National Accreditation Bureau for Higher Education

Prague, Czech Republic
Development

Accreditation Commission (1990s-2016)

2016 Amendment of Higher Education Act

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Brief history of QAAs in the Czech Republic

- Accreditation Commission (ACCR)
  - Statements to the ministry
  - Permanent working groups

- 2016 amendment of Higher Education Act
  - Establishment of NAB
  - Shift of decision-making authority away from the ministry
  - QA as primary responsibility of HEIs
  - Institutional accreditation
External Quality Assurance System

Accreditation
- Institutional accreditation
- Programme accreditation

Evaluation
- External evaluation
- Audit

Corrective measures
- Suspension of self-accreditation rights/revocation of accreditation
- Suspension of admission/revocation of accreditation
External Quality Assurance System

• 37 fields of study

• Application-based compulsory ex-ante programme accreditation model

• Application-based institutional accreditation is voluntary

• Evaluation of quality of HEI’s activities

• Audit of compliance with legal regulations

• Sanctions can be applied in case of serious deficiencies
Structure of NAB

- Executive Board
  - Appeals Committee
  - Office
    - Pool of Evaluators
      - Evaluation Committees
Structure of NAB

- Executive body: Board of 15 members
  - Chair, 2 vice-chairs
  - 12 members including a student representative
  - Nominated by stakeholders and ministry, appointed by the government

- Appeals body: Appeals committee

- Advisory bodies: Evaluation Committees
  - Pool of experts organized into 37 fields of study
  - Committees of typically 5 members including a chair and a student

- Specialized and administrative support: Office of 11 staff members
  - Department of the ministry
  - Director
  - Quality assurance and evaluation unit + Accreditation unit
Competences of NAB

- Decision on institutional accreditation
  - Granted to 13 institutions
- Decision on accreditation of study programmes
  - Almost 1,000 applications yearly
- Decision on accreditation of fields of proceedings towards appointment of professors
- Evaluation of quality
  - 5 evaluations initiated to date
- Audit of compliance with legal regulations
  - 9 audits completed to date
- Enforcement of sanctions
Internationalization of NAB

• Affiliate of ENQA

• Member of CEENQA

• Involvement in SEQA-ESG Erasmus+ project coordinated by ENQA

• Participation in Thematic Peer Group C on QA of the BICG

• QA system in the Czech Republic is recognized as comparable by the US National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA)

• Host of 2018 ECA Autumn meeting
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