

## **Conference Program**

# **Six years of Quality Assurance in Higher Education According to the ESG in Slovakia**

**November 21-22, 2024**

**Bratislava**

Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education is pleased to invite you to the evaluation conference „Six Years of Quality Assurance in Higher Education According to the ESG in Slovakia” which will be held on November 21-22, 2024, in Bratislava.

Over the past six years, European principles of quality assurance in higher education have been successfully implemented in Slovakia. As part of the conference program, we will not only review these significant changes, but also outline the next steps and new challenges in this area.

The conference is intended for representatives of higher education institutions and other individuals interested in the quality of higher education, particularly teachers, students, employers, and other professionals.

## Program

### Day 1: November 21, 2024

Venue: **Business & Congress Hotel Saffron, Radlinského 27, Bratislava**

<b>09:00 – 10:00</b>	<b>Registration of participants</b>
<b>10:00 – 10:20</b>	<b>Opening of the Conference and Speeches by Guests</b> <i>Robert Redhammer</i> , Chair of the Executive Board of SAAHE <i>Tomáš Drucker</i> , Minister of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic <i>Vladimír Hiadlovský</i> , President of Slovak Rectors' Conference <i>Martin Putala</i> , Chair of the Council of Higher Education Institutions <i>Miroslav Malinovský</i> , Acting Chair of the Student Council for Higher Education
<b>10:20 – 12:00</b>	<b>European Trends in Quality Assurance in Higher Education and Slovakia (in English)</b> <i>European Trends in Quality Assurance in Higher Education</i> <i>Douglas Blackstock</i> , President of ENQA <i>Doctoral Schools and Their Accreditations</i> <i>Valéria Csépe</i> , President of MAB, Hungary <i>Good Practice: The Path to Success and Strengthening the Position of Universities</i> <i>Agnieszka Dardzińska-Głębocka</i> , PKA, Poland <i>Quality Assurance in Higher Education in Slovakia in the Context of International Standards (EQAR, ENQA, WFME, INQAHE)</i> <i>Robert Redhammer</i> , Chair of Executive Board, SAAHE
<b>12:00 – 13:00</b>	<b>Lunch and Refreshment</b>
<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	<b>Six years of Experience in Implementing Quality Assurance in Slovakia and Its Future Perspectives – I.</b> <i>Transformation of Accreditations into Systematic Quality Assurance in Higher Education</i> <i>Robert Redhammer</i> , Chair of the Executive Board, SAAHE <i>Experiences with New Approaches to External Quality Assurance in Higher Education in Slovakia</i> <i>Andrea Zacharová</i> , Head of Accreditation Department, SAAHE
<b>14:30 – 15:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>15:00 – 16:30</b>	<b>Six years of Experience in Implementing Quality Assurance in Slovakia and Its Future Perspectives – II.</b> <i>Preliminary Findings from Initial Institutional Accreditation</i> <i>René Matlovič</i> , Vice-Chair of the Executive Board, SAAHE <i>Current National Policies in Higher Education</i> <i>Robert Zsembera</i> , State Secretary, Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic <i>Discussion</i>
<b>16:40</b>	<b>Reception</b>



## Day 2: November 22, 2024

Venue: **Auditorium of Academic Bella, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Slovak University of Technology, Ul Imricha Karvaša 2, Bratislava**

<b>08:30 – 09:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>09:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>Stakeholders Perspective on Implementing Systematic Quality Assurance – Experiences from Recent Years in Slovakia – Panel Discussion, chair: Mgr. Art. Bálint Lovász</b>  Dr.h.c. prof. Ing. <i>Tatiana Čorejová</i> , PhD., chair and panel member EQA prof. RNDr. <i>František Petrovič</i> , PhD., MBA, vice-chair of the Deans Club, dean of the Faculty of Natural Sciences UKF Nitra doc. Ing. <i>Lukáš Šoltés</i> , PhD., vice-chair of the Council of Higher Education Institutions SR Ing. <i>Paula Höhrová</i> , vice-chair of the Student Council of Higher Education Institutions PaedDr. <i>Lucia Lednárová Dítětová</i> , MBA, representing employers' associations, panel member EQA SAAHE
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:00 – 12:30</b>	<b>Practical Experiences of Higher Education Institutions in Implementing Internal quality assurance Systems - I.</b>
11:00 – 11:15	<b><i>Quality assurance– the key to strategic changes at HEIs</i></b> doc. Ing. <i>Klaudia Halászová</i> , PhD. – rector, SPU v Nitre Ing. <i>Barbora Čakovská</i> , PhD. – director of QA office, SPU v Nitre
11:15 - 11:30	<b><i>Three causes of formalism in internal QA or when the accreditation agency reflects your true picture</i></b> prof. Ing. <i>Ján Závadský</i> , PhD. – vice-rector for quality and accreditation, UMB Banská Bystrica, PhDr. <i>Zuzana Osvaldová</i> , PhD. – Manager for quality and support of Quality Council of UMB Banská Bystrica
11:30 – 11:45	<b><i>Implementing an internal quality assurance system in light of the university's mission – a practical perspective</i></b> Dr. habil. PaedDr. <i>Melinda Nagy</i> , PhD. – vice-rector for accreditation and QA, UJS Komárno
11:45 – 12:00	<b><i>Specifics of implementing an internal quality assurance system at a state university</i></b> brig. gen. Ing. <i>Aurel Sabó</i> , PhD. – rector, AOS Liptovský Mikuláš
12:00 – 12:15	<b><i>Challenges and benefits of evaluations by multiple external accreditation bodies</i></b> doc. In. Mgr. <i>Zuzana Juhászová</i> , PhD. – vice-rector for education EUBA Bratislava

12:15 – 12:30	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch and refreshment</b>
<b>13:30 – 15:00</b>	<b>Practical Experiences of Higher Education Institutions in Implementing Internal quality assurance Systems – II.</b>
13:30 – 13:45	<b><i>Student – basic building block of quality at Comenius University in Bratislava</i></b> doc. RNDr. <i>Eva Viglašová</i> , PhD. – vice-rector for education and social affairs, UK Bratislava
13:45 – 14:00	<b><i>Student-Centered Learning should represent a revolution for Bc. degree,</i></b> doc. <i>Samuel Abrahám</i> , PhD. – rector, BISLA Bratislava
14:00 – 14:15	<b><i>Self-evaluation report of UKF – tool for internal control and strategic planning</i></b> prof. PaedDr. <i>Jana Duchovičová</i> , PhD. – vice-rector for education, UKF Nitra
14:15 – 14:30	<b><i>Self-evaluation report – reflecting the truth</i></b> doc. Ing. <i>Mikuláš Bittera</i> , PhD. – bursar, STU Bratislava
14:30 – 14:45	<b><i>Publication, information processing and creation of own information system</i></b> prof. Ing. <i>Ivo Petráš</i> , DrSc. – vice-rector for science, research, and doctoral studies, TUKE Košice
<b>15:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>Summarising discussion</b>
<b>15:30</b>	<b>Conference Conclusion</b>

Participation in the conference is free of charge.

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