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A need for legislative alignment with the ESG?

Perspective of Slovakia

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To regulate or not to regulate? And how?

- Depends on national context and country needs
- Slovakia – Act No. 269/2018 on QA in higher education
 - New QA agency
 - IQA systems
 - Processes of evaluation,
 - Follow-up procedures



Part 1. of ESG

- ▶ Each HEI must have internal QA system
- ▶ § 3 of the Act regulates which processes should be part of the IQA system
- ▶ IQA system lays down rules for creating, approving, implementing and modifying every study programme. All stakeholders must be involved.
- ▶ monitoring and regular evaluation of study programmes involves students and other stakeholders – focus on learning outcomes and the effectiveness of criteria for the evaluation of students, etc.
- ▶ IQA system lays down definition of the requirements for selecting higher education teachers
- ▶ learning resources monitoring
- ▶ collection, analysis and use of the information necessary for effective implementation of study programmes
- ▶ IQA system lays down rules for regular publication of current, adequate and high quality information regarding study programmes and their graduates
- ▶ Cyclic evaluation of internal QA systems

Part 2. of ESG - EQA

- ▶ moving from single study programme to institutional accreditation
- ▶ evaluation of IQA system is based on an internal evaluation report, an evaluation report issued by the panel of experts and other documents
- ▶ follow up procedures
- ▶ each panel of experts must consist of various experts regarding the study field
- ▶ the accreditation agency issues accreditation standards

Accreditation agency

- ▶ New Act established independent accreditation agency
- ▶ Executive board (9 members) and board of appeals (5 members and 2 alternates – selection procedure)
- ▶ Independency of the agency
 - ▶ Multiple funding sources
 - ▶ No direct appointments (only after nominations from stakeholders or selection procedure)
 - ▶ Creates its own documents, standards and processes

Conclusion

- ▶ Case of Slovakia
 - ▶ Some regulation is necessary
 - ▶ New independent agency and its processes created for EQA evaluation
 - ▶ But we need some sort of flexibility – not everything must be in law



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