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# ENQA SEMINAR FOR AGENCIES PREPARING FOR AN INITIAL EXTERNAL REVIEW

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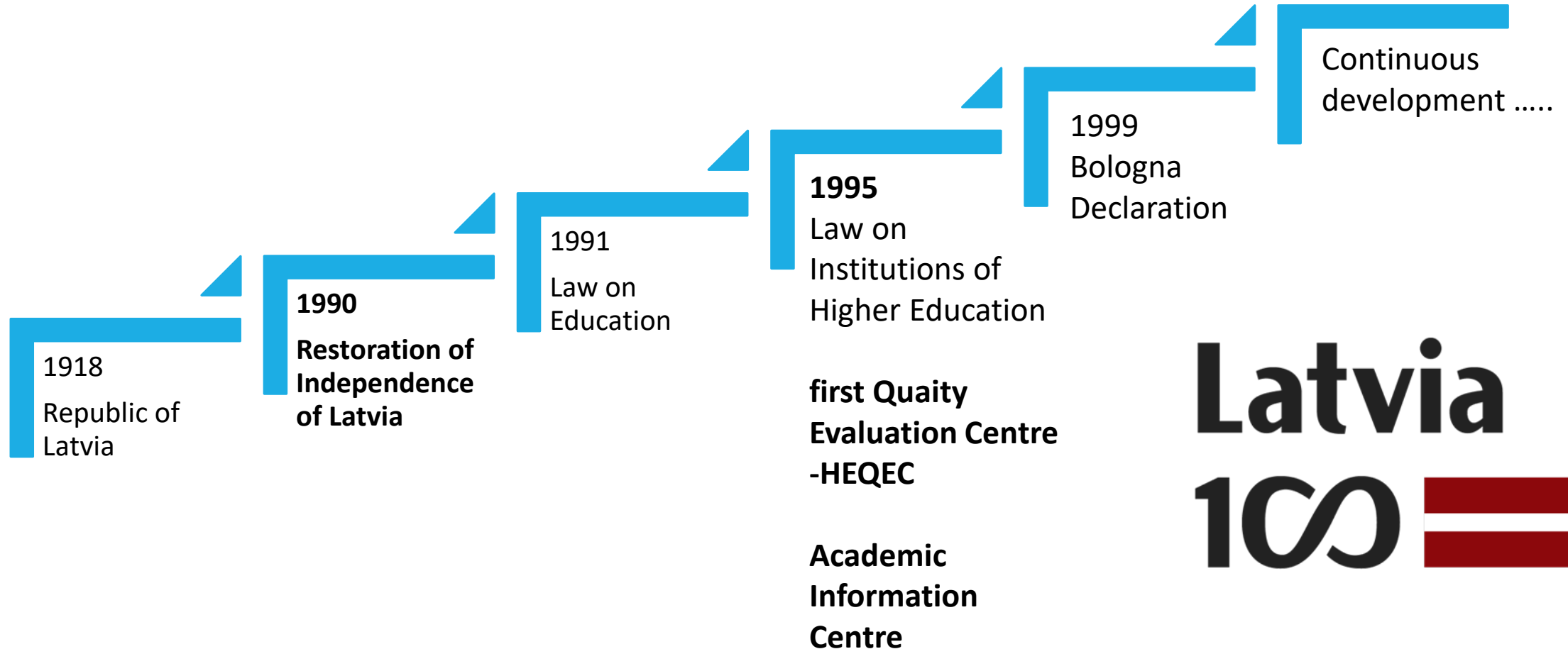
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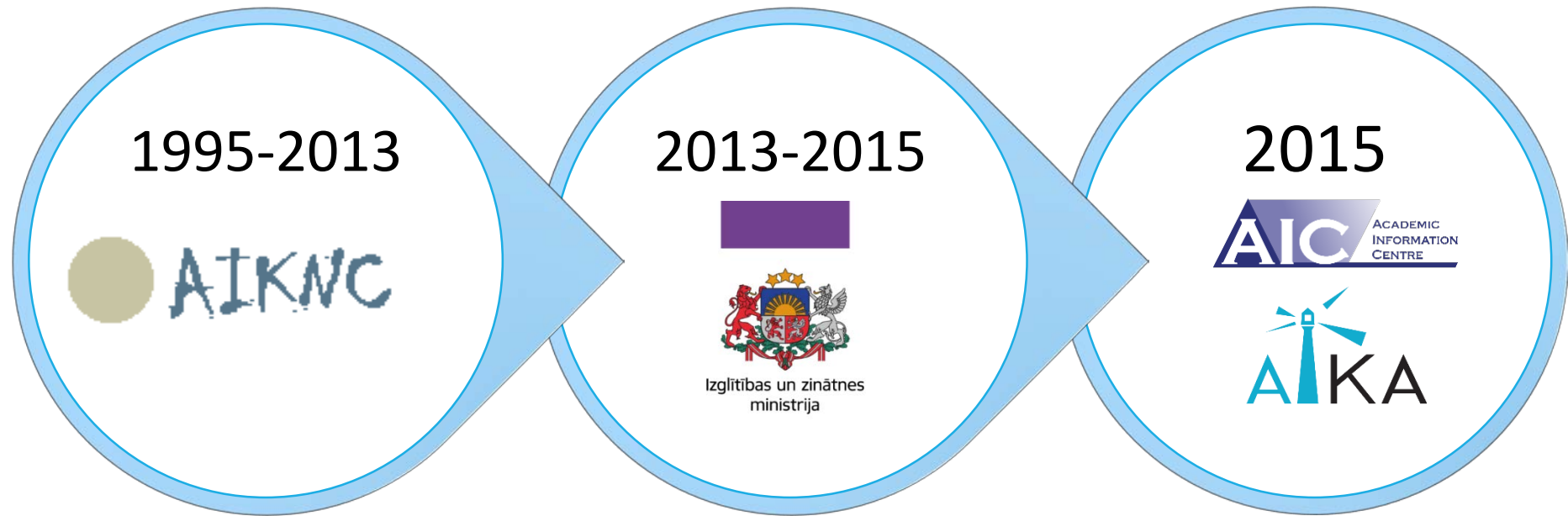
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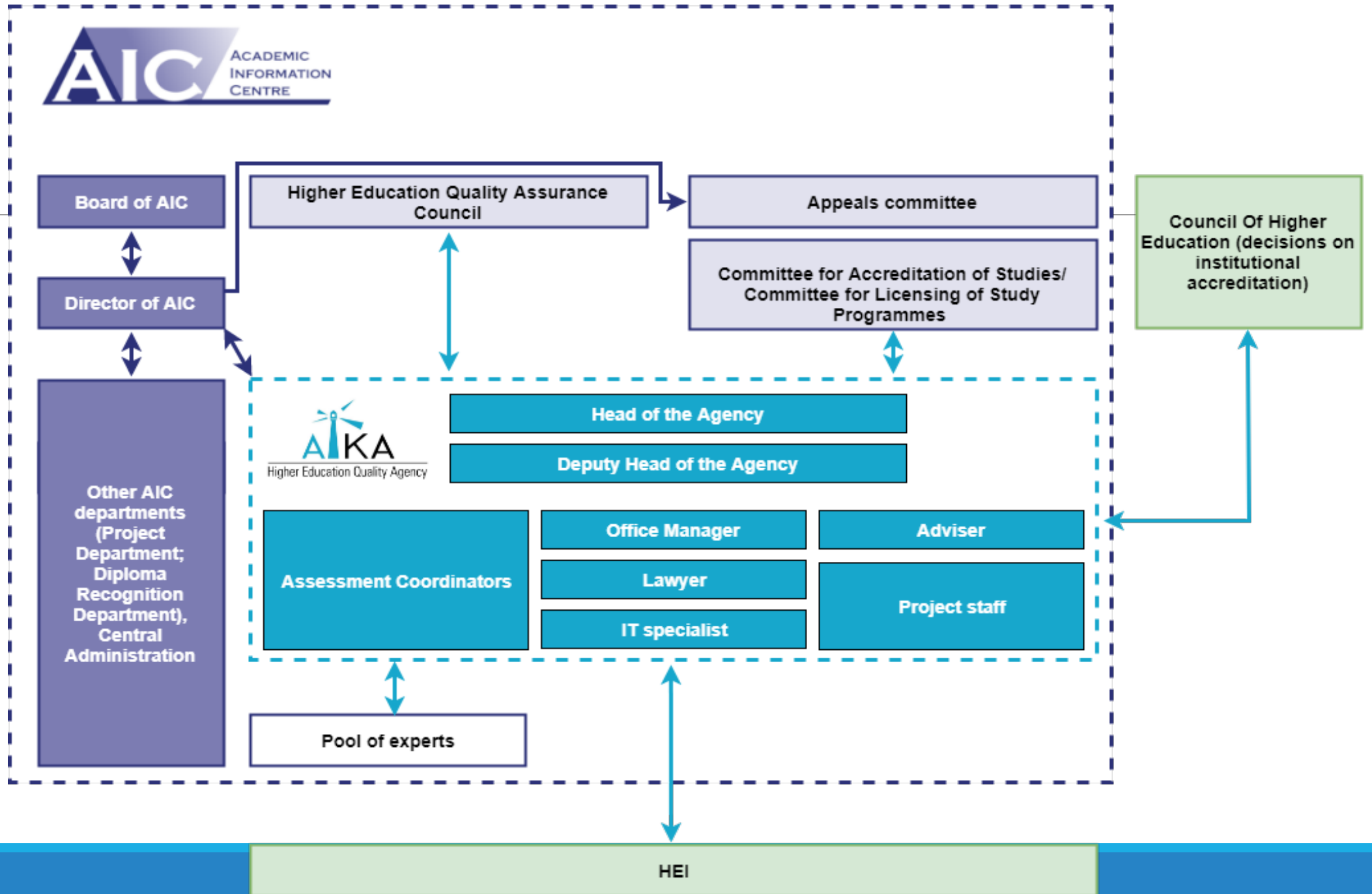


# Quality Assurance in Latvia

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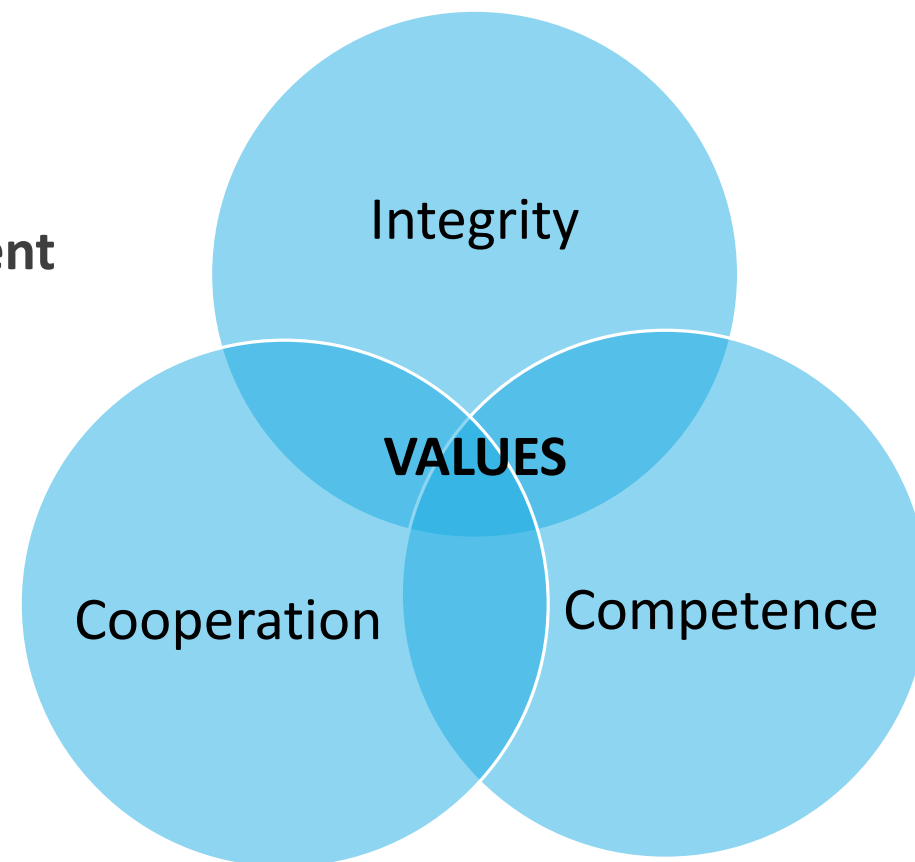


# AIKA Vision and Values

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## Vision

Quality agency for higher education is **trustful and internationally recognised**, it contributes to the **continuous quality enhancement** of higher education in Latvia and takes active role in quality assurance processes of the European and global higher education area



# AIKA Mission

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- **promotes the improvement of quality** of Latvian higher education **and contributes to the development of quality culture** and its maintenance in accordance with the standards and guidelines for quality assurance in the European Higher Education Area;
- provide **expertise and reliable information** on higher education quality assessment and development/improvement issues;
- it is a **credible partner** of HEIs, policy makers, existing and potential students and other stakeholders in Latvia and abroad;
- its **high reputation** is provided by the professionalism of employees and experts, accumulated experience in the change management processes of higher education in Europe, including in Eastern and Central Europe.

# Quality Assessment procedures

## Licensing of a study programme

- non-cyclical procedure for each new study programme

## Accreditation of a study direction

- cyclical procedure for a study direction in each HEI
- every 2 or 6 years

## Evaluation of a HEI

- only once for each HEI shortly after the HEI has started operating

## Assessment of changes

- non-cyclical activity that is done based on the request of HEIs, in most cases without involving experts

# Trainings/ seminars

- Experts trainings
- Seminars/ conferences for HEI
  - Feedback on quality assessment
  - Tendencies on the development of study programmes
  - Student-centred learning
  - Monitoring and e-platform
  - Follow-up
  - Bologna Process implementation
  - Strategic partnership





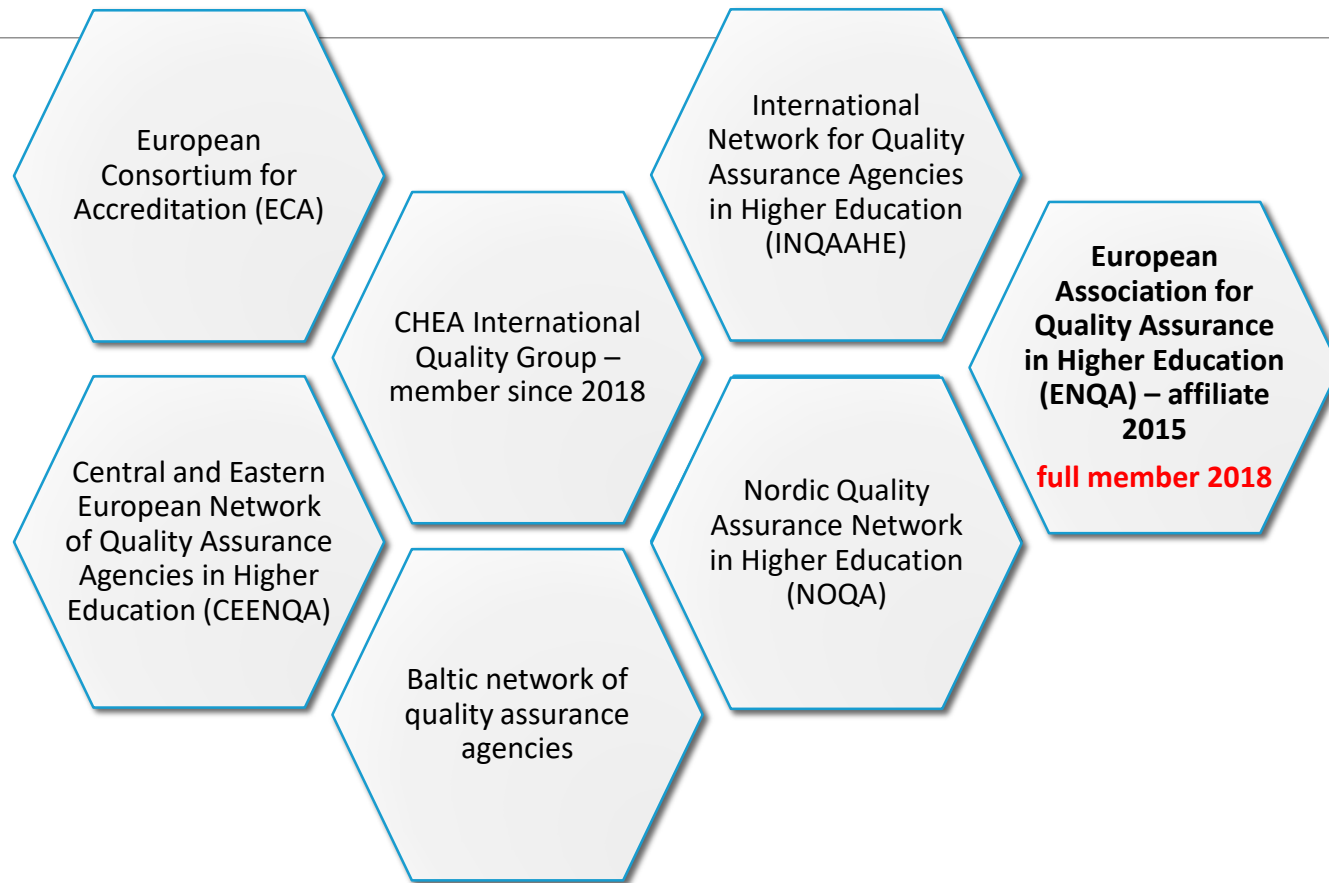
# International cooperation

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- The Agency co-hosts the European Quality Assurance Forum (EQAF 2017)
- February 2018 Twinning project on the development of a quality assurance system in Azerbaijan
- April 2018 election in the Board of the Central and Eastern Network of Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (CEENQA)
- May 2018 coordination of quality assessment procedure in Ukraine (according to the methodology developed by the QUAERE project)



# International Cooperation



# Capacity development activities for the staff

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- December 2017 – exchange visit in Unibasq, Spain
- March 2017 – training on Enhancing the transformative impact of external quality assurance on higher education institutions
- March 2018 – study visit at AQ Austria
- March 2018 – exchange visit in ASHE, Croatia
- June 2018 - ENQA Seminar on quality assurance in the European context
- June 2018 – training on innovations in higher education
- June 2018 – study visit at AE3ES, Portugal
- August 2018 – study visit at AAQ, Switzerland



# Current activities

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- E-platform for organising quality assessment procedures
- Visual identity – communication strategy
- Development of new Cabinet Regulations
- Revision of methodologies and guidelines
- Preparation for the next evaluation cycle of study directions (2020 - 2023)

*Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do. (Pele)*



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