

Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education

The Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education is a newly established public institution whose task is to perform external quality assurance activities in higher education institutions (HEI) primarily in Slovakia. It was established by Act No. 269/2018 Coll. (the Quality Assurance Act) as a legal entity based in Bratislava and started its work in 2019.

The main mission of the Agency is to contribute to the improvement of the quality of higher education following the European Standards for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ESG 2015). The Agency provides a mirror of quality to higher education institutions and decides on the granting of accreditations following the law and the given Standards. The Agency replaced the role of the Accreditation Commission, an advisory body of the Government of the Slovak Republic in evaluating applications of higher education institutions, and it also takes over the decision-making authority of the Minister of Education, Science, Research and Sports of the Slovak Republic. The Agency is thus an independent, public institution that has autonomous decision-making powers in the field of external quality assurance in higher education.

As for its size, the Agency is a fairly small one employing altogether 20 people; all of them, however, are dedicated to their work and the mission of the Agency.

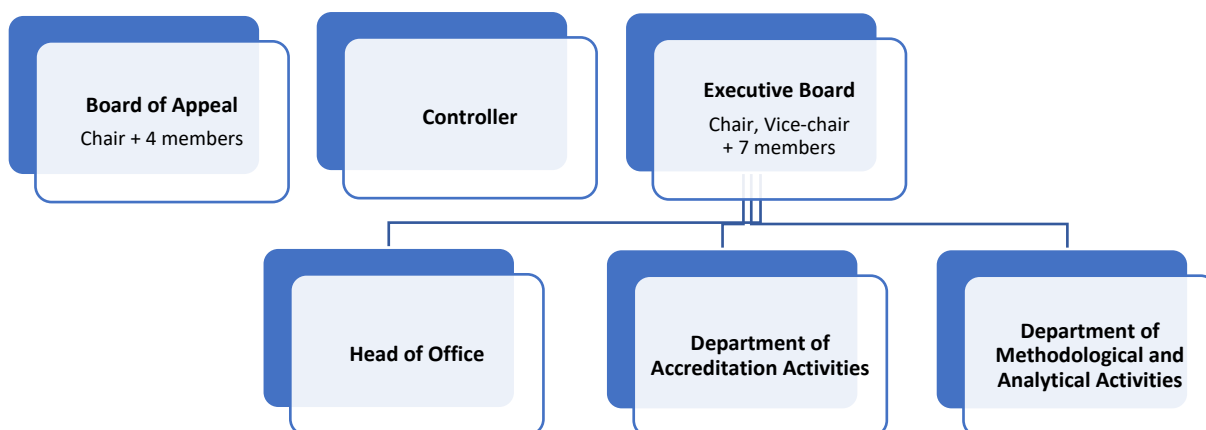


Fig. 1 The organisational structure of the Agency