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The International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE) is the global network of quality assurance agencies in higher education. It exists to

- enable quality assurance agencies to share information and expertise;
- lead the theoretical and practical foundations of the profession;
- develop and promote standards of professional practice in QA; and
- encourage and assist continuous improvement in member agencies, including professional development and capacity – building for the benefit of HE institutions, their students and their societies.

The Eurasian Quality Assurance Network (EAQAN) exists to

- assist dissemination of good practice to support and develop education quality of Eurasian region's countries;
- give information and assist to organize new quality assurance agencies in the region ;
- lead joint research in quality assurance in higher education;
- co-operation with the goal to improve procedures of quality assurance and accreditation;
- work out comparing methodologies of national quality assurance systems and assist to mutual recognition of decisions; and
- work out joint position and active role in education area.

Recognizing their mutual interest in quality of higher education and higher education institutions, it is in the interests of INQAAHE and EAQAN to formalize a memorandum of co-operation between the two organizations to establish objectives, parameters and resources of joint activities and mutual support.

The memorandum of co-operation covers the following areas.

1. The nature of the relationship between INQAAHE and EAQAN

EAQAN is a subnetwork of INQAAHE and works in close co-operation with INQAAHE.

The two organizations will work to enhance their understanding of each other's particular concerns and priorities.

2. Relation of INQAAHE to EAQAN

INQAAHE renders assistance for development of EAQAN.

3. Relation of EAQAN to INQAAHE

EAQAN presents INQAAHE information about state quality assurance in higher education in Eurasian region.

4. Overall objectives of this Memorandum

This Memorandum is intended to reinforce and provide a platform for the desired co-operation between INQAAHE and EAQAN. It aims at strengthening the work of INQAAHE and its member agencies, and the work of EAQAN and its member agencies, as well as their interrelations, with the overall goal of enhanced global understanding and practice in the field of quality assurance in higher education.

The Memorandum sets out the detailed areas in which co-operation may be possible and the desired consequences of that co-operation.

More detailed objectives are as follows.

5. Exchange of information

The two organizations will exchange non – confidential policy documents and relevant non – confidential operational information to enable the two organizations to support and learn from each other.

6. Other emphases of the co-operation

INQAAHE and EAQAN realize mutual supporting of participating of INQAAHE and EAQAN experts in accreditation procedures.

7. Resources

Unless a specific contract is agreed, the two organizations will normally cover their own costs.

Other fund sources include:

INQAAHE Development Fund

World Bank, through GIQAC

Network funds, such as a regional DGF or other locally available funds

8. Targets

- exchange Data Base of Experts between INQAAHE and EAQAN;
- to provide participation of experts in accreditation procedures;
- assistance of INQAAHE to develop information system of EAQAN.

Agency Officers responsible for managing the Agreement

The President of INQAAHE and the President of EAQAN will have responsibility for managing the Memorandum of Co-operation. Either party may delegate the responsibility from time to time in relation to particular areas of co-operation. The President of INQAAHE will appoint a member of the INQAAHE Board to exercise the overall responsibility for this Memorandum on behalf of INQAAHE.

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