THEMATIC EVALUATION OF PUBLIC SCIENTIFIC ORGANISATIONS

Request for thematic evaluation
Decision of the Accreditation Council
Informing the institutions
Appointment of the panel of experts
Self-evaluation
Training
Site visit
Draft report
Objections
Final report

MOZVAG

MOZVAG is a system for IT support of the evaluation of study programmes developed by the University Computing Centre (SRCE) in 2005.

The MOZVAG System has been used for the process of accreditation of the study programmes in Croatian higher education according to the Bologna structure (two tier Bachelor and Master programmes since 2005). MOZVAG allows for faster and more efficient communication between all participants in the accreditation process (ASHE, higher education institutions and reviewers). MOZVAG is also an archive of all documents – programme descriptions, review reports and accreditation decisions/recommendations.

PUBLIC DIRECTORY OF STUDY PROGRAMMES

Directory of Study Programmes provides relevant information on accredited study programmes and higher education institutions in the Republic of Croatia. The Directory was made available to the public in July 2009 on the ASHE website www.azvo.hr.

Directory enables searches according to various criteria
- Type of study programme
- Institution providing the programme
- Name of study programme
- Field of study
- Location, etc.

Agency for Science and Higher Education is participating in the Qrossroads, a project of the European Consortium for Accreditation in higher education (ECA). Qrossroads brings together information from the different databases of the quality assurance and accreditation agencies. Directing of Study Programmes will provide information on Croatian accredited higher education programmes for the Qrossroads project.

EXTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES IN CROATIAN SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION

CALL FOR QA EXPERTS 2010/2011

Outcome
- Merging institutions in the same/similar area of research
- (Re)integration with universities
- Formation of the national research centres

Composition of the thematic evaluation of scientific institutes expert team
- 2 foreign scientists
- 1 representative of the National Council for Science

Requirements for foreign experts
- No conflict of interest
- Expertise in the research field
- Expertise in research management
- Good knowledge of English
- Experience in evaluations in science and research or higher education

Training
1 day training prior to site visits

Visit: http://www.azvo.hr/en/science-call
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For evaluations of scientific organisations visit http://www.azvo.hr/en/science-call or contact akreditacija-znanost@azvo.hr

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For evaluations in higher education, visit http://www.azvo.info/javni-poziv-en or contact akreditacija-visoko@azvo.hr

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### Initial Accreditation

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| Fresh evaluation      | • New higher education institutions
• New study programmes
• New scientific activities | • Existing higher education institutions
• Existing scientific organisations | • Specific issue within the system of higher education or science |
| FREQUENCY             | Once (establishment) | Every 5 years   | Every 5 years | Upon request |
| PURPOSE               | Compliance with minimum standards | Check of compliance with minimum standards, as well as quality standards | Review of internal quality assurance system - efficiency - level of development | Depends on the theme - review, grade and development of evaluation subjects |

### Reaccreditation

- New higher education institutions
- Existing higher education institutions
- Existing scientific organisations
- Specific issue within the system of higher education or science

### Audit

- Compliance with minimum standards
- Check of compliance with minimum standards, as well as quality standards
- Review of internal quality assurance system - efficiency - level of development
- Depends on the theme - review, grade and development of evaluation subjects

### Thematic Evaluation

- Specific issue within the system of higher education or science

### Outcomes

- Yes/No accreditation decision or a Letter of Expectation for a HEI
- Published report of the visit team, including recommendations for improvement and quality grade
- Report on compliance with minimum standards

### Composition of the reaccreditation expert team

- 2 Croatian professors or 1 Croatian professor + 1 employer representative
- 2 foreign professors - 1 minimum
- 1 Croatian student

### Requirements for foreign experts

- Competences in the discipline, recognised experts in teaching and/or research
- Good knowledge of English
- Good oral and written communication skills
- Teamwork
- Non-conflict of interest and confidentiality

### Training

- 1 day prior to the site visit

### Contact

- http://www.azvo.hr/audit

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### External Audit of a Quality Assurance System

**Diagram of audit**

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### Outcome

- Certificate of internal quality assurance system development and effectiveness / No certificate if the internal quality assurance system is not developed

### Composition of the audit expert team

- 1 Croatian professor
- 1 foreign professor
- 1 Croatian employer representative
- 1 Croatian student
- 1 Agency representative

### Requirements for foreign experts

- Experience in various evaluation procedures of higher education institutions or scientific organisations
- Experience in audit
- Successful completion of the seminar for audit experts/certificate
- Active involvement in development of quality culture at their parent institution

### Training for foreign experts

ASHE online audit course at http://www.azvo.hr/audit

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