





- ► The Kosovo Accreditation Agency (KAA) is a state agency of the Republic of Kosovo, and it was founded in 2008.
- ▶ Since then, the KAA has been serving as the sole External Quality Assurance and Accreditation Body regulating the higher education market in Kosovo.
- ► The KAA primary responsibilities are:
 - ► Accreditation of Public and Private Higher Education Institutions;
 - Accreditation of new Higher Education Institutions and their programs;
 - ▶ Accreditation of new programs at accredited Higher Education Institutions;
 - ▶ Continuous monitoring of Quality at accredited Higher Education Institutions.





- ► KAA has successfully completed all foreseen accreditation procedures in Kosovo within the calendar year 2022
 - 11 institutional accreditation
 - ▶ 124 programme accreditation
- ▶ All programmes that were evaluated in 2022 have already been issued accreditation decisions based the State Council of Quality's decision (KAA Accreditation Board).
- ► The main bodies composing the KAA are:
 - ► The Kosovo Accreditation Agency (Administrative and Implementing Office);
 - ► State Council of Quality (Decision and Policy Making Body)
 - ► Appeals Committee (Appeal review body)





- ► Internal processes:
 - ▶ Monitoring and Post-Accreditation Procedures, processes that has been foreseen for a time now, have been established and starting the academic year 2022/23 implemented.
 - ▶ Piloting for the academic year 2022/23 for a variety of different monitoring types.
 - ► Kosovo Subject Area Code, Internal Project
 - Expanding on the ESAC in order to better cover the codes for interdisciplinary and new fields.





Projects:

- ► **TAIEX Grant**, a European Union program dedicated to assistance and support for the institutions with Euro-integration aspirations.
 - ▶ Supported via the Croatian Accreditation Agency
- ▶ **US Embassy in Kosovo**, Guidelines for student engagement in internal and external quality assurance of Kosovo Higher Education
 - ▶ Creation of student manual for HEIs to stimulate student involvement and engagement
- ► Twinning with AQ Austria, HERAS+ Project, capacity building projects to address recommendations provided by ENQA.
- ▶ **Digitalization**, QAINT Project, part of the digitalization of the KAA by creating more intuitive and user-friendly web-platforms
 - ▶ Both projects are financed via the Austrian Development Agency (ADA)

KAA in 2022



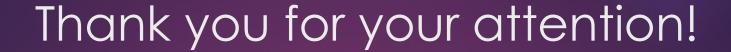
- ► Cooperations and Memberships:
 - **EQAR Visit to Kosovo,** June 2022
 - ▶ ENQA Affiliate Membership, Regained in September 2022
- ▶ Promoting partnerships with the regional agencies:
 - ▶ Meetings have been held with the accreditation agencies in Albania, North Macedonia, and Montenegro.
 - ▶ A regional conference is planned for 2023 with more agencies from the Western Balkan countries to establish further cooperation.





- Digitalization
 - Creating platform for the accreditation applications, academic staff declarations, and other utilities.
- ► Law on the Kosovo Accreditation Agency
 - Currently under review in the Education Committee of the Kosovo Assembly

24 November 2022





Any questions?



Flamur Abazaj

Kosovo Accreditation Agency Address: Student's Center, 2nd floor 10000 Prishtina, Republic of Kosovo

Tel: +383 38 212762

Email: Flamur.abazaj@rks-gov.net Website: https://akreditimi.rks-gov.net/