Higher Education Quality Assurance in Ukraine

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Higher Education in Ukraine in Figures

• 381 state-funded (+75 subdivisions), 23 municipal (+1) and 140 private Universities (+51). More than 1200 HEIs in total
• 1,4 mln students including about 25,000 of PhD and Doctoral students (56% contract-base form of study and 44% state budget form of study)
• About 76,000 foreign students in Ukraine
• About 77,000 Ukrainian students studying abroad
• Graduates (44% social, economic and humanities; 16% engineers; 8% medical workers, 7% teachers, 6% transport workers, 4% natural sciences, the others)
NAQA mandate

• Accreditation of study programs (bachelor, master, PhD)
• Accreditation of thesis defense committees
• Accreditation of independent agencies
• Institutional accreditation of higher education institutions (HEIs)
• Development of university rankings
• Compliance with academic integrity
• Other activities (Annual Report on the State of Higher Education in Ukraine, development of education policy regulations, agreeing HE standards etc)
2014 - the Law on Higher Education –
NAQA as independent public non-profit organization

2015 - the first personal NAQA composition –
no official start

2017 – the Law on Education –
improved procedure of NAQA members election

December 2018 - the new personal NAQA composition
February 2019 - NAQA official start of work

Today – requirements for QA and transparency; implementation of the HE state policy; addressing modern challenges
MISSION
to become a catalyst for changes in HE in Ukraine to create quality culture

VALUES
• PARTNERSHIP
• TRUST
• INDEPENDENCE
• PROFESSIONALISM
• INNOVATION
• ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
• TRANSPERENCY
NAQA

(23 elected members)

Secretariat
(about 60 people)

Trainers (45)

Accreditation Experts
(more than 4000)

Subject Area Councils
(29+1)

Subject Area Councils members (400)
NAQA Membership

The International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE) – full membership since February 2020

The Central and Eastern European Network of Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education, CEENQA – full membership since June 2020

The European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education, ENQA – affiliate status since June 2020

The International Center for Academic Integrity (ICAI) – membership since June 2020
Accreditation of Study Programme

- Regulation on Study Programme Accreditation
- 10 criteria aligned to ESG-2015
- 4 grades (A,B,E,F)
- Accreditation process in brief: Self-Assessment – Expert Panel site-visit and report – Verification by Subject area council – Validation by NAQA
- Expert panel - three experts including student expert
- Subject area council includes employer and student representatives
- NAQA includes 2 students and 3 employers representatives
- October 2019-February 2020: 400 regular accreditations
NAQA Response to covid-19: Online accreditations

• On March 12, 2020 and March 26, 2020 - orders to cancel site-visits to HEIs during covid-19 quarantine
• March 18, 2020 provisional accreditation procedure adopted
• It is based on the following principles: temporary measures; full expertize including all meetings with stakeholders and evaluation of all accreditation criteria; no face-to-face contacts, all interviews should be done using videoconferencing and other IT tools only.
• March 2020- March 2021: more then 1100 online accreditations
• ENQA collection of cases, ENQA anniversary publication, EQAF presentation - https://en.naqa.gov.ua/?p=910
NAQA Final Decisions (1500 in total):
A - 3.3%
B - 68.9%
E - 25.4%
F - 2.3%

www.public.naqa.gov.ua
Cross Border QA

• Ukrainian HEI may choose a suitable EQAR-registered agency included into the order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine (dated July 10, 2019 No. 554-p) – details https://www.eqar.eu/kb/country-information/country/?id=181

• Only **final decision on accreditation** of study programme by relevant foreign agency is equivalent to the accreditation by NAQA (Chapter V of Regulations on Accreditation of Study Programme in Higher Education) – details https://en.naqa.gov.ua/?page_id=472

• 35 Ukrainian study programmes are accredited by HCERES (France), ZEvA (Germany), AIC (Latvia) – details https://en.naqa.gov.ua/?cat=6
Thank you for your attention!

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