

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

between

National Accreditation Agency of the Russian Federation

and

Higher Education Accreditation Agency of Republika Srpska

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This *Memorandum of Cooperation* is made between

the National Accreditation Agency of the Russian Federation (hereinafter referred to as NAA), 115162, Shabolovka 33, Moscow, Russia, hereinafter referred to as NAA

and

Higher Education Accreditation Agency of Republika Srpska (hereinafter referred to as RS HEAA), Vuka Karadzica 1, 78 000 Banja Luka, Republika Srpska, Bosna i Hercegovina.

Whereas

NAA was established by the Russian Federation State Committee for higher education by Order № 570 of 18 April 1995 as a state institution under the name "The Research and Information Centre for State Accreditation of Goskomvuz of Russia. In the framework of international activity the Agency shall participate in realization of the Bologna declaration provisions regarding the quality assurance of education for the development of the system of evaluation and quality assessment in the Russian Federation.

RS HEAA was established in April 2011 by the Republika Srpska Government with jurisdiction in quality assurance in higher education. Mission of Higher Education Accreditation Agency is continuous build-up and improvement of quality

assurance in Republika Srpska higher education system through the implementation of European standards and best practices in the area of quality assurance.

NAA and RS HEAA

Having comparable missions and institutional objectives in the assurance of quality in higher education, and both being committed to the spirit of cooperation in higher education area, both parties wish to continue and deepen further their cooperation upon the terms contained herein.

Aims

NAA and RS HEAA agree through this *Memorandum of Cooperation* to cooperate for the mutual benefit and to work towards enhancing regulation and quality assurance in both jurisdictions and improving the quality of higher education in Russian Federation and Republika Srpska. This Memorandum of Cooperation is not intended to create legally binding relations between the parties, and neither party has authority to act on behalf of or otherwise bind the other party. However, NAA and RS HEAA agree to work together to implement this *Memorandum of Cooperation* in good faith.

Areas of cooperation and collaboration

(a) Mutual understanding

Work to enhance their understanding of each other's approach to quality assurance in higher education, the respective system in place for quality assurance and enhancement in higher education, and the critical matters related to quality and standards in higher education in both countries.

(b) Information exchange

Where appropriate and possible, exchange information and offer professional advice on each other's activities and processes, higher education providers operating in each jurisdiction, and developments in each country's higher education systems.

(c) Staff development

Where appropriate and possible, support the development of staff from two agencies through activities such as staff exchange, observing each other's review processes, and provision of training.

(d) Use of each other's reviewers

Where appropriate and possible, draw on reviewers or other specialists from each other's systems to strengthen the international dimensions of each other's review processes.

(e) Collaboration

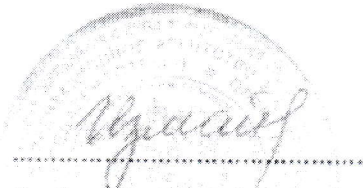
Where appropriate and possible, collaborate in relation to mutually agreed projects and activities, for the benefit of both parties, including development of procedures, regulations, trainings, seminars, workshops, supporting student and education staff mobility, and undertaking research on quality related issues.

Final provision

This Memorandum comes into force upon being signed by both parties and shall be valid until terminated with the mutual consent of both parties or at the request of one of the parties with the prior notice of other party not less than 30 days.

This Memorandum is signed by the parties in a spirit of amicable cooperation. The terms of Memorandum may be altered with consent of both parties.

Signatures of the parties



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