Internationalization of Quality Assurance System: Challenges and Prospects: Case of Azerbaijan Ilham Humbatov

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1. Brief overview of TKTA

Public-legal entity within the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Established by the Presidential Decree No. 907 on December 29, 2019

42 employees within the Agency



Responsibilities

- Accreditation of educational institutions and programs at all levels;
- Support for the establishment of QA centers;
- Consulting & methodological support;
- > Training for QA centers;
- Participation in the licensing of educational institutions;
- Recognition of foreign higher education qualifications;
- Recognition of prior (non-formal and informal) learning.



2. Internationalization: Case of Azerbaijan

Global realities had an impact on the development of the education system in Azerbaijan.



Azerbaijan joined the Bologna process in 2005 and became a member of the Bologna Follow-up group.



TKTA became the responsible body for the internationalization of education quality assurance in Azerbaijan in 2019.



3. Challenges

1. Persistence of the legacy of the Soviet education system

6. Challenges in the establishment of QA culture and mindset

2. Negative impact of the war on the education infrastructure and quality of education

5. Autonomy vs responsibility

3. Language barrier

4. Challenges related to the integration to EHEA





4. Prospects: Membership in international organizations

Since 2015, the Republic of Azerbaijan has been a member of EQAR. Since 2017, TKTA has been an associate member of ENQA.

Since 2021, TKTA has been a full member of CEENQA.

In 2022, TKTA has applied for INQAAHE's full membership. Currently, the application is under review.











5. International projects

EU FWC

Strengthening
Institutional Capacities of
TKTA

Aim:

To prepare TKTA for ENQA's full membership.

Erasmus

Strengthening European Quality Assurance Agencies in meeting the ESG II (SEQA-ESG2)

Aim:

To support partners in achieving the ESG compliance.

Erasmus

Enhancement of internal QA of education in teaching, learning and assessment in HEIs of Azerbaijan and Russia (IQAinAR)

Aim:

To enhance and develop internal QA of HEIs from Azerbaijan and Russia.



6. International networking events

In 2022, TKTA has organized two international events on quality assurance related topics:





7. International Advisory Board

Members of the International Advisory Board of TKTA:



Dr. Vicki Stott Chief Executive, QAA



Prof. Dr. Muhsin Kar President, YÖKAK



Prof. Dr. Olgun Çiçek Vice President, CEENQA



Dr. Alina Jumagulova Director, IAAR



Mr. Luut Kroes Managing Director, NVAO



Dr. Jolanta Silka Director, AIKA/AIC



Prof. Wim Groot, Maastricht University

Thank you for your attention!

