

PKA Reflections on External Quality Assurance during Coronavirus Crisis

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External
Quality
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Higher
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during
Coronavirus
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PKA during COVID Crisis

01 Provisions of generally applicable law

including:

- considerable limitations in higher education and research institutions activities
- suspension of administrative deadlines

O2 Suspension of programme evaluations (until October 2020)

Suspension of administrative deadlines for handling requests for review of decision
(2nd half of March – 1st half of April 2020)

Opinions on the fulfilment of conditions for the provision of degree programmes in a given field of study, at a given level and with a specific degree profile, and on the relationship between a degree programme and the strategy of a higher education institution (Non- stop)



Adapting Programme Evaluation to the Grand Switch Online



Difficulties

Organizational

- no earlier expierience with online QA procedures
- need to re-design QA procedures within unchanged legal HE framework and key stakeholders expectations
- GDPR data protection
- site visit conduct inspection of HEI's premises and class visits

Human

- overwhelming scepticism
- varied ability to acquire in short time new and troubleshooting computer skills
- resistance to new mode of evaluation conduct
- too much focus and experts' mindset on traditional ways of evaluation (documents)
- lack of experts from the field of distance education

Technologies

- need to adapt tailor made ICT tools supporting all QA procedures in order to secure internal and external communication channels
- frustrating dependens of virtual site visits' success on good Internet connection



Detailed plan of Adapting Programme Evaluation to the Grand Switch Online



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Thank you for your attention

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