

# **The SAAHE Action plan of the priorities for 2022 with a view to 2023**

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The SAAHE Action plan of the priorities for 2022 with a view to 2023 (hereinafter referred to as the "Action Plan") indicates the main areas of tasks of the Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Agency") over the standard and established procedures within the meaning of Act no. 269/2018 Coll. on Quality Assurance Act and amending Act no. 343/2015 Coll. on public procurement and the amendment of certain acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), in particular preparation for the review of the compliance of internal quality assurance systems of higher education institutions and preparation for the review of the compliance of the Agency's activities with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG).

The action plan follows up on the tasks defined by the law, as well as the tasks set out in the National Action Plan for External Quality Assurance of Higher Education Institutions in the Slovak Republic, developed in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Science, Research, and Sports of the Slovak Republic. The priority tasks for 2022 are:

1. Evaluation of accreditations of study programmes applied by higher education institutions in March 2021 with the following outputs
  - a. Thematic analysis of the most frequent or most serious problems of higher education institutions indicated in the evaluation reports that go beyond the individual assessment and can serve as a source of useful information for other universities, central authorities, and the wider public;
  - b. Experiences from the accreditation process to inform Agency's self-assessment report for improving the Agency's practices.  
Deadline: 1st quarter 2022
2. Preparation for the Agency evaluation, in particular the preparation of the SAAHE self-evaluation report and other documents necessary for the external review of the compliance of its activities with ESG ENQA International Panel in the context of the application for ENQA membership and EQAR registration.  
Deadline: 2nd quarter 2022
3. Preparation for the review of the compliance of the internal quality assurance systems of higher education institutions with the standards, in particular the preparation and specification of guidelines for higher education institutions, IT interfaces for the submission of applications, selection and mentoring of reviewers for review panel, expert the Agency's staff capacity and internal procedures.  
Deadline: 3rd quarter 2022
4. Organisation of a meeting of accreditation agencies "V4 Forum".  
Deadline: 3rd quarter 2022
5. Implementation of compliance assessments of internal quality assurance systems of higher education institutions with standards (§ 24 of the Act et seq.).  
Deadline: 2023

Specific tasks and measures will be continuously elaborated and monitored in the operational plans work of the Agency. This plan may be supplemented or modified by a resolution of the Agency's Executive Board.

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