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Perspective for Development of Joint Degrees in Croatia

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Setting the context

Croatian Strategy for Education, Science and Technology

- To increase mobility of students and staff,
- To increase number of joint programmes,

European trends

- To remove obstacles to QA of joint degrees;
- To have a single QA procedure;

...to recognise QA decisions of EQAR-registered agencies on joint and double degree programmes.

Bucharest Communiqué

HEI - Joint Programme	Joint Degree (Y/N)	No. Of graduates 2009./2010.	Cycle
Rochester Institute of Technology: 1. International Hospitality and Service Management; 2. International Business; 3. Information Technology	N (double degree)	110	1st cycle
University of Dubrovnik 1. Undergraduate study of Conservation and Restauration with Institute of Art and Restauration Pallazzo Spinelli,Florence, Italy	y	23	1st cycle
University of Zagreb 1. Joint Master Programme - Management and Counselling in European Education 2. Joint Doctoral Programme - Geo-Engineering and Water Management	y	n/a	2nd cycle 3rd cycle
University of Zadar 1. International joint doctoral study of Sociology of the regional and local development; 2. International joint graduate study of Cultural Sociology	N Y	n/a	3rd cycle 2nd cycle



External QA processes in Croatia (1)

Institutional level

- public universities;
- initial accreditation of programmes by universities;
- reaccreditation of universities by the ASHE (QAA);
- accreditation of joint programmes by all HEIs in CRO awarding joint degree according to their internal procedures.

Programme level

- professional HEIs, private universities;
- accreditation of institutions and programmes by the ASHE (QAA).

To be regulated:

- accreditation of joint programmes;
- recognition of accreditation decision of a foreign HEI or a QAA.



Accreditation models

When all HEIs have self-accrediting power:

- joint accreditation procedure of HEIs awarding joint degree;
- separate accreditation process in each country;
- single accreditation procedure recognised by all cooperating HEIs.

When HEIs are subject to programme level external QA:

- single accreditation procedure by one EQAR-registered agency that includes all HEIs involved in awarding of joint degrees;
- Recognition of accreditation decisions;

To be regulated



External QA processes in Croatia (2)

- Precondition for delivery of joint programmes – all HEIs involved accredited according to the ESG or equivalent;
- Implementation of joint programmes – based on cooperation agreement between HEIs;
- Joint programmes does not equal to delivery of a foreign study programme.
- Demanding procedure (MoSES Register of HEIs, Register of public service institutions by the Commercial court, accredited by the Croatian accreditation authority) and vague (according to the procedures prescribed by the minsiter – to be regulated).



Perspective for Development of Joint Degrees in Croatia

- To encourage partnerships in design and delivery of joint programmes and awarding of joint degrees;
- To develop joint programmes in the fields of expertise;
- To develop internal procedures for accreditation (universities)
- To develop legal provisions to allow for professional HEIs to deliver joint programmes and award joint degrees (ministry);
- To assure sustainability of joint programmes with a view for students to complete their studies;
- For the HEIs to fulfill criteria and preconditions to apply for Erasmus + funds;



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