



Quality Agency for
Higher Education

Stakeholder involvement Latvia

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Vision

Quality agency for higher education is **trustful and internationally recognized**, 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.

Values

Integrity. Competence. Cooperation

Strategic Governance

Higher Education Quality Assurance Council

1. Academic Information Centre
 2. Ministry of Education and Science
 3. Free Trade Union Confederation of Latvia - Latvian Trade Union of Education and Science Employees
 4. Employers' Confederation of Latvia
 5. Colleges Association of Latvia
 6. Student Union of Latvia
 7. Latvian Chamber of Commerce
 8. Council of Rectors
- Approve strategic directions of Agency
 - Approve composition of Study Quality Committee and Appeals Committees (decision making bodies)
 - Approve by-laws of both Committees

Decision making bodies

Study Quality Committee

- seven experts with experience in organising and ensuring higher education (including employers and students representative)

Appeals Committee

- four experts (two are experts in higher education and two - experts with higher education in law and professional experience in administrative procedure)

Peer Review – Experts panel



Accreditation of HEI **7 experts**

- Labour market representative
- Student representative
- At least 2 foreign experts



Accreditation of study fields **at least 5 experts**

- Student representative
- Labour market representative
- At least 2 foreign expert



Licensing of study programme **3 experts**

- Student representative
- Labour market representative

Other stakeholders

- **Sectoral ministries**

(e.g. ministry of health, ministry of culture, ministry of defense etc)

- **Sectoral councils**

(12, e.g. construction, chemistry, transport etc)

- **Certification institutions in regulated professions**

(e.g. Latvian Medical Association, Latvian Nursing Association, Maritime Administration of Latvia etc)

Communication is a key

- Revision and development of new legislation/guidelines/internal documents and procedures
- Consultations
- Working groups
- Seminars/ conferences
- Feedback

«Agency is seen as the connection between different levels of the government, universities, and employers and students who are all cooperating to support the work of the agency.

The level of respect and trust shown to the agency after such a short time of existence is significant. »

[https://www.aika.lv/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/ENQA-Agency-Review-AIC_2018.pdf]



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