SLOVAK ACCREDITATION AGENCY
FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Plan of Thematic Analyses and Reports of SAAHE for the Years 2026–2027

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The Executive Board of the Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Executive Board") approved this ***Plan of Thematic Analyses and Reports of the Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education for the years 2026–2027*** on 9 July 2026.

1. Context and priorities

In accordance with Act No. 269/2018 Coll., the Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education (hereinafter referred to as "SAAHE" or the "Agency") prepares analyses of developments in the higher education system in the Slovak Republic. This work includes surveys among students, higher education staff, employers and other relevant stakeholders, as well as analyses of internal evaluation reports (self-assessment reports) relating to internal systems.

According to the Standards and Guidelines of the European Higher Education Area (ESG, Standard 3.4 Thematic Analyses), agencies should regularly publish reports describing and analysing the general conclusions from external quality assurance activities. These can make a significant contribution to improving quality assurance and related processes at the level of higher education institutions, as well as at national and international levels.

SAAHE has systematically prepared thematic analyses and reports since 2021, beginning before its admission to ENQA and continuing as a member organisation. This work follows a regularly updated plan approved by the Executive Board. The plan is based primarily on a summary and evaluation of the Agency's completed phases of activity and also includes reports on specific topics, particularly those relating to surveys. The most recent update to the *Plan of Thematic Analyses and Reports of SAAHE for the years 2022–2025* was adopted on 25 January 2024. On this basis, the Agency published a total of nine thematic analyses and reports by the end of 2025. All are available on the Agency's website, and selected reports have also been published in print.

In 2026–2027, SAAHE, as a member organisation of ENQA, will continue to prepare and publish thematic reports that summarise and systematise results across the Agency's various areas of activity. The aim is to analyse every completed activity within the Agency's core remit and provide stakeholders and the public with summarised information on that activity.

2. Plan of Thematic Analyses and Reports of SAAHE for the Years 2026–2027

The Agency plans to prepare the following thematic report in 2026:

a) **Report on the Nationwide Survey of Doctoral Studies in Relation to Quality Assurance in Education 2026**

Following the evaluation of the first wave of the nationwide doctoral student survey conducted in 2022, SAAHE decided in 2026 to organise a second wave of such a survey, focused primarily on assessing students' views on the quality of education at the third level of higher education in the Slovak Republic. Field data collection is scheduled for the second quarter of 2026, with the analysis of the results due to take place in the second half of 2026.

Deadline: 2026

The Agency plans to prepare the following thematic reports in 2027:

b) Thematic Report on the Accreditation of Habilitation and Inauguration Proceedings
This thematic report will provide an initial overview of the Agency's extensive work in processing more than two hundred applications from higher education institutions for the accreditation of habilitation and inauguration rights.

Deadline: 2027

c) Report on the Survey of Teachers' Opinions Regarding Quality Assurance in Education 2027
Following the evaluation of the first survey conducted in 2024, SAAHE plans to organise a second such survey in 2027. The schedule provides for field data collection in the second quarter of 2027 and analysis of the results in the second half of 2027.

Deadline: 2027

3. Conclusion

The planned titles and submission dates for the thematic reports set out in the *Plan of Thematic Analyses and Reports of SAAHE for the years 2026–2027* are provisional and may be subject to further refinement.

The Agency may also prepare thematic reports on other specific topics not listed above, in line with current societal needs or following discussions with stakeholders.

Thematic analyses and reports are approved by the Executive Board and published on the Agency's website.