

Accreditation of international programmes

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Accreditation of internal programmes

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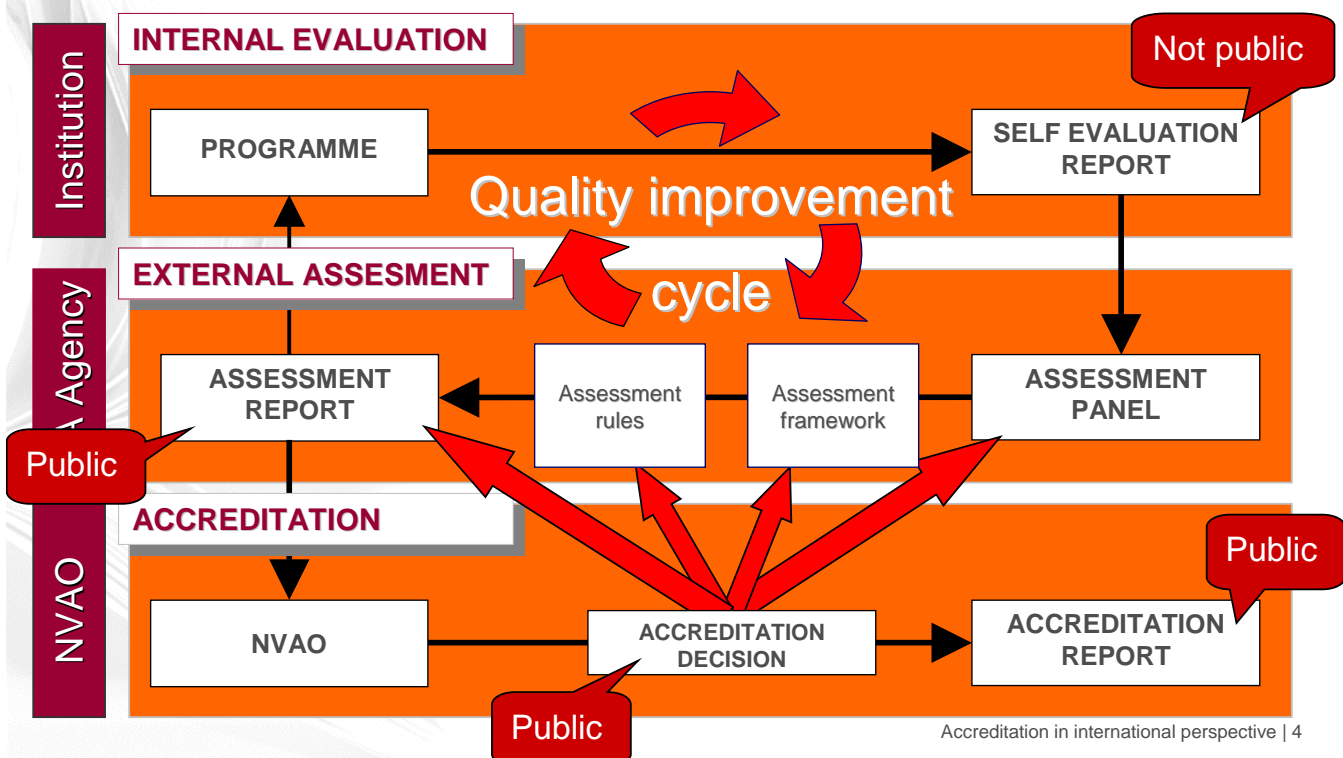
- Clearness in definitions: joint programmes, bi and multi degrees,...etc
- Generic frameworks and flexible procedures
- Acceptance of diversity of criteria and procedures
- Trust (mutual)

NVAO

- Accreditation organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (Belgium)
- Set up by international treaty (2003)
- Binational and yet independent organisation
- Programme accreditation
- Three-tier system (Internal QA- External Assessment- Accreditation)
- Initial accreditation (new programmes)
- Accreditation (existing programmes)
- Comparable structure of HE in NI and FI
- Comparable framework and procedures for NI and FI
- Specific rules for each country (not fundamental)

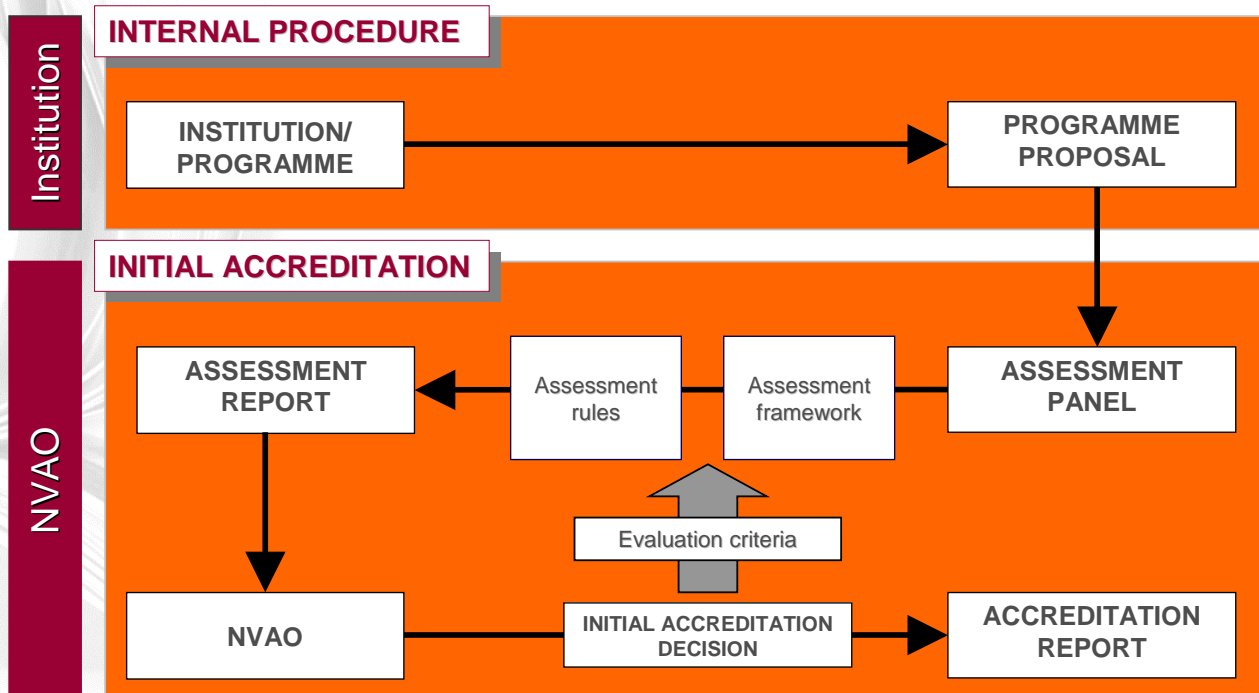
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ACCREDITATION SYSTEM



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INITIAL ACCREDITATION SYSTEM



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NVAO goes for Mutual Recognition

- Active ECA participation
- Participation in "domain" QA projects
- Flanders: Equivalency of Accreditations
- Flanders: specific approach of joint degrees

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European Consortium for Accreditation



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Experiences with international programmes in Flanders

- Equivalency of accreditations (examples of AACSB and EAEVE)
- Approach of joint degrees (examples of Human Rights)

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Equivalency of accreditation: principles

- Programme is positively accredited (by other accreditation agency)
- Accreditation decision is actual
- Accreditation is based on public assessment report
- Accreditation agency has an adequate organisation structure
- Accreditation agency uses acceptable criteria

Accreditation of joint degrees: principles

The external assessment (of parts) of the curriculum offered by the partners institutions can be replaced by

- an external assessment carried out by an other agency
- an accreditation by an other agency
- other relevant documents approving the Q of those parts of the curriculum offered by the partners institutions

Accreditation of joint degrees: example of Human rights

- a participation of 39 universities of which 6 effectively delivering the JD
- panel composition
- site visit
- SER and relevant documents

Experiences with in Netherlands

- MBA “International Supply Chain Management” in Hogeschool Enschede Saxion / FH Osnabrück / FH Münster in cooperation with ZevA
- Master “Comparatieve Neerlandistiek” in University of Amsterdam (UvA) and Freie Universität Berlin (FUB) in cooperation with ACQUIN

MBA “International Supply Chain Management” in Hogeschool Enschede Saxion / FH Osnabrück / FH Münster in a cooperation ZevA-NVAO

A cooperation project EMOTIS

- A comparable framework for evaluation ZevA/NVAO
- One SER acceptable for ZevA and NVAO
- One panel for all institution
- One site visit
- One assessment report acceptable for both agencies
- Pragmatic approach interpretation guidelines and titles
- Conclusion: feasible

Accreditation of “Master Comparatieve Neerlandistiek” in the University of Amsterdam (UvA) and the Freie Universität Berlin (FUB) in a cooperation NVAO-ACQUIN

- A comparable framework
- Differences in approach:
 - Panel composition
 - Site visit and report redaction
 - Formal decision
- Structural complications
- Conclusion: feasible



QUESTIONS ?

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