



IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HAC STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES¹

ACTION PLAN

2017-2018

1. **Improving the methodology of quality assessment.** Applying a renewed, differentiated, and balanced practice in the evaluation and conformity clearance of training and education provided by higher education institutions. Improving the methodology of quality assessment.
 - 1.1. Representing the processes more prominently in the input and outcome indicators in evaluation.

Input indicators: developing the methodology and procedures of analysis.

Outcome indicators: developing the criteria framework, establishing and implementing the methodology² for conformity clearance in line with the ESG 2015.

Deadline: 30th June 2017 (methodology), 1st September 2017 (implementation)
 - 1.2. Differentiating and extending assessment criteria based on the analysis of the changed context of higher education.

Deadline: continuous
 - 1.3. Harmonizing accreditation procedures with expectations towards the activities and operation of HAC (legislation regarding higher education and quality assurance, and expectations from the Hungarian Office of Education regarding the revision process of operating licenses during the expert evaluation of HAC created in line with ESG 2015)

Deadline: 30th June 2017

¹ The Strategy (2017-2018) of the Hungarian Accreditation Committee (HAC) have been accepted unanimously by the Board Meeting of 9 December 2016.

² The HAC Board have determined these tasks in July 2015, their fulfilment yet remained unsolved.

- 1.4. Establishing the criteria framework for the performance evaluation of practitioners participating in the program, introducing the new system.

Deadline: 1st January 2018

- 1.5. Strengthening and improving the criteria framework for doctoral schools set by the HAC, and the consistent application thereof.

Deadline: continuous

2. Reviewing and elaborating the rules and methods of accreditation procedures, assessing the possibilities of introduction

- 2.1. Differentiating institutional accreditation procedures (accreditation, audits); evaluating conditions, elaborating criteria.

Deadline: 31st August 2017

- 2.2. Developing the new methodology derived from the “three rounds” of experience of the HAC in accreditation.

Deadline: 31st July 2017

- 2.3. Investigating the possibilities and conditions of risk-based assessment in program accreditation; overviewing European good practices

Deadline: 15th February 2018

- 2.4. Assessing the continuation of parallel accreditation of programs (expertise, capacity, financial), preparing an informed decision-making about continuation.

Deadline: 30th April 2017

3. Strengthening the national and international relations of HAC, designing and performing specific tasks

- 3.1. Assessing the conditions required for providing services (counseling, training, etc.) for higher education institutions, defining tasks, setting up regular forums.

Deadline: 1st September 2017

- 3.2. Enhancing the national and international acceptance of HAC.

Deadline: continuous

3.3. Preparing to design tasks required for the renewal of the HAC ENQA membership due in 2017 and 2018, creating the self-assessment report.

Deadline: 2017 (continuous)

3.4. Initiating the registration process for the EQUAR register (European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education)

Deadline: 2018 (depending on the ENQA membership renewal)

4. **Establishing a more efficient functioning and cooperation between the HAC Board and the Secretariat**

4.1. Renewing the HAC expertise base

Deadline: 30th June 2017

4.2. Revising the commission structure

Deadline: 1st September 2017

4.3. Involving foreign reviewers in the professional revision and opinion system of HAC (regarding the applications for university professor positions), investigating the possibilities and required conditions of extension (doctoral schools)

Deadline: 1st September 2017

4.3. Modernizing the operation of the HAC Secretariat (see detailed rationale in the Strategy)

Deadline: 31st December 2017

The action plan was accepted by the HAC Board 20th January 2017