

Action Plan in the form of priorities for 2022 with a view to 2023

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The SAAHE Action Plan in the form of priorities for 2022 with a view to 2023 (hereinafter referred to as “the Action Plan”) indicates the main tasks of the Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education (hereinafter referred to as “the Agency”) beyond standard and established procedures according to Act No 269/2018 on quality assurance of higher education and amending Act No 343/2015 on public procurement and amending certain acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the Act), in particular preparation for assessing the compliance of internal quality assurance systems of higher education and preparing for reviewing 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 the tasks set out by law, as well as the tasks set out in the National Action Plan in the field of external quality assurance of universities in the Slovak Republic, prepared in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Science of Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic. The priority tasks for 2022 are:

1. Evaluation of the accreditations of study programmes requested by universities in March 2021 with the following outcomes
 - a. Thematic analysis of the most frequent or major problems of higher education institutions identified in the assessment reports, which go beyond the individual assessment and can serve as a source of useful information for other universities, central government authorities and the wider public;
 - b. Experience from the accreditation process to feed into the Agency’s self-assessment report to improve the Agency’s procedures.

Deadline: Q1 2022

2. Preparation for the evaluation of the Agency, in particular the preparation of the SAAHE self-assessment report and other background for the external assessment of the consistency of its activities with the ESG of the ENQA International Panel in relation to applying for ENQA membership and enrolling in EQAR.

Deadline: Q2 2022

3. Preparation for reviewing the compliance of internal quality assurance systems of higher education institutions with standards, in particular the preparation and refinement of guidelines for higher education institutions, IT interfaces for application, selection and mentoring of reviewers to review panels, the Agency’s professional staff capacities and internal procedures.

Deadline: Q3 2022

4. Organizing a meeting of the accreditation agencies “V4 Forum”.

Deadline: Q3 2022

5. Implementation of the assessment of compliance of internal quality assurance systems of higher education institutions with standards (Section 24 of the Act et seq.).

Deadline: 2023

The specific tasks and measures will be continuously developed and monitored in the operational work plans of the Agency. This plan may be supplemented or modified by a resolution of the Agency’s Executive Board.

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