

The Council of Slovenian Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education, based on items three, eleven and twelve of paragraph eleven of Article 51.h of the Higher Education Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 32/12 – official consolidated text 7, 40/12 – Fiscal Balance Act, 57/12 – Act Amending the Road Transport Act-2D, 109/12, 85/14, and 75/16), adopted at its 119th meeting on 16 November 2017 the

Criteria for International Cooperation in Higher Education

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 (content and purpose)

According to these Criteria, the Slovenian Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (hereinafter: the Agency) shall assess the meeting of the requirements for the accreditation of joint study programmes of Slovenian and foreign higher education institutions (hereinafter: international joint study programme), for transnational higher education (hereinafter: THE) and for the notification of study programmes accredited abroad.

The purpose of these criteria shall be to ensure:

- appropriate quality of international joint study programmes in accordance with the standards of quality defined in the criteria for accreditation and external evaluation of higher education institutions and study programmes and the European standards (ESG);
- equality of the offered transnational higher education and the implemented transnational higher education: the implemented transnational higher education should be equal to the study programme or its part which was accredited or was recognized the public validity in the country of the registered office of the provider of transnational higher education;
- comparability and quality of notified study programmes of an international association of universities with the registered office in the Republic of Slovenia (hereinafter: international association of universities) and of notified international joint study programmes.

Article 2 (basis)

The Agency shall use these Criteria to perform its assignments in accordance with:

- Higher Education Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 32/12 – official consolidated text, 40/12 – Fiscal Balance Act, 57/12 – Act Amending the Road Transport Act-2D, 109/12, 85/14, 75/16; hereinafter: ZViS),
- Private International Law and Procedure Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 56/99, 45/08 -ZArbit),
- Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (hereinafter: ESG),
- Lisbon Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, International Agreements No. 14/99)

and with the:

- Criteria for Accreditation and Evaluation of Higher Education Institutions and Study Programmes (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 42/17; hereinafter: Accreditation Criteria),
- other criteria and standards of the Agency defined in Article 2 of the Accreditation Criteria.

Article 3 (decision-making of the Agency)

The Agency shall decide on:

- accreditations of international joint study programmes;
- meeting the requirements for entry of transnational higher education to a public register,
- notifications of international joints study programmes and study programmes of international associations of universities accredited abroad.

The Agency shall adopt its decisions independently, whereby it shall consistently use criteria and standards, in addition to legislation, by:

- providing objective assessment and decision-making;
- by keeping publicly available records about accredited international joint study programmes and agreements regarding transnational higher education.

Article 4 (accountability over the implementation of the notified study programme and transnational higher education)

Higher education institutions and an international association of universities shall be fully accountable for monitoring and assuring quality of the notified study programme.

The provider of THE and the holder of THE shall be fully accountable for the monitoring and assuring the quality of THE.

Article 5 (definition of expressions used in the regulation)

For expressions, which are not specifically defined below, the definitions from the legislation regarding higher education and European recommendations shall apply.

The expressions used in these Criteria have the following meaning:

international joint study programmes: study programmes to obtain education which shall be adopted by the higher education institution and implemented together with another higher education institution or more higher education institutions from abroad;

consortium agreement: written agreement, contract or other legal form regarding cooperation between higher education institutions which design, adopt and implement the international joint study programme. It shall contain components, determined by these Criteria, and shall regulate the relationships, rights, obligations, competences and the relations among the participating higher education institutions;

supplement to the joint diploma: is a unified document, determined (coordinated) by all higher education institutions participating in the implementation of the international

joint study programme. It is an obligatory supplement to the diploma regardless of the fact whether a joint diploma is being awarded or individual one is awarded;

THE: transnational higher education. It may be implemented based on a THE agreement or without it;

higher education institution offering transnational higher education (hereinafter: THE provider): a higher education institution which is accredited in the Republic of Slovenia or a foreign higher education institution implementing publicly valid study programmes and issues public documents in a country in which it was established and wants to offer the study programme or part of a study programme to a holder of THE in another country;

higher education institution implementing transnational higher education (hereinafter: THE holder): a higher education institution which is accredited in the Republic of Slovenia or a foreign higher education institution implementing publicly valid study programme and issues public documents in the country in which it was established and wants to implement a study programme or a part of a study programme of another country or a foreign higher education institution or another foreign institution, if the competent bodies of the country where the provider of the higher education study programme was established recognize that for the purpose of transnationally implemented higher education study programme the provider of this programme and the programme itself are part of its higher education system;

applicant of the application for transnational higher education: shall be a Slovenian higher education institution which shall conclude a THE agreement with a foreign higher education institution or a foreign legal entity implementing publicly valid study programmes and issue public documents in a country where it was established;

THE students: students enrolled by the provider of transnational higher education;

participating institutions in THE: provider of THE or the holder of THE participating in transnational higher education;

THE agreement: a legally binding document between the THE provider and the THE holder which includes the components defined by these criteria and regulates the relations, rights, obligations, competences and relationships between the participating institutions in transnational higher education. The implementation of study programmes or their parts is based on a close and continuous cooperation between the provider of THE and the holder of THE. The provider of THE in accordance with the concluded agreement for the implementation of THE grants the right to use and implement the study programme or part of a study programme to the holder of THE. The THE holder commits himself to perform higher education activities and to fulfil all obligations from the agreement;

notified study programme: is a study programme for which the Agency shall allow notification in accordance with paragraphs eight and nine of Article 32 and paragraph three of Article 33.b of ZViS.

II. INTERNATIONAL JOINT STUDY PROGRAMMES

Article 6 (international joint study programmes)

International joint study programmes are study programmes to obtain an education which the higher education institution with the registered office in the Republic of

Slovenia (hereinafter: Slovenian higher education institution) shall adopt and implement together with another higher education institution or more higher education institutions from abroad.

Among the study programmes described in the previous paragraph shall not be included study programmes which:

- were not designed and adopted by all the participating higher education institutions and that is not shown in the consortium agreement;
- enable a partial study abroad according to the principle of student exchanges and exchanges of higher education institutions according to a study programme which is not accredited as a joint study programme;
- are being implemented as transnational education.

II.1 ACCREDITATION AND EVALUATION

II.1.1 ACCREDITATION

Article 7

The accreditation of an international joint study programme shall be done when a Slovenian higher education institution shall intend to implement it together with a foreign higher education institution which is not accredited by the agencies from the list of the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education – EQAR. The Slovenian higher education institution must be entered in the public records at the Agency.

For the accreditation of an international joint study programme the standards of quality shall apply according to the areas of assessment from Articles 17 and 18 of the Accreditation Criteria.

Article 8

(additional criteria for the assessment of an international joint study programme)

1. The foreign higher education institution participating in the implementation of an international joint study programme shall be accredited or have recognition in the country in which it operates and has its registered office.
2. The shares of the international joint study programme implemented by all the participating higher education institutions shall have the relevant contextual and implementational distribution and substance. The distribution of the international joint study programme shall mean a study connection exceeding the educational, research and creative abilities of individual participating higher education institutions with its levers of mobility.

Cooperation of higher education institutions in the implementation of the international joint study programme shall be precisely defined in the consortium agreement. The latter shall include mainly the provisions concerning:

- the method of cooperation in the management and implementation of the international joint study programme and a clear division of accountability,
- rights and obligations of all participating higher education institutions,
- share and content and learning units of the study programme which shall be implemented by an individual higher education institution,
- unified enrolment conditions, conditions for advancement and the completion of the study,
- number of credit points given by an individual higher education institution,

- languages of the study,
- payment/financing of the study,
- self-evaluation of the programme, its modification and update,
- content and form of the joint diploma or provisions concerning the fact that higher education institutions shall give each its own diploma,
- content and form of the joint (coordinated) supplement to the diploma;

and the coordination of

- the enrolment of the students, course and completion of the study and the granting of diplomas,
- obtaining competences and achieving learning outcomes of students and graduates,
- provision of rights of the students enrolled, higher education teachers and other staff as well as other stakeholders participating in the implementation of the programme,
- organization and implementation of the regular self-evaluation of the study programme, cooperation of all stakeholders, mainly students and higher education teachers of all participating higher education institutions in the self-evaluation.

The consortium agreement shall be concluded for a minimum period of the duration of the study according to the international joint study programme, extended by one year.

The higher education institution shall inform the Agency of all changes of the consortium agreement within 30 days of its implementation.

Article 9 (withdrawal from cooperation)

When an individual higher education institution shall no longer participate in the implementation of an international joint study programme, the remaining participating higher education institutions shall determine the relationships among themselves anew, the rights and obligations in accordance with Article 8 of these Criteria with a consortium agreement. The Agency shall be informed about such a change of the consortium agreement within 30 days of its adoption. If a new consortium agreement shall be concluded, it is required to be attached to the notification.

II.1.2 EVALUATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT STUDY PROGRAMME

Article 10 (external evaluation)

An external evaluation of an international joint study programme shall be carried out within the re-accreditation procedure of a higher education institution, extraordinary evaluation of a study programme or shall be carried out as an evaluation of a sample of study programmes.

For the external evaluation of the international joint study programme the quality standards according to areas of assessment from Article 21, 22, and 23 of the Accreditation Criteria shall apply. Meeting the obligations from the consortium agreement, concluded among the participating consortium agreement, shall also be assessed. Failure to meet or the violation of the provisions of the agreement shall be deemed a major flaw or inconsistency in accordance with Article 45 of the Accreditation Criteria, whereby item two to seven of paragraph two of this article shall be assessed.

Article 11
(extraordinary evaluation of the international joint study programme)

An extraordinary evaluation of an international joint study programme shall be carried out in accordance with Articles 37 and 38 of the Accreditation Criteria.

II.2 NOTIFICATION

Article 12
(notification of an international joint study programme, accredited abroad)

A notification of an international joint study programme accredited abroad shall be done when a higher education institution with a registered office in the Republic of Slovenia shall intend to implement it along with foreign higher education institutions which are on the EQAR list and if the accreditation of this programme was done by a foreign agency from the EQAR list.

The Agency Council shall allow the notification with a decision if the conditions from the paragraph above shall have been met.

If the conditions from the first paragraph of this article shall not have been met, the notification shall not be possible. Participating higher education institutions can accredit the joint study programme in such cases in accordance with Articles 7 and 8 of these Criteria.

III. TRANSNATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION

III.1 IMPLEMENTATION AND ORGANIZATION OF TRANSNATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION BASED ON THE AGREEMENT

Article 13
(agreement regarding transnational higher education)

Transnational higher education may be implemented or organized based on the THE agreement which shall regulate all the relationships between the participating institutions in THE.

The THE agreement shall comply with the national legislation concerning higher education, both in the country of the THE provider and the THE holder if the public validity of the offered study programme has been proven.

The THE agreement shall be drafted in written form and shall include all the components indicated in Article 14 and all the attachments indicated in Article 27 of these Criteria.

The THE agreement shall indicate that the following shall be provided:

- information about the programmes, obtained public documents, participating institutions and their roles in the cooperation in transnational higher education,
- relevant qualifications of the staff and adequate premises,
- internal quality assurance mechanisms,
- relevant records about the cooperation and implementation of THE,
- regular external evaluations.

The higher education institution shall inform the Agency about every change of the THE agreement within 30 days after the occurrence of the change.

Article 14

(obligatory components of the agreement regarding the implementation of transnational higher education)

The following components shall be clearly defined in the agreement concerning the implementation of transnational higher education:

- indication of the parties of the agreement (name and registered office of the higher education institution implementing the study programme in another country, full name of the representative of this institution, and the name and registered office of the higher education institution which is the provider of the study programme),
- subject for the conclusion of the THE agreement (study programme or part of a study programme as well as its name, type and cycle),
- status of the THE provider and the THE holder (public or private),
- duration of implementation of THE and duration of the THE agreement,
- indication of the premises, equipment and appropriate infrastructure necessary for the implementation of THE (appropriateness of the premises, equipment and the infrastructure shall be evident from the attachments),
- determination of the conditions for practice in the working environment when it regards THE, whose obligatory component is practical education,
- form, method of establishing and implementing THE, type of recognition of qualifications obtained within THE (public documents, obtained credits),
- positions, rights and obligations of students in THE, conditions for enrolment and criteria for transitions, language of the study, content of the publicly valid document issued based on the successfully completed transnational higher education,
- method of cooperation, implementing services, management of THE and a clear division of accountability,
- assurance of the THE provider that the quality of the implemented THE in another country (with the THE holder) shall be comparable with the quality of implementation at the THE provider,
- definition of the instruments of internal and external quality assessment (of the pedagogical and educational process).

Article 15

(assessment of the offered transnational higher education)

The following shall be assessed regarding the transnational higher education offered:

- whether the THE agreement has been concluded for at least the duration of the implementation of THE,
- comparability of the method and quality of implementation of the offered THE according to study programmes or parts of study programmes in the country of the THE holder,
- rights, duties and obligations of students, their participation in decision-making bodies,
- content, method and structure of the implemented THE. The THE holder shall provide a link between the programme implemented by the THE provider, and the programme which shall be implemented by the THE holder in the agreed upon form,
- quality assurance system at the level of programmes and the institution and whether the accountability of all participating institutions in THE has been defined.

III.2 IMPLEMENTATION OR ORGANIZATION OF TRANSNATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION WITHOUT AN AGREEMENT

Article 16

Transnational higher education may also be implemented in the Republic of Slovenia by a foreign higher education institution or another institution if the competent bodies of the country in which the provider of the higher education institution has been established shall recognize that for the transnationally implemented higher education the provider of this programme and the programme are part of their higher education system.

Before the beginning of the implementation of transnational higher education in accordance with the previous paragraph, the Agency shall check with the competent body of the country where the provider of the study programme has its registered office whether the provider of this programme and the programme are part of its higher education system.

IV. NOTIFICATION OF STUDY PROGRAMMES OF AN INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITIES

Article 17

The international association of universities shall notify study programmes which it implements to the Agency, only if the requirements, determined in paragraphs 8 and 9 of Article 32 of ZViS have been met.

Article 18 (requirements for notification)

Study programmes may be notified if:

- they are accredited abroad,
- the diplomas obtained in the countries of accreditation are a public document, give a publicly valid level of education and a publicly valid title,
- they are being implemented in the country of accreditation by accredited higher education institutions or organizations (hereinafter: higher education institution).

Article 19 (opinion of the higher education institution)

The international association of universities shall obtain a positive opinion from at least one relevant higher education institution about the study programme it wants to notify. The higher education institution drafting the opinion shall comply with the following requirements:

- it has its registered office in the Republic of Slovenia,
- it shall have been accredited in accordance with ZViS and the Accreditation Criteria,
- it shall have accredited study programmes at at least three fields of study according to the KLASIUS classification and at least three scientific-research disciplines according to the FRASCATI classification,
- it shall implement a comparable study programme with regards to content, cycle, type and duration.

Article 20 (content of the opinion of the higher education institution)

The opinion of the higher education institution shall include a position about all the obligatory components of the study programme being notified, especially towards:

- the link between the curriculum and the study plans with the objectives, competences and learning outcomes of the study programme and of all together with its content,
- contextual completeness of the study programme according to type and cycle, enabling the obtaining of the relevant competences and learning outcomes and the professional or scientific title,
- structure of the scientific, professional, research and artistic contents of the study programme, distributions of the courses according to years and their credit evaluation,
- anticipated methods, forms and course of study,
- staffing and material conditions,
- conditions for studying and the completion of the study and the enforcement of the students' rights.

V. TERMINATION OF ACCREDITATION OR IMPLEMENTATION OF STUDY PROGRAMMES

Article 21

(international joint study programmes)

The accreditation of an international joint study programme shall cease if none of the foreign or Slovenian higher education institutions shall no longer participate in its implementation.

The Agency shall cancel the notification of the international joint study programme accredited abroad if:

- its accreditation has been withdrawn, was not extended or expired etc.,
- the accreditation of any of the participating institutions expired or was withdrawn and the mutual relationships were not regulated in accordance with Article 9 of these Criteria.

About the withdrawal, non-extension or expiry of the accreditation (hereinafter: termination) the applicant shall inform the Agency within 30 days of the termination.

Article 22

(transnational higher education)

The holder of transnational higher education must cease to implement the study programme or part of the study programme if the accreditation in the country in which it was accredited shall cease to apply. The same shall also apply if the accreditation shall cease to apply to the provider of THE. The applicant of the application concerning transnational higher education shall notify the Agency of the latter within 30 days. In such cases, the Agency Council shall eliminate the THE from the public records of THE.

Article 23

(notified study programmes of an international association of universities)

An international association of universities shall cease to implement a notified study programme if the latter shall no longer be implemented in a country where it was accredited, or if an accredited higher education institution no longer implements it in this country, or a study programme is no longer publicly valid. The Agency shall be notified of it within 30 days.

VI. APPLICATIONS, PROCEDURES AND DECISION-MAKING

VI.1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 24 (initiation of the procedure)

The procedure to obtain an accreditation of an international joint study programme, entry of the transnational higher education to the public records of the Agency and the notification of the study programme, except in the event of an extraordinary evaluation and the evaluation of a sample of international joint study programme shall be initiated following a proposal by the applicant.

Article 25 (applicant)

The application shall be submitted by a higher education institution:

- a university,
- a private higher education institution,
- international association of universities.

Article 26 (groups of experts)

In accreditation and evaluation procedures for an international joint study programme, the Agency Council shall appoint groups of independent experts in accordance with Article 32 of the Accreditation Criteria.

Meeting the requirements for transnational higher education and notification of study programmes shall be determined by the Agency without appointing a group of experts.

VI.2 APPLICATIONS AND SUPPLEMENTS

Article 27 (application and attachments)

The application must be prepared in accordance with ZViS and these Criteria. It shall be filled out electronically on the application form prescribed with these rules and electronically signed with a qualified digital certificate (SIGEN-CA, AC-NLB, HALCOM-CA, POSTAR-CA, SIGOV-CA). The applicant shall register the certificate in the security scheme in advance. The attachments defined in this article of the Criteria shall be attached electronically to the electronic application form.

The application form is in Slovenian language. If the supplements are in a foreign language, the Agency may demand from the applicant to submit a translation of a part or the whole application. In contentious cases, the Agency shall demand a certified translation from the applicant.

Regardless of the provision from the previous paragraph, the summary of the application for the accreditation of an international joint study programme must be submitted as a supplement in the English language.

The application shall be submitted to the Agency. The Agency shall consider the applications following the order in which they were submitted.

Regardless of the provision of the previous paragraph, the extraordinary evaluation procedures for international joint study programmes shall have priority.

The following attachments shall be attached to the applications:

VI.2.1 Accreditation of an international joint study programme

The form for the application »Accreditation of an international joint study programme« shall be filled out and the following shall be attached:

1. consortium agreement regarding the participation of higher education institutions in the implementation of the joint study programme which shall be signed by all higher education institutions, drafted up in accordance with Article 8 of these Criteria;
2. sample of a joint diploma or diplomas which shall be awarded by individual participating higher education institutions;
3. sample of a joint supplement to the diploma;
4. decision of the Senate of the Slovenian higher education institution regarding the adoption of the international joint study programme;
5. study plans;
6. analysis of the needs and objectives of society;
7. valid decisions regarding the appointment to a title, statements regarding cooperation, consents of employers for higher education teachers and staff of the Slovenian higher education institution;
8. valid decisions regarding appointment to a title and relevant proof of foreign higher education institutions about their higher education teachers and staff;
9. proof regarding the scientific, professional, research or artistic work of the providers of the programme or the links to website demonstrating it;
10. proof regarding the resources and the equipment for the implementation of a study programme;
11. plan for the implementation of a study programme if it is not included in the consortium agreement.

VI.2.2 Evaluation of an international joint study programme

The form for the application »Evaluation of an international joint study programme« shall be filled out and the following shall be attached:

1. self-evaluation reports for the last three years and documents demonstrating the fulfilment of assignments based on the findings of the self-evaluation report for the final concluded self-evaluation period (when it is not part of the self-evaluation report) and a plan of actions for the following self-evaluation period;
2. a report covering the fulfilment of the consortium agreement when it is not part of the self-evaluation report.

VI.2.3 Transnational higher education

The form for the application »Transnational higher education« shall be filled out and the following shall be attached:

1. THE agreement drafted up in accordance with Article 14 of these Criteria,
2. obligatory attachments to the THE agreement:
 - a) statement of the THE provider that a public document, obtained based on the THE agreement, shall be considered as equal by the THE holder as a public document in the country of the THE provider;

- b) proof regarding the public validity of the offered study programme which shall be fully or partially implemented within THE, and the date of a possible expiry of the public validity;
- c) proof regarding the provision of appropriate premises, equipment and infrastructure for the implementation of THE;
- d) proof that the provider of THE is accredited for the performance of the activity at study and scientific fields according to KLASIUS and Isced and Frascati classifications from which the offered study programme arises;
- e) proof that the holder shall implement THE in the country of its registered office, accredited study programme at the same or related study field and of the same levels and types as the offered study programme;
- f) proof regarding the suitable staffing of the THE provider, required for the implementation of the study programme or individual parts of the study programme;
- g) proof or agreements regarding the implementation of practical training (for example, clinical practice);
- h) financial plan containing proof regarding the provided financial resources for a successful completion of transnational higher education for at least one generation of students, and an action plan for a successful implementation of the offered study programme or an individual part of a study programme;
- i) content and form of a public document and method of awarding (in the language of the provider of transnational higher education, Slovenian and English language). All copies (translations) shall be identical to the original;
- j) study programme or and individual part of the study programme, offered within transnational higher education, with defined general information about the programme, objectives of the programme as well as general and course-specific competences and learning outcomes, study plans, conditions for enrolment and selection criteria in case of a limitation of enrolment, methods of assessment, conditions for advancement according to the programme, information about the methods and forms of implementation and the indication of the obtained professional or scientific title;
- k) plan for the implementation of a study programme with a prognosis on the method of implementation of contact hours and an explanation of the comparability of the method and quality of implementation of the offered transnational higher education according to study programmes or parts of study programmes in the country of the holder of THE (if not included in the agreement regarding THE).

If the offered study programme does not contain all components required in item 2.j of the previous paragraph, obligatory components of the study programme shall be required to be attached in accordance with the national legislation of the THE provider.

VI.2.4 Notification of a study programme

The form for the application »Notification of the study programme« shall be filled out and the following should be attached:

1. for notification of an international joint study programme, accredited abroad:
 - proof of accreditation of the participating higher education institutions at agencies, entered on the EQAR list,
 - proof of accreditation of a notified international joint study programme at an agency, entered on the EQAR list;
2. for notification of a study programme of an international association of universities:

- proof regarding the accreditation of a study programme containing information about the public validity of diplomas, level of education and professional or scientific title in the accreditation country of this programme,
- opinion of the higher education institution, drafted up in accordance with Article 20 of these Criteria, meeting the requirements from Article 19 of these Criteria.

In both cases, the applicant shall attach the notified study programme containing defined general information about the programme, objectives of the programme as well as general and course-specific learning outcomes, study plans, conditions for enrolment and conditions for selection in the event of enrolment limitations, methods of assessment according to the programme, information about the methods and forms of implementation, and the indication of the obtained professional or scientific title.

If a notified study programme shall not contain all components, determined in the previous paragraph of this article, the obligatory components of a study programme need to be attached in accordance with the national legislation of the accreditation country.

Article 28 (completion of the application)

The application shall be formally complete when the prescribed application form shall be adequately filled out and all supplements shall be attached, which are prescribed in the previous article of these Criteria.

If the application shall be formally incomplete, the Agency shall demand for it to be completed and it shall determine a deadline for the elimination of the flaws. If the applicant shall not eliminate the flaws within the set deadline, the Agency Council shall dismiss the application with a decision.

VI.3 TYPES OF PROCEDURES

Article 29

VI.3.1 The accreditation and evaluation of the international joint study programme shall be done in accordance with the procedure, determined in Articles 35, 37, and 38 of the Accreditation Criteria. The difference is in the duration of the accreditation procedure which shall be completed sooner than it is determined in Article 35 of the Accreditation Criteria.

VI.3.2 Transformations of international joint study programmes

Transformations of international joint study programmes shall be adopted by the participating higher education institutions, which concluded the consortium agreement (hereinafter: the consortium), themselves. The applicant must inform the Agency about transformations of obligatory components of international joint study programmes within 30 days of their confirmation by entering or transferring them to the filled-out electronic application form for the accreditation of an international joint study programme and attach in the attachments the printout of the decision of the senate (or the competent decision-making body at the level of the consortium), with which the decisions were adopted.

The Agency shall promptly review the transformations of international joint study programmes, accredited in the Republic of Slovenia, and determine whether higher education institutions complied with the legislative provisions and the standards of quality from these Criteria. If there are inconsistencies or major flaws found in the

transformation of the study programme, determined in Article 45 of the Accreditation Criteria, it shall act in accordance with Articles 37 and 38 of the Accreditation Criteria.

The Agency Council may act in accordance with Articles 37 and 38 of the Accreditation Criteria even if the higher education institutions of the Agency shall not inform the Agency about the transformation of the study programme within the deadline from the first paragraph.

VI.3.3 Transnational higher education shall take place without appointing a group of experts and without visiting the higher education institution. The Agency Council shall decide on the entry of the agreement to the public records in two months after obtaining a complete application at the latest.

VI.3.4 Notification of a study programme shall take place without appointing a group of experts and without visiting the higher education institution. The Agency Council shall decide on the notification at the latest in two months after obtaining a complete application.

VI.4 DECISIONS OF THE AGENCY COUNCIL

Article 30

VI.4.1 Accreditation and evaluation of the international joint study programme

The Agency Council shall adopt in accreditation and evaluation procedures of the international joint study programmes the decisions determined in Articles 41, 43, 44, and 45 of the Accreditation Criteria.

The applicant must in one year after the decision of the Agency Council regarding the accreditation of the international joint study programme attach the confirmations about the accreditation of this programme of the confirmations about the recognition of the Slovenian accreditation in all countries from which the participating higher education institutions are coming from. If the confirmations shall not be submitted within the set deadline or if their relationships were not regulated in accordance with Article 9 of these Criteria, the accreditation of the international joint study programme shall cease.

Article 31 (re-application for accreditation)

If the Agency Council shall deny the application for the accreditation of an international joint study programme or if it shall revoke its accreditation, the higher education institutions may again submit the application for the accreditation of this programmes one year after the finality of the accreditation decision.

Article 32 (validity of accreditation)

The accreditation of an international joint study programme applies for an indefinite period, unless when the Agency Council shall determine otherwise in extraordinary evaluation procedures (that the accreditation of the programme shall cease) and in cases determined by ZViS and by paragraph two of Article 30 of these Criteria.

VI.4.2 Transnational higher education

In the THE procedure, the Agency Council shall adopt one of the following decisions:
- to enter the THE agreement into public records,

- to not enter the THE agreement into public records.

VI.4.3 Notification of the study programme

In the process of the notification of a study programme, the Agency Council shall allow or deny the notification with a decision.

VI.5 APPEAL

Article 33

An appeal may be submitted against a decision of the Agency Council within 30 days of it being served.

The appeal shall be sent to the Agency Council, and the Appeal Committee shall decide on it.

The Appeal Committee shall decide on the appeal within three months of the submission of a complete appeal. If the appeal shall be granted, the matter shall be returned to the Agency Council for renewed decision-making.

The decision of the Appeal Committee may be contested by a suit in an administrative dispute.

VII. EVALUATION OF A SAMPLE OF INTERNATIONAL JOINT STUDY PROGRAMMES

Article 34

(determination of a sample for the evaluation of international joint study programmes and procedure)

The Agency Council shall determine the sample for the evaluation of international joint study programmes and the procedure in accordance with Article 50 of the accreditation criteria.

VIII. APPLICATION FORMS

Article 35

(application form for the accreditation of an international joint study programme)

A. JOINT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARTICIPATING HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

A.1 SLOVENIAN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION(S)

Applicant:

Name of the higher education institution:	
Representative (name and surname, position):	
Street name and number:	
Postal code and town/city:	
Phone number:	
E-mail address:	

Website:	
Fields for which the institution is accredited:	
Disciplines for which the institution is accredited:	

If it regards a university, the following table shall appear:

Name of the member:	
E-mail address:	

A.2 FOREIGN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION(S)

Name of the higher education institution:	
Representative (name and surname, position):	
Address:	
Phone number:	
E-mail address:	
Website:	

Location of the implementation of the international joint study programme (hereinafter: study programme) in the Republic of Slovenia:

Street name and number:	Postal code and town/city:

Please indicate all locations at which the study programme shall be implemented.

Please attach:

- *consortium agreement regarding the participation of higher education institutions in the implementation of the joint study programme;*
- *sample of the joint diploma or diplomas which shall be awarded by individual participating higher education institutions;*
- *sample of the joint supplement to the diploma.*

Potential explanation of the applicant:

B. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

Name of the study programme:

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Type of study programme:

- higher educational vocational
- university
- Master's
- unified Master's
- PhD
- further education

Cycle of the study programme:

- first
- second
- third

Duration of the study programme:

- 1 year
- 2 years
- 3 years
- 4 years
- 5 years
- 6 years

The study programme is:

- a single-discipline programme
- a double-discipline programme
- pedagogical
- non-pedagogical
- interdisciplinary
- other: _____

Breakdown of the study programme to individual parts:

- first level (course): _____
- second level (module): _____

The study programme shall educate for regulated professions in the EU. yes no

Adoption of the international joint study programme at higher education institutions:

Higher education institution	Date of adoption

Please attach the decisions of the competent bodies of all participating higher education institutions regarding the adoption of a study programme.

Definition of the fields of the study programme (hereinafter: fields) according to the KLASIUS classification:

Definition of the study programme according to KLASIUS-SRV: <i>(Please classify the programme according to the fourth classification level or enter the 5-digit code.)</i>
detailed group of types – type: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Definition of the study programme according to KLASIUS-P-16: <i>(Please classify the programme to one field, namely the dominating one. Classify it according to all classification levels and enter the 2-, 3- in 4-digit codes. For an interdisciplinary programme, copy the table if necessary.)</i>
wide field: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
narrow field: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
detailed field: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Definition of scientific disciplines (hereinafter: disciplines) according to the Frascati classification:

(Please mark the majority field, indicate the others in the justification.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Nature sciences and mathematics	<input type="checkbox"/> Social sciences
<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering and technology	<input type="checkbox"/> Humanities
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical and Health sciences	<input type="checkbox"/> Other sciences
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural sciences	

Arts:

Explanation:

Classification to the Slovenian Qualifications Framework (SQF), European Qualifications Framework (EQF), and European Higher Education Qualifications Framework (EHEQF):

Justification:

Professional/scientific title(s):

- female form: _____
- male form: _____
- abbreviation: _____

C. AREAS OF ASSESSMENT

C.1. COMPOSITION AND CONTENT OF THE STUDY PROGRAMME

STANDARD 1: The study programme in its composition and content shall offer the students comprehensive knowledge and enable them to achieve the set objectives and planned competences or learning outcomes.

CURRICULUM WITH A CREDIT EVALUATION

No. /code	COURSES	HOURS					ECTS; number of CP					INSTRUCTOR				
		contact hours (CH)			individual work of the student (IW)	Hours total	CH total	Share of CH	contact hours (CH)				CP total	CP for CH total	Share of CP for CH	
		L	S	P					L	S	P					
	1st YEAR															
	<i>I. OBLIGATORY COURSES</i>															
	Total I															
	<i>II. ORIENTATIONS</i>															
	Total II															
	<i>III. MODULES</i>															
	Total III															
	<i>IV. ELECTIVE COURSES</i>															
	Total IV															
	Year total															
	2nd YEAR															
	Year total															
	3rd YEAR															
	Year total															
	WHOLE															

STUDY PROGRAM ME															
I.															
II.															
III.															
IV.															
Total for I., II, III, IV,															

ECTS – European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System; CP – credit point

CH – contact hours

IW – individual work of the student

L – lectures

SC – seminar classes

PC – practical classes

a) consistency and coherence of individual courses and study plans and the study programme as a whole

The curriculum shall correspond to the objectives of the study programme and lead to the adoption of defined competences or learning outcomes:

Please attach the study plans for all courses of the study programme.

Potential explanation of the applicant:

b) connectedness (consistency) of the objectives, competences or learning outcomes, determined in the study plans, with objectives and competences of the study programme and its content according to the type and cycle of the study

Basic objectives of the study programme:

General competences or learning outcomes obtained through the programme:

Course-specific competences or learning outcomes obtained through the programme:

Please provide an explanation of the connectedness (consistency) of the objectives, competences or learning outcomes, determined by the study plans, with the objectives and competences of the study programme and its content:

Substantial perfection of the study programme according to its type and cycle:

(Assessed shall be:

- suitability (difficulty, relation between basic knowledge and specialties (specialty)) and the actuality of scientific, professional or artistic contents,
- suitability of the content (difficulty, extent) and the actuality of study literature;
- enabling of the acquirement of relevant competences or learning outcomes,
- enabling of the acquirement of the relevant professional or scientific title.)

Potential explanation of the applicant:

Inclusion of students to the scientific, professional, research or artistic work, connected with the study programme:

The study programme shall enable the students in accordance with Article 33 of ZViS the following (*mark accordingly*):

- project tasks in the work environment,
- basic, applied, or developmental research assignments.

Provide a description of the students' participation, and the assessment and evaluation of their work:

c) the scientific, professional, research or artistic content integrated in the programme

The higher education institution shall operate in the field of the study programme with (*mark accordingly*):

- research programmes and projects,
 - scientific or artistic programmes and projects,
 - other (for example, projects for (non)economy or employers),
- which are recognized as such by the profession and are conducted during the assessment or have been conducted in the last five years.

Projects related with the study programme: *

Project title	Duration from to	Person responsible for the project	Type of project

**It is not obligatory to fill out when it regards the accreditation of a higher education vocational study programme.*

Provide an explanation of how the projects relate to the content of the study programme. Take into consideration its type and cycle:

The justification of the contents of the study programme with the achieved and up-to-date scientific, professional, research or artistic work of the course instructors (*please indicate references demonstrating that, for example: databases, journals with an impact factor, citations, websites etc.*):

č) the order of the courses or the distribution of the courses according to semesters and years (horizontal and vertical connection) and their credit assessment

(Assessed shall be the extending, deepening and a meaningful integration of the content of courses from year to year, upon considering the electiveness; enabling an efficient obtaining and reviewing and assessing knowledge, orientation towards intermediate and final objectives or competences or learning outcomes, determined by the study programme and study plans. The suitability of the credit assessment of courses shall be determined according to the importance, difficulty and extent of the course (suitable balance of credit points)).

Potential explanation of the applicant:

Provide a justification for the vertical and horizontal connectedness of contents:

STANDARD 2: The study programme shall be suitably integrated in the anticipated field and discipline according to its name, purpose and content.

(Assessed shall be the connectedness of the contents of the study programme, their relationship to applied or basic knowledge from the field and discipline and the idea concept of the selection of the content, clearly defined and meaningfully integrated with the current situation and developmental trends in science, the profession or art.)

Provide a description of how the programme shall be integrated in its anticipated field and discipline:

STANDARD 3: The study programme shall relate to the environment, in which higher education institutions are active.

Established shall be a scientific, professional or artistic cooperation of the higher education institution in the field, from which the study programme arises, with (*mark accordingly*):

- institutes,
- other organizations,
- companies,
- professional associations.

Please provide a description of the cooperation or provide a webpage title demonstrating it:

a) analysis or research of the needs for knowledge and the objectives of the society

Please attach an analysis of the needs for knowledge and objectives of the society.

(A methodologically substantiated analysis can be done by a higher education institution itself or it can be commissioned at the competent ministries, chambers or associations. It shall demonstrate the connection between learning outcomes in the proposal of the study programme and the findings of the profession regarding the needs for knowledge, employability of graduates or further education – depending on the type and cycle of the study programme being accredited.)

Potential explanation of the higher education institution regarding the connection between the planned learning outcomes and the findings of the profession:

b) conditions for the practical training of students

(The conditions for the practical training of students shall be shown in the plan for the implementation of the study programme when it is not included in the consortium agreement. The planned organization of practical training, its instructors and the tasks of all participating higher education institution shall be clear.)

Potential explanation of the applicant:

If the proposed study programme shall train for regulated professions in the European Union, prove compliance with the relevant European legislation:

C.2. CONCEPT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A STUDY PROGRAMME

STANDARD 4: The concept of the implementation of a study programme shall correspond with its content, composition, type, cycle and purpose (objectives), so that the study content, implementation practices and resources (material and human resources) shall be modified and provided with quality.

a) anticipated methods, forms and course of education

Please attach a plan for the implementation of a study programme if it is not included in the consortium agreement.

Please mark the anticipated method of the study programme implementation and enter the planned number of enrolment places:

- full-time study; number of enrolment places: _____
- part-time; number of enrolment places: _____
- remote study (e-study); number of enrolment places: _____

(In the assessment of the method of the study programme implementation, the composition and the content of the study programme shall be taken into consideration (Article 17 of the Accreditation Criteria) and the related suitability of the forms of work with students and the course of education. Any potentially planned adaptation of the study programme implementation of the forms of work with students shall provide a quality of the implementation of the study.)

Please indicate the anticipated forms of work with students and describe the anticipated course of education:

Remote study (e-study) or a combined form of study:

If a remote study (e-study) or a combined form of study shall be implemented, please indicate the software used and describe or explain the planned course of education, forms of work with students, extent of the implementation of the remote study, namely, according to individual subjects of the study programme, the anticipated methods of reviewing and assessing knowledge, the qualifications of higher education teachers and staff, as well as tutors and non-educational staff:

b) suitability of human resources in accordance with Article 13 of the Accreditation Criteria

Please attach valid decisions of all participating higher education institutions regarding the appointment to a title (for foreign higher education institutions the relevant proof shall be taken into consideration), proof regarding the scientific, professional, research or artistic work of the instructors of the programme or indicate a weblink demonstrating this. For Slovenian higher education institutions, please attach the statements of participation and the consents of employers.

The suitability of higher education teachers and staff for the implementation of the study programme and the qualifications of non-educational staff shall be assessed in accordance with Article 13 of the Accreditation Criteria. It shall be assessed whether the areas of appointment to the title of higher education teachers and staff correspond the content, composition, type, cycle and purpose (objectives) of the study programme. When a third-cycle study programme is being accredited, the meeting of the conditions for mentorship to doctoral students and the suitability of mentors shall also be assessed.)*

*Meeting the requirements for mentorship and the suitability of mentors shall only be assessed for Slovenian higher education institutions.

Main instructors* of study programme subjects:

Seq. No.	Name and surname	Title	Field of appointment	Subject

*domestic and foreign

Higher education staff* participating in the implementation of the study programme:

Seq. No.	Name and surname	Title	Field of appointment	Subject

*domestic

Meeting the requirements for mentorship to doctoral students and suitability of mentors:

Please indicate a list of instructors, mentors to doctoral students and justify for each their suitability for mentorship:

(The basic starting point for the quality of research work in the doctoral study is the quality of the mentorship to doctoral students. In the determination of the suitability of mentors, the work obligations of the instructors and their research work shall be considered. The mentor's educational, scientific and research references shall comply with the field, be at a high level and current.

The recommended maximum number of doctoral students per mentor is 5 per doctoral study programme. It is also recommended that the mentor be the instructor or a participant in the field-relevant research projects or programmes.)

c) material conditions concerning the implementation of the study programme in accordance with Article 15 of the Accreditation Criteria

(Article 15 of the Accreditation Criteria shall be considered; it shall also be determined whether there are sufficient premises and equipment for the anticipated number of students enrolled; especially when the higher education institution already implements other (accredited) study programmes.

The library of the higher education institution shall have the appropriate study, professional and scientific literature; study materials and electronic databases shall correspond with the content and cycle of the study programme.

The higher education institution shall have suitable library staff.)

Please attach proof regarding the premises and equipment for the implementation of the study programme and the plan for its implementation when the study shall be implemented at various locations, remote study, e-study.*

Justification of the applicant:

*premises and equipment at Slovenian higher education institutions

STANDARD 5: The study conditions and the obligatory components of a study programme shall be determined, evident and understandable. They shall enable the exercising of rights and the fulfilment of obligations of all stakeholders in the study process.

a) conditions for enrolment to a study programme and advancement of students

Enrolment conditions:

Please indicate the enrolment conditions:

Selection criteria in the event of enrolment limits:

Determine the criteria for the selection in the event of enrolment limits:

Conditions for advancement in the programme:

Please define (determine) and explain the advancement conditions:

b) criteria for the recognition of knowledge and skills obtained before the enrolment to a study programme

Please indicate how this recognition shall be executed:

(It shall be determined, whether the higher education institution shall recognize the knowledge and skills of candidates (qualifications or abilities), obtained through formal, informal or experiential learning, which fully or partially corresponds in content and difficulty with the general or subject-specific competences of the proposed study programme, namely as a fulfilled study obligation, evaluated according to ECTS.)

c) methods of assessment

Please list and explain the methods and forms of reviewing and assessing knowledge:

(It shall be assessed whether the methods and forms of reviewing and assessing knowledge are defined in a manner enabling a suitable review of achieved learning outcomes and competences, and the students continuous study and efficient monitoring of their own progress.)

č) conditions for the completion of the study

Please provide a definition of the conditions:

d) conditions for the completion of an individual part of the programme if it contains them

Please provide a definition of the conditions:

e) professional or scientific title

Please provide a definition of the conditions to obtain the title:

(It shall also be assessed whether the title(s) is/are consistent with the cycle, type and content of the study programme as well as with the law regulating them and determining their formation.)

f) conditions for the transition between study programmes

Please enter the provisions regarding the transition between study programmes:

(It shall be assessed whether the provisions are in accordance with the criteria for the transition adopted by the Agency Council.)

Article 36

(application form for the evaluation of an international joint study programme)

TYPE OF EVALUATION:

- within re-accreditation of a higher education institution**
 extraordinary
 sample

A. JOINT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARTICIPATING HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

A.1 ACCREDITED SLOVENIAN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION(S)

Applicant:

Name of higher education institution:	
Representative (name and surname, position):	
Street name and number:	
Postal code and town/city:	
Phone number:	
E-mail address:	
Website:	
Fields for which the institution is accredited:	
Disciplines for which the institution is accredited:	

If it regards a university, the following table shall appear:

Name of the member:	
E-mail address:	

A.2 FOREIGN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION(S)

Name of higher education institution:	
Representative (name and surname, position):	
Address:	
Phone number:	
E-mail address:	
Website:	

Location of the implementation of the study programme in the Republic of Slovenia:

Street name and number:	Postal code and town/city:

Please indicate all locations at which the study programme shall be implemented.

B. INFORMATION ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT STUDY PROGRAMME (hereinafter: study programme) *

Name of the study programme:

*The system inputs the data about the study programme.

C. AREAS OF ASSESSMENT

C.1. INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE STUDY PROGRAMME

STANDARD 1: The higher education institution shall evaluate and update the content, composition and implementation of the study programme.

a) self-evaluation of the study programme shall enable its development and update, thus keeping its actuality and creating a quality educational environment

Please attach:

- self-evaluation reports for the last three years and documents exhibiting the fulfilment of assignments based on the findings of the self-evaluation report for the last concluded self-evaluation period (when they are not part of the self-evaluation report) and a plan of actions for the following self-evaluation period;

- report on the fulfilment of the consortium agreement if it is not part of the self-evaluation report.

(Planning the self-evaluation may be demonstrated in the self-evaluation plan, but also from another joint document of the participating higher education institutions. Provide a document demonstrating the planning (p. from_to_), and a potential weblink to the document.)

(It shall be assessed whether the planning of the self-evaluation of the study programme and the related tasks are centred mainly towards the:

- update of the content of the study programme,*
- assessment of the suitability of the implementation of the study programme, methods and forms of educational work and the work of students,*
- evaluation of the students' load, their progress and the completion of the study, and publicly valid documents,*
- comparison of the achieved competences or learning outcomes with the planned or the assessment of the justification of their modification,*
- assessment of the suitability of reviewing and evaluating knowledge,*
- assessment of the study conditions or the study environment and consultation services,*
- assessment of the expectations, needs and satisfaction of students, higher education teachers and staff, and stakeholders from the environment,*
- determination of the needs for knowledge and employment needs in the environment in accordance with Standard 5 of Article 12 of the Accreditation Criteria;*

- analysis of the enrolment, transition and completion of the study,
- assessment of the scientific, professional, research or artistic work and the actuality and extent of achievements in the field of the study programme.)

Potential explanation of the applicant:

b) methods and procedures of collecting information or proposals for the transformation of a study programme and their analysis

Potential explanation of the applicant:

c) adequacy of notifying the stakeholders regarding the planned tasks or the findings from the self-evaluation of the study programme

Potential explanation of the applicant:

STANDARD 2: Achievement of tasks planned based on the findings of the self-evaluation of a study programme shall be shown in the self-evaluation reports.

(Assessed shall be the achievement of tasks, connected with the self-evaluation of a study programme, in the last three years and:

- the participation of the stakeholders in adopting measures for improvements, monitoring their achievement and the preparation of the self-evaluation report, and
- conclusion of the circle of quality.)

Potential explanation of the applicant:

C.2. MODIFYING ANF UPDATING THE STUDY PROGRAMME

STANDARD 3: The higher education institution shall monitor the implementation of the study programme, shall review and improve it by taking into consideration of the development of study, scientific, professional, research or artistic field and disciplines (development of the profession), to which it is properly placed, by evaluating the achievement of the set objectives, competences or learning outcomes and the needs for knowledge and objectives of society – depending on the type and cycle of the study programme. The modifications and updates consider the basic objectives of the programme and preserve the connectedness of its content or subjects.

(It shall be assessed whether the study programme, after the modification and the update, is still complete in content and consistency, whether the connectedness of study plans and the curriculum with the objectives and competences of the study programme is preserved, and whether the content is linked horizontally or vertically; upon the consideration of Article 17 of the Accreditation Criteria.)

Potential explanation of the applicant:

Please provide an explanation of how the scientific, professional, research or artistic work at the higher education institution relates to the field(s) and discipline(s) of the study programme. Consider its cycle and type:

(It shall also be assessed how the scientific, professional, research or artistic work at the higher education institution impacts the update of the study programme.)

STANDARD 4: The method, form and extent of the implementation of the study programme shall correspond with its content, composition, type and cycle, so that there shall be a quality of the adaptation and provision of the contents of the study, implementation practices and resources (human and material resources).

a) methods and forms of education, their development or adaptation (including resources):

- various groups of students,
- various study needs and methods of study (student-centred study and education),
- needs of higher education teachers and staff

Potential explanation of the applicant:

b) number of executed contact hours, determined by the study programme, or other forms of work with students

Potential explanation of the applicant (*obligatory when referring to other types of work with students*):

c) study materials and their adaptation to the methods and forms of education and the needs of students

(It shall be assessed whether the study materials are adapted to the e-study, remote study or other forms of study, and the needs of students, mostly students with various forms of disability.)

Potential explanation of the applicant:

č) students' work in the scientific, professional, research or artistic projects by taking into consideration Article 33 of ZViS

Explanation of the applicant:

d) practical training of students *

Please attach a plan for the implementation of the international joint study programme if it is not included in the consortium agreement. (Indicate any website where the plan has been published.)

(The plan for the implementation of the international joint study programme shall clearly show the organization of practical education, its instructors and the tasks of the participating higher education institutions. In relation to that the following shall be determined:

- the number of hours of practical education and the implementation of this training in a working environment,
- content of practical training,
- cooperation of the higher education institution with companies, and
- keeping records about it.)

Potential explanation of the applicant regarding the course (implementation) of practical training:

*Obligatory for higher education vocational study programmes and for those whose obligatory component is practical training.

e) suitability of timetables, number of contact hours or the approachability of higher education teachers and staff to students

Potential explanation of the applicant:

f) suitability and qualifications of human resources in accordance with Article 13 of the Accreditation Criteria

(Suitability of higher education teachers and staff for the implementation of a study programme and the qualifications of non-educational staff shall be assessed in accordance with Article 13 of the Accreditation Criteria.)

Potential explanation of the applicant:

(It shall be assessed whether the connection between teaching and the scientific, professional, research, or artistic work provides for a quality transfer of knowledge in the educational process and at the same time the development of fields and disciplines. The meeting of the conditions for mentorship to doctoral students shall also be assessed.)

Potential explanation of the applicant:

g) material conditions related with the implementation of the study programme in accordance with Article 15 of the Accreditation Criteria

Potential explanation of the applicant:

STANDARD 5: The protection of the rights of stakeholders in the study process shall be provided

a) all students shall be enabled an uninterrupted transition and completion of the study upon regular meeting of the requirements determined by the study programme

(For the assessment, the following is especially important:

- *distribution of exam dates,*
- *the criteria and evaluation methods are published in advance,*
- *fairness and transparency in the evaluation,*
- *different methods of evaluation and the help of the higher education institution in the development of knowledge of higher education teachers in this field,*
- *enablement of an appeal towards the note and the transparency of appeal procedures.)*

Explanation of the applicant:

b) all higher education teachers and staff shall have their autonomy in teaching and research provided, as well as help and consultation in the development of their career path

Explanation of the applicant:

c) notification of stakeholders in accordance with Standard 7 of Article 12 of the Accreditation Criteria

Potential explanation of the applicant:

**Article 37
(application form for transnational higher education (THE))**

A. INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARTICIPATING HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

A.1 PROVIDER OF TRANSNATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION

Name of the higher education institution:	
Representative (name and surname, position):	
Street name and number:	

Postal code and town/city:	
Phone number:	
E-mail address:	
Website:	
Fields for which the institution is accredited:	
Disciplines for which the institution is accredited:	

If it regards a university, the following table shall appear:

Name of the member:	
E-mail address:	

A.2 HOLDER OF TRANSNATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION

Name of higher education institution:	
Representative (name and surname, position):	
Street name and number:	
Postal code and town/city:	
Phone number:	
E-mail address:	
Website:	
Fields for which the institution is accredited:	
Disciplines for which the institution is accredited:	

If it regards a university, the following table shall appear:

Name of the member:	
E-mail address:	

Location of the implementation of the study programme in the Republic of Slovenia:

Street name and number:	Postal code and town/city:

Please indicate all locations at which the study programme shall be implemented.

Note: The applicant of the application form for transnational higher education is a Slovenian higher education institution.

B. INFORMATION ABOUT THE OFFERED STUDY PROGRAMME

Name of the study programme:

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Type of study programme:

- higher educational vocational
- university
- Master's
- unified Master's
- PhD
- further education

Cycle of the study programme:

- first
 second
 third

Duration of the study programme:

- 1 year 3 years 5 years
 2 years 4 years 6 years

The study programme shall educate for regulated professions in the EU. yes no

Classification to the Slovenian Qualifications Framework (SQF), European Qualifications Framework (EQF), and European Higher Education Qualifications Framework (EHEQF):

Justification:

Professional/scientific title(s):

- female form: _____
- male form: _____
- abbreviation: _____

C. AGREEMENT REGARDING TRANSNATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION

Please attach:

- the agreement regarding transnational higher education, drawn up in accordance with Article 16 of these criteria;

- obligatory attachments to the agreement regarding transnational higher education, specified in Article 28 of these Criteria.

Potential explanation of the higher education institution:

Article 38 (application form for the notification of a study programme)

Mark accordingly:

- notification of an international joint study programme
 notification of a study programme of an international association of universities

A. INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARTICIPATING HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

A.1 SLOVENIAN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION GIVING NOTIFICATION FOR A STUDY PROGRAMME

Name of the higher education institution:	
Representative (name and surname, position):	
Street name and number:	
Postal code and town/city:	
Phone number:	
E-mail address:	
Website:	
Fields for which the institution is accredited:	
Disciplines for which the institution is	

accredited:	
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If it regards a university, the following table shall appear:

Name of the member:	
E-mail address:	

A.2 FOREIGN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION(S) IMPLEMENTING THE NOTIFIED STUDY PROGRAMME

Name of the higher education institution:	
Representative (name and surname, position):	
Street name and number:	
Postal code and town/city:	
Phone number:	
E-mail address:	
Website:	
Fields for which the institution is accredited:	
Disciplines for which the institution is accredited:	

If it regards a university, the following table shall appear:

Name of the member:	
E-mail address:	

Location of the implementation of a study programme in the Republic of Slovenia:

Street name and number:	Postal code and town/city:

Specify all locations in the Republic of Slovenia at which the study programme shall be implemented.

B. INFORMATION ABOUT THE NOTIFIED STUDY PROGRAMME

Please attach the study programme for which you are giving notification.

Name of the study programme:

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Type of the study programme:

- higher educational vocational
- university
- Master's
- unified Master's
- PhD
- further education

Cycle of the study programmes:

- first
- second
- third

Duration of the study programme:

1 year
 2 years

3 years
 4 years

5 years
 6 years

The study programme shall educate for regulated professions in the EU. yes no

Classification to the Slovenian Qualifications Framework (SQF), European Qualifications Framework (EQF), and European Higher Education Qualifications Framework (EHEQF):

Justification:

Professional/scientific title(s):

- female form: _____
- male form: _____
- abbreviation: _____

C. INTERNATIONAL JOINT STUDY PROGRAMME

Please attach:

- *proof of accreditation of foreign higher education institutions implementing the notified study programme of agencies entered in the EQAR list,*
- *proof of accreditation of the notified international joint study programme at an agency, entered in the EQAR list.*

Potential explanation of the applicant:

Č. STUDY PROGRAMME OF AN INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITIES

Please attach:

- *proof of accreditation of a study programme with information about the public validity of diplomas, level of education and professional or scientific title in the country of accreditation of this programme,*
- *opinion of the higher education institution meeting the requirements from Article 19 of these Criteria, drafted up in accordance with Article 20 of these Criteria.*

Potential explanation of the applicant:

IX. TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 39

On the day these Criteria enter into force, the Criteria for Transnational Higher Education shall cease to apply (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 18/12, 38/13, 8/15).

Article 40

(submission of applications)

The applicants shall be able to submit applications in accordance with paragraph one of Article 27 of these Criteria in three months from entry into force of these Criteria. The website of the Agency shall feature access to the web application and all technical instructions.

If the applicant shall submit the application in a different form than the form prescribed with these Criteria, they shall be urged by the Agency to fill out the prescribed corresponding form within a specified period. If the applicant shall not fill out the form by the specified deadline, the Agency shall dismiss the application.

Article 41
(notifying about modifications)

Higher education institutions shall fill out or enter the data in the electronic application form for the accreditation of an international study programme which they are transforming at the latest within one year after the implementation of eNakvis so that the last situation of the international joint study programme shall be evident. From that date onward, all changes shall be entered in the prepared form.

Article 42
(entry into force)

These criteria shall enter into force the following day after publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia.

Number: 0070-1/2017/31

In Ljubljana, on 16 November 2017

Andreja Kocijančič, PhD,
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