

# GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

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Pursuant to Article 12, paragraph 2 of the Institutions Act (*Official Gazette* no. 76/93, 29/97 and 47/99), Article 115, paragraph 6 of the Scientific Activity and Higher Education Act (*Official Gazette* no. 123/2003 and 198/2003) and Article 20, paragraph 1 of the Act on the Recognition of Foreign Educational Qualifications (*Official Gazette* no. 158/2003 and 198/2003), at its session held on 15 July 2004, the Government of the Republic of Croatia adopted the following

## REGULATION

on the establishment of the Science and Higher Education Agency

### Article 1

(1) This Regulation hereby establishes the Science and Higher Education Agency (hereinafter: the Agency) and regulates the activity, organisation, rights, obligations and funding sources of the Agency.

(2) The Croatian Information Centre with data on academic mobility and recognition of higher education qualifications (hereinafter: the National ENIC/NARIC Office) shall be organized within the Agency, in compliance with the Act on the Recognition of Foreign Educational Qualifications.

### Article 2

(1) The activity of the Agency shall be to organise and perform expert activities in the evaluation of scientific activity and higher education, to perform activities related to the recognition of diplomas and qualifications and to carry out other related activities in compliance with the Scientific Activity and Higher Education Act.

(2) Under the performance of activities referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, the Agency shall:

1. perform expert activities in the process of evaluation of scientific organisations and higher education institutions;

2. perform expert activities in the process of evaluation of the national scientific network, in particular in relation to the rational and purposeful utilisation of capital scientific equipment, and the systems for improvement and quality control established in higher education institutions and in the process of accreditation of higher education programmes of study;

3. collect and analyse data relevant to the system of science and higher education at the national level;

4. systematically work on linking the Croatian educational system with the international system, in particular with the European system, by entering the European network of agencies (ENQA), and shall systematically work on presenting and implementing the guidelines of the Bologna Declaration and of the documents concerning the establishment of European higher education system;

5. provide for the establishment of the national network of higher education quality assurance, inclusion in the European network of quality assurance and the establishment of the National Information Centre and the national network of offices for the recognition of diplomas and qualifications obtained in educational systems outside the Republic of Croatia that are included in the European Network of Information Centres (ENIC);

6. report on actions performed and their results to the National Council for Science and the National Council for Higher Education.

### Article 3

(1) The Republic of Croatia shall be the founder of the Agency. The Government of the Republic of Croatia shall perform the founding rights and obligations on behalf of the founder.

(2) The Agency shall have the capacity of a legal person and it shall be entered in the Register of Institutions.

(3) The seat of the Agency shall be in Zagreb.

(4) The Agency shall be in a position to establish branch offices.

### Article 4

(1) The Statute of the Agency shall regulate the internal organisation, detailed activity of the Agency, establishment and activity of the Agency's branch offices, internal organisation of the National ENIC/NARIC Office and other conditions pertaining to the work of the Agency.

(2) The Management Board shall adopt the Statute of the Agency in agreement with the founder, upon the proposal of the Agency Director.

### Article 5

Funds for the work of the Agency shall be provided from the State Budget of the Republic of Croatia and from the Agency's own revenues.

### Article 6

The bodies of the Agency shall be: Management Board, Expert Council and Agency Director.

## Article 7

(1) The Management Board shall manage the work of the Agency, and it shall be composed of the chairman and six members.

(2) The Government of the Republic of Croatia shall appoint members of the Management Board for a period of four years, consisting of two members from each of the national councils pursuant to a proposal by the National Council for Science and the National Council for Higher Education, and of two members and the Chairman of the Management Board, pursuant to a proposal by the Minister of Science, Education and Sports.

(3) The Management Board shall adopt the annual Work Programme of the Agency, which shall thoroughly regulate activities and tasks of the Agency for each calendar year, supervise the execution of the Programme, decide on the financial plan, adopt the closing balance sheet of the Agency, determine the type of services provided by the Agency with a fee, determine the fee amount for provided services and shall also perform other activities in compliance with the Statute of the Agency.

(4) The Statute of the Agency shall regulate the manner of decision making by the Management Board and other issues related to the work of the Management Board.

## Article 8

(1) The Expert Council shall discuss and decide on expert issues of the Agency's work, provide opinions and proposals to the Management Board and to the Agency Director concerning the organisation of work and the conditions for development of activity, and other tasks determined by law, by the act of foundation and the Statute of the Agency.

(2) The Statute of the Agency shall regulate the composition of the Expert Council, its manner of decision making and other issues related to the work of the Expert Council.

## Article 9

(1) The Agency Director shall represent and act on behalf of the Agency.

(2) The Management Board of the Agency shall appoint and remove the Director for a period of four years, upon the proposal of the Chairman of the Management Board.

(3) The Management Board shall appoint the Deputy Director of the Agency upon the proposal by the Agency Director.

(4) The Deputy Director shall replace the Director in the event of his absence or inability and shall perform other tasks as determined by the Statute.

## Article 10

(1) The Government of the Republic of Croatia shall appoint an Interim Director of the Agency upon the proposal by the Minister of Science, Education and Sports in the period of 30 days following the entry into force of this Regulation.

(2) The Interim Director of the Agency shall perform tasks related to the entry of the Agency in the court register and shall organise the start of work of the Agency.

(3) The mandate of the Interim Director shall cease upon the appointment of the Agency Director, but may not be exercised longer than six months from the entry into force of this Regulation.

#### Article 11

(1) The Agency shall use its funds, including the revenue generated from its operations, exclusively for the purposes of performing and developing the activity of the Agency, in compliance with this Regulation and the Statute.

(2) The Agency shall be held responsible with all its assets for obligations toward third persons.

(3) Agency losses shall be covered from the resources of the Agency.

#### Article 12

The Agency may not acquire, burden or alienate property or other assets, the value of which exceeds the value determined in the Statute without the consent of the Government of the Republic of Croatia.

#### Article 13

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Gazette*.

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