Higher Education

Quality Assurance in Wartime

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NAQA is the only accreditation agency in Ukraine responsible for higher education quality assurance and academic integrity issues.

Legislatively established in 2014 and officially launched in January 2019.

NAQA is a network of about 5000 people: 23 NAQA members, 65 Secretariat employees, 350 subject area experts, 4000+ accreditation experts, trainers who are located across the whole Ukraine including Bucha, Irpin, Hostomel, Kharkiv, Kherson, Melitopol, Berdyansk, and so on.
NAQA BEFORE THE WAR (January 2019 – January 2022)

QA system launching
4000+ experts training
4000+ study programmes accreditation
SAR piloting and reporting on HE QA
Compliance with ESG
Ukrainian higher education faces new reality:

- Daily alarms, bombing, missile attacks and strikes in the most regions of Ukraine
- Within almost five months 2138 educational institutions are damaged and 221 are totally destroyed
- Teaching and studying in bomb shelters
- Hundreds of thousands of teachers and students are forced to relocate to the Western regions of Ukraine and abroad
- Abductions, tortures and murders of Ukrainian researchers, educators and students by rushists
- Replaced Universities

February 24, 2022 – new unprecedented challenges due to Russian war aggression
NAQA at the war
(February 24, 2022 - ongoing)
On March 16, 2022 The Cabinet of Ministers issued a Resolution:

1. Certificates that were valid on February 24, 2022 last until July 1 of the year following the year of termination or abolition of martial law in Ukraine

2. NAQA is empowered to hold accreditations remotely

3. NAQA is empowered to grant conditional (one year) accreditation without or with partial conducting of accreditation expertise free of charge
Since February 24, 2022

- 529 Study Programmes – Self-Assessment Reports are submitted
- 87 – Expert Panels Reports submitted
- 370 – Subject Area Councils Reports
- 431 – NAQA’s Final Decisions
- 622 – Conditional Accreditation Due to the State of War
- 825 – HEIS Requests Actioned
Supportive Communication with HEIs

Informing the Society on the War Consequences for HE

Initiating and Managing Projects

- Consultations on accreditation, internal QA, resuming study process
- Establishing consultative panels to support HEIs

- Collecting and publishing information on the consequences of the war for HE through the official website, social media, appeals etc.
- Networking

- Searching for funding projects and initiatives to support HE QA in Ukraine (NAQA IT system, analysis of HE state, HEIs internal QA)
- International experts involvement
Self-Assessment and compliance with ESG

• Working at Self-Assessment Report
• National Action Plan
• Compliance with ESG even during wartime

Proceeding accreditation to the possible extent

• Acting according to the Cabinet of Ministers Resolution
• Finalizing the ongoing procedures
• Adjusting evaluation and external QA to the wartime conditions
The consultancy and supportive functions of the QA Agencies and Networks are of the great importance in emergency times.

QA should demonstrate flexibility and adoptability in the emergency situation.

- Consistent and sustainable QA during wartime
- Proceeding accreditations to the possible extent
- Compliance with ESG

Supportive communication is a key during wartime
- Platform for best practices and supportive networking
Thank you for your attention!