

ACQUIN

Your intention. Our focus.

EQAR & ACQUIN

Relevance of EQAR listing for the agency's activities

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ACQUIN: BASIC INFORMATION

- Founded in 2001 based on the initiative of the Bavarian Rectors' Conference to establish an independent agency
- Accredited by the German Accreditation Council
- Non-profit organisation, independent
- Operating nationally and internationally
- Open to all subject fields
- Over 130 members, mostly Higher Education Institutions (HEI)
- So far about 1300 study programmes accredited

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA), full member
- International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE), full member
- Central and Eastern European Network for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (CEEN), full member
- European University Association (EUA), associate member
- Arab Quality Assurance and Accreditation Network (AQAAN), associate member

MOTIVATION

- Being „officially“ recognised
- Work of ACQUIN is international, member universities from Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Hungary, USA...
- member of INQAAHE, ENQA, EUA, CEEN
- focus on central/east-Europe
- upcoming programme accreditation procedures in Russia, Kazakhstan, Arab world
- our objective is to be involved/work actively in the further development of the Higher Education Area in Europe
- for HEIs: “better recognition” accredited by a registered agency
- Accreditation of joint/double/multiple degrees: easier, when agencies are listed: work of agencies follows a common standard

PROBLEMS

- Steps/length of external QA-processes: national vs. EQAR
 - These should be more linked together
 - Documentation of the compliance with ESG in national report
- If institutions which award labels for study programs. Are these institutions compatible to agencies?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

