**A list of legal entities whose evaluation reports are automatically accepted by the Agency for the purpose of assessing the compliance of the internal system and its implementation with the Standards for the Internal System (hereinafter referred to as "internal system evaluation"):**

**THE LIST IS OPEN.**

**Number of legal entities on the list: 0**

This list is maintained by the Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education (hereinafter referred to as "the Agency") according to Section 4(2)(c)(2) of Act No 269/2018 Coll. on Quality Assurance in Higher Education and on Amendment and Supplementation of Act No 343/2015 Coll. on Public Procurement and on Amendment and Supplementation of Certain Acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "the Act on Quality Assurance"). In maintaining this list, the Agency follows the Quality Assurance Act and also takes into account the **Key Considerations for Cross-Border Quality Assurance of the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR)** [[1]](#footnote-1) (hereinafter referred to as the EQAR Considerations).

A legal entity may be included in the list if it is registered in the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education or is a member of the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education and is also suitable, in accordance with the EQAR Considerations, to carry out external quality assurance in higher education, respecting, in particular, the requirements of the Quality Assurance Act in relation to the subsequent adoption of the relevant decisions by the national regulator, which is the Agency.

If a higher education institution is considering applying an evaluation report for the purpose of the mandatory assessment of the compliance of the internal system and its implementation with the Standards for the Internal System from a legal entity that is not included in the list, it is recommended to contact the Agency.

The automatic recognition of a legal entity's evaluation report from the list is subject to compliance with the requirements of the Quality Assurance Act and other related regulations:

1. The evaluation report in accordance with § 21(5) of the Quality Assurance Act is based on an expert assessment of the documents, information obtained by visiting the HEI, available data, and consultations with interested persons,
2. in accordance with § 21(5) of the Quality Assurance Act, the evaluation report sets out the facts on which its conclusions are based,
3. the evaluation report sets out, in accordance with § 21(5) of the Quality Assurance Act, the process followed in evaluating that evidence,
4. the evaluation report evaluates, in accordance with § 21(5) of the Quality Assurance Act, the degree of fulfilment of the individual **Standards for the Internal Quality Assurance System for Higher Education** (hereinafter referred to as the 'Standards for the Internal System'), and in this evaluation, in accordance with § 24(9) of the Quality Assurance Act, this evaluation takes into account the fulfilment of the **Standards for Study Programme** and, if the higher education institution has been granted accreditation of the habilitation proceeding or accreditation of the inauguration proceeding, it also takes into account the fulfilment of the **Standards for the Habilitation Proceedings and the Inauguration Proceedings,**
5. the evaluation report shall indicate the identified shortcomings in accordance with § 21(5) of the Quality Assurance Act,
6. the evaluation report contains recommendations for the HEI (participant) in accordance with § 21(5) of the Quality Assurance Act,
7. the evaluation report contains a decision proposal in accordance with § 21(5) and § 25(1) of the Quality Assurance Act, stating whether or not the internal system and its implementation is in compliance with the Standards for the Internal System and specifying the study fields (according to the Decree of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic No. 244/2019 Coll. on the System of study fields of the Slovak Republic, as amended) and the degrees in which the HEI is entitled to design, implement and modify study programmes; whereas in the case where the decision proposal states that the internal system and its implementation do not comply with the Standards for the Internal System, the evaluation report contains a proposal for corrective measures pursuant to § 25(2) of the Act on Quality Assurance to be imposed on the HEI (§ 26 et seq. of the Act on Quality Assurance),
8. the names and surnames of the persons who prepared the evaluation report, in accordance with § 21(5) of the Quality Assurance Act, are indicated in the evaluation report,
9. the evaluation report is delivered in accordance with § 24(6) of the Quality Assurance Act within a time limit set by the Agency in agreement with the HEI and the relevant legal entity,
10. the evaluation report is delivered to the Agency in the Slovak language.
1. [Key Considerations for Cross-Border Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area](https://www.eqar.eu/assets/uploads/2018/04/key-considerations-for-cross-border-quality-assurance-in-the-ehea.pdf) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)