges).
- The number of SP at accredited HEIs in BiH is 2109
- 34 HEIs and 66 study programs are in the State Register of Accredited HEIs BiH.
- 34 higher education institutions on the List of accredited HEIs in BiH (available: [http://hea.gov.ba/akreditacija\\_vsu/Default.aspx](http://hea.gov.ba/akreditacija_vsu/Default.aspx) )

# How to improve current situation in QA in HE in BiH?



Thank you  
for your  
attention !

