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INTRODUCING STAR AND ITS ACTIVITIES

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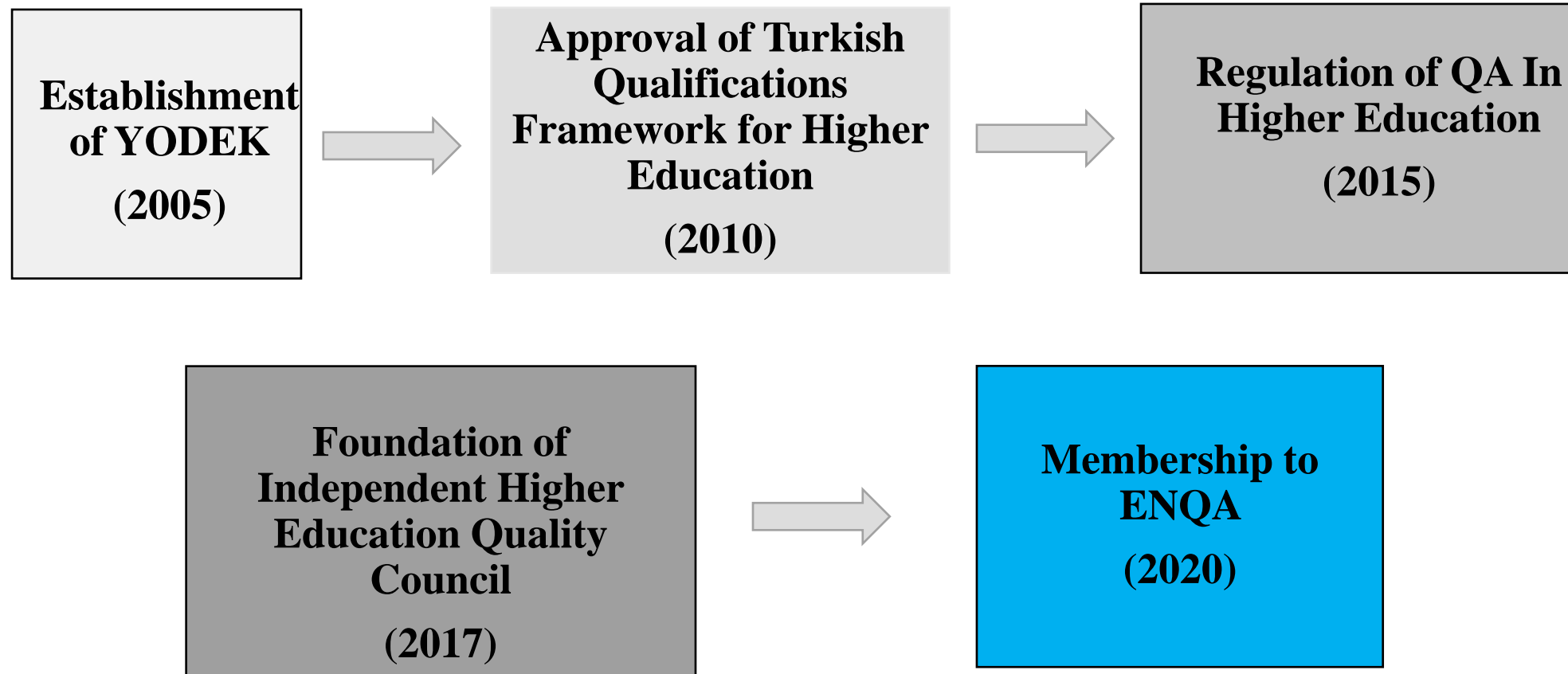
1. LANDSCAPE OF HIGHER EDUCATION AREA IN TURKEY

1.1 HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL AND UNIVERSITIS

- ▶ **Higher Education Council (YOK) was established in 1981. All HEIs were merged under 27 Universities.**
- ▶ **Currently, 208 Universities: 129 Public, 75 Foundation and 4 Vocational (2023)**
- ▶ **183,314 Academic Staff (180 thousand and more)**
 - ▶ 76% PhD and above
 - ▶ 24% Lower than PhD.
- ▶ **6,95 million Students (about 7 million)**
 - ▶ 38% Associate Degrees
 - ▶ 54% B.Sc. Degrees
 - ▶ 6% MSc Degrees
 - ▶ 2% Ph.D. Degrees
- ▶ **Student/Faculty Ratio**
 - ▶ $6,950,142/183,314 = 38$ students per faculty
- ▶ **Massification, Shortages of Academic Staff.**

1. LANDSCAPE OF HIGHER EDUCATION AREA IN TURKEY

1.2 Land Marks of Quality Assurance Development (THEQC)



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- ❖ YODEK in 2005, QA in HE 2015, THEQC in 2017 – Independent Organization
- ❖ Its Mission is:
 1. Institutional external evaluation of higher education institutions
 2. Authorization of quality assurance agencies for program reviews (national and international QAAs)
 3. Internalize and disseminate quality assurance culture in HEIs
- ❖ Authorization / Recognition process includes
 - ❖ Compliance with national and international standards (particularly with ESG)
 - ❖ Implementation of output oriented accreditation approach
(LOs assessment, graduates feedback, etc.)
- ❖ Currently 22 National and 13 International QAAs are authorized to carry out program accreditations.

1. LANDSCAPE OF HIGHER EDUCATION AREA IN TURKEY

Authorization and Recognition of Accreditation Organizations

- Since 2016, Institutional External Evaluations carried out by THEQC
- Every HEI is obliged to be reviewed institutionally by THEQC
- Program accreditations are not compulsory, however there are incentives for program accreditation
- For the last 3 years, 53 Universities went through the institutional evaluations of THEQC (2020-11, 2021 -12, and 2022 -30)
- <https://yokak.gov.tr/hakkinda>



1. LANDSCAPE OF HIGHER EDUCATION AREA IN TURKEY

1.2 Land Marks of Quality Assurance Development (THEQC)

List of National QAAs

1. MÜDEK
2. TEPDAD
3. FEDEK
4. VEDEK
5. EPDAD
6. ILEDAK
7. SABAK
8. TURAK
9. ECZAKDER
10. MIAK
11. STAR
12. SPORAK
13. DEDAK
14. HEPDAK
15. DEPAD
16. PEMDER
17. IAA
18. ZİDEK
19. PDR
20. TAPLAK
21. ETMK
22. TPD



List of International QAAs

1. FIBAA
2. AQAS
3. AACSB
4. IACBE
5. AHPGS
6. AABI
7. ASIIN
8. ACEN
9. EAEVE
10. IAAR
11. ACQUIN
12. ABET
13. EAQUALS

Note: Full names of QAAs are available on the Web page of THEQC: <https://yokak.gov.tr/>

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF STAR – LEGAL STATUS

- STAR was established as a non-profit (January 13, 2020).
- Its aim is to review and accredit undergraduate programs in Social Sciences, Humanities, and Basic Sciences in Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.
- * Reviewed by THEQC twice (8.7.2020 and 8.7.2022), and authorized until 8.8.2024.

* **Mission**

To contribute to achieving excellence in student education through evidence-based accreditation that supports continuous improvement.

* **Vision**

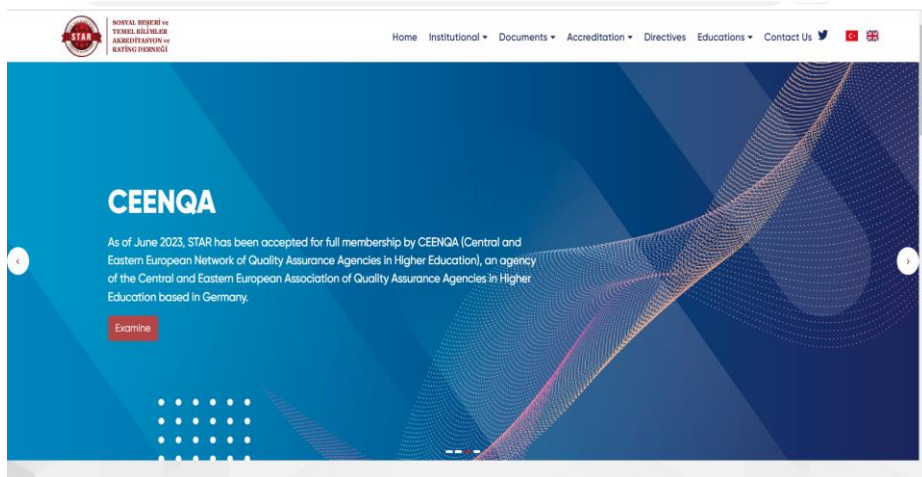
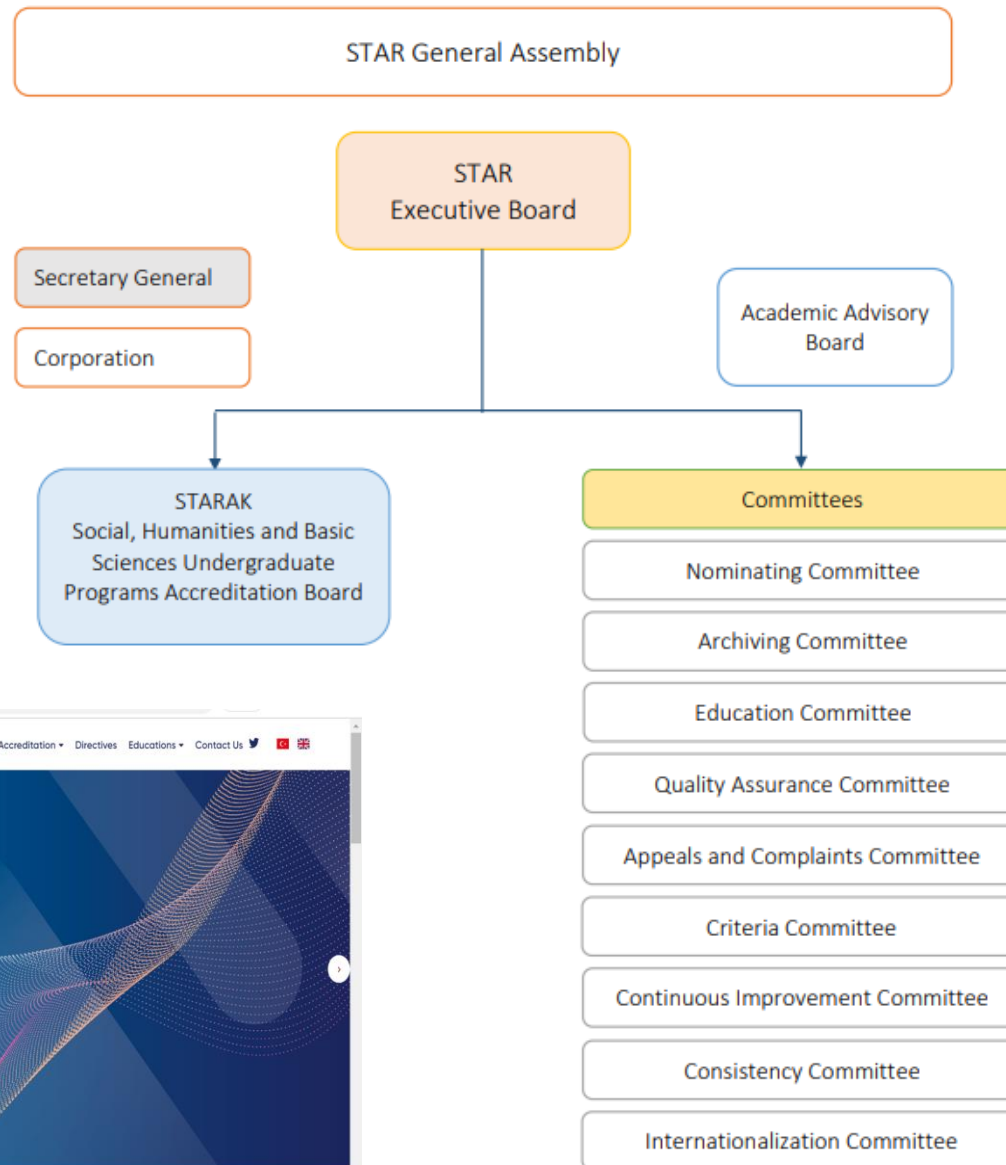
Excellence in education of Social, Humanities and Basic Sciences.

* **Values**

Service Orientation, Continuous Learning, Value Creation, Developing Collaborations, Ethical Behavior, Transparency and Accountability

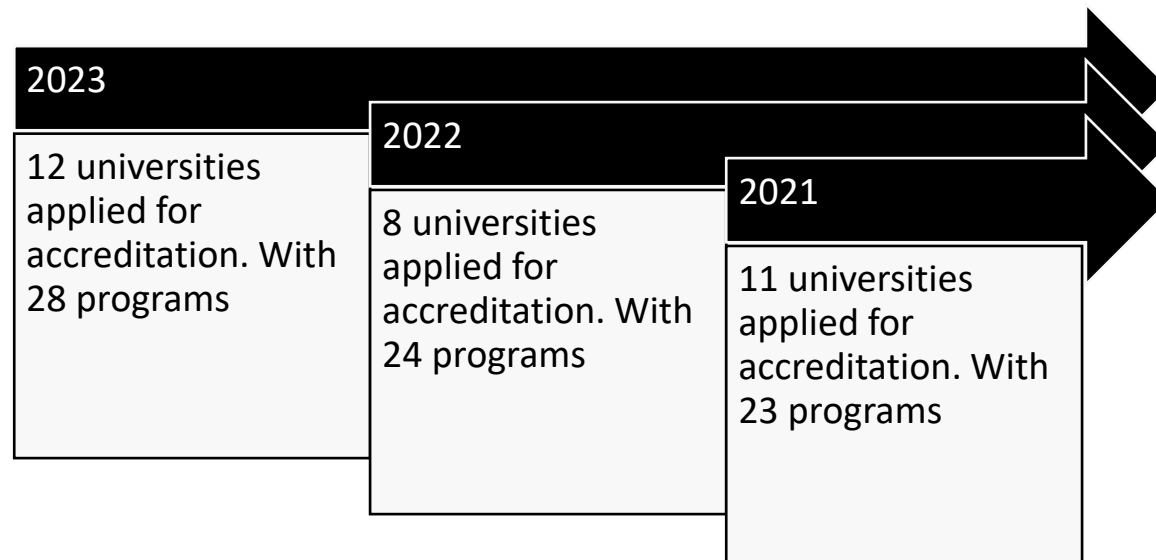
- * **Strategic Plan** (<https://www.star.org.tr/documents/strategic-plan>)

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF STAR – LEGAL STATUS



3. ACTIVITIES OF STAR – TRAININGS AND REVIEWS

- STAR received its first program review application in 2021.
- **Review Applications to STAR:**



A total of 75 programs from 31 Universities

Out of 75 programs, 14 programs' reviews are completed
6 programs are given 5 years and others 2-3 years accreditation.

3. ACTIVITIES OF STAR – TRAININGS AND REVIEWS

Trainings and Workshops

- Training reviewers: Academic Staff, Students
- Workshops: SER Writing, Other Workshops (Deans' Meeting)

Year	Training Reviewers		SER WS	Other WS
	Academics	Students		
2020	2	2	-	6
2021	2	2	2	2
2022	1	1	2	4
2023	7	2	2	-
TOTAL	12	7	6	12



* Currently in the Reviewers' Pool, STAR has 39 Academic Staff and 5 student experts. Names of reviewers are listed on the webpage of STAR.

4. INTERNATIONALIZATION EFFORTS

- STAR became a member of CEENQA (3.06.2023, Astana-Kazakhstan).
<https://www.ceenqa.org/members/full-members/turkey/>

- STAR signed Cooperation Agreements with a number of QAAs:

1. IKCA - Independent Kazakhstani Center of Accreditation



2. NCPA - The National Centre for Public Accreditation



3. FIBAA - Foundation for International Business Administration Accreditation



4. HEA - Agency for Development of Higher Education and Quality Assurance
of Bosnia and Herzegovina



- STAR is organizing an International Conference on ESG – 4.10.2023

5. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ESG

❖ International Conference on ESG and its Uses to QAAs and HEIs - 4.10.2023 – **(ONLINE)**

❖ **Participants and their topics:**

- **Anna Gover (ENQA): Overview of ESG and its Revision**

- **Daine Freiberger (FIBAA): ESG – Part 1**

- **Iring Wasser (ASIIN): ESG – Part 2**

- **Ronny Heintze (AQAS): ESG – Part 3**

- **Robert Redhammer (SAAHE):**

Lessons Learned: ENQA Review and SEQA ESG Project 1.



**Thank you all for listening
and
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<https://www.star.org.tr>



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