

# Quality Assurance System in Latvia

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# History of Quality Assurance in Latvia

1995-2013



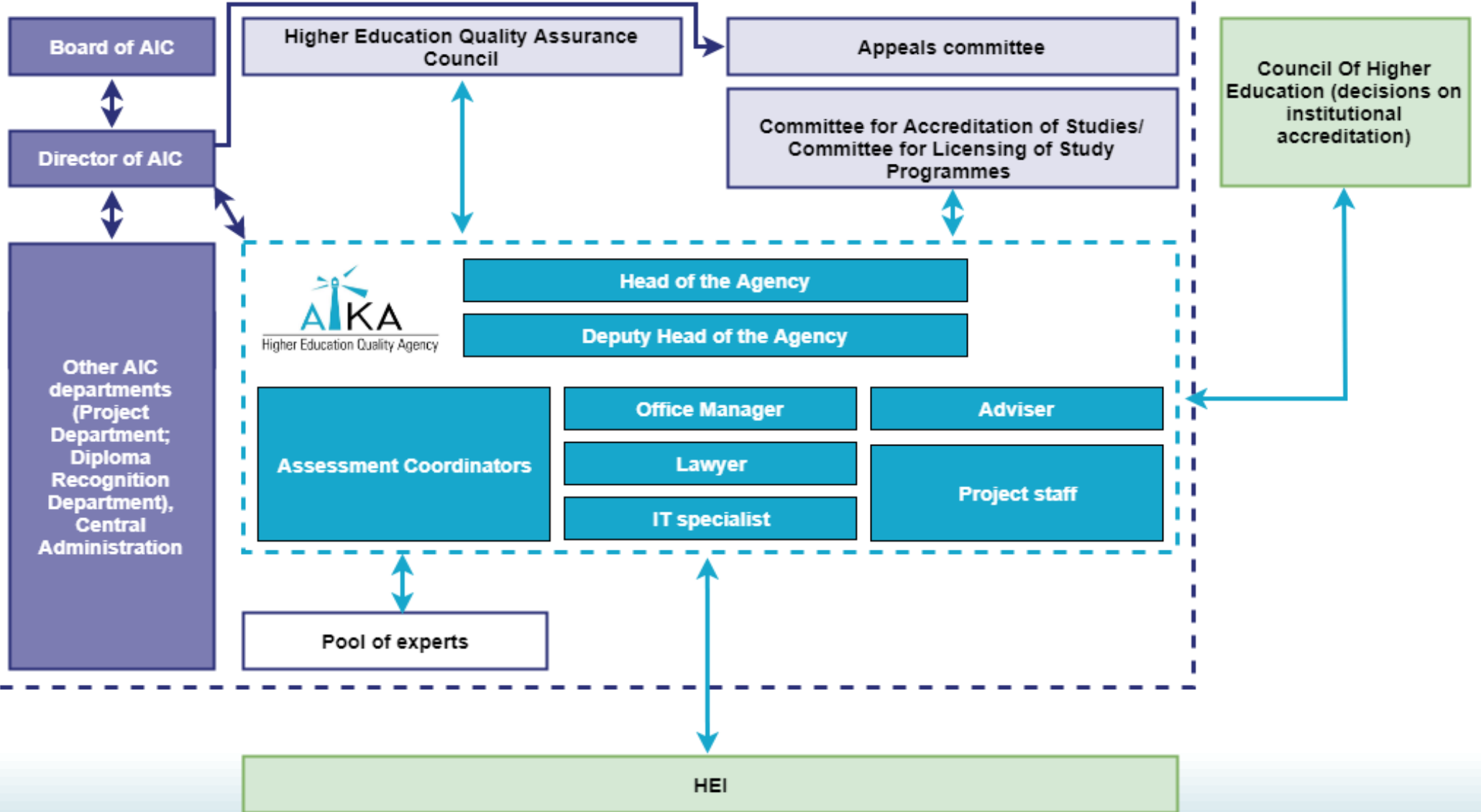
2013-2015



Izglītības un zinātnes  
ministrija

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# Mission and main tasks

Quality agency for higher education is **trustful and internationally recognized**, it **contributes to the continuous quality enhancement of higher education in Latvia** and takes active role in quality assurance processes of the European and global higher education area

- Assessment procedures
- Experts` trainings
- Seminars/ conferences for the higher education institutions and other stakeholders
- Thematic analysis
- Involvement in the development of the national legislation on higher education
- International activities
- Reliable and publicly available information

# International Cooperation



ENQA

- ▶ European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA) - from 2015 affiliate and since 2018 full member

- ▶ International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE) – member since 2015



- ▶ Central and Eastern European Network of Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (CEENQA) – member since 2016 and in 2018 elected in the board



- ▶ European Consortium for Accreditation (ECA) – member since 2017

- ▶ CHEA International Quality Group – members since 2018

- ▶ Baltic network of quality assurance agencies

- ▶ Nordic Quality Assurance Network in Higher Education (NOQA)

# Assessment procedures



## Accreditation of HEI

### **7 experts**

- Student representative
- At least 2 foreign experts

+ Observers (students, labour union, council of higher education)



## Accreditation of study direction

(group of study programmes)

### **5 experts**

- Student representative
- Labour market representative
- At least 1 foreign expert

+ Observers

(students, labour union, committee)



## Licensing of study programme

### **3 experts**

- One expert from academic field
  - One expert with experience in labour market
  - Student representative
- + Observers (students, labour union, committee)

# The Framework for Assessment Procedures

On international level

Standards and guidelines for quality assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG)

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On national level

Law on Institutions of Higher Education  
Regulations by the Cabinet of Ministers

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On organisational level

Strategic documents  
Assessment methodologies (describe the procedure)  
Assessment guidelines (describe the structure for self-assessment reports and experts reports)

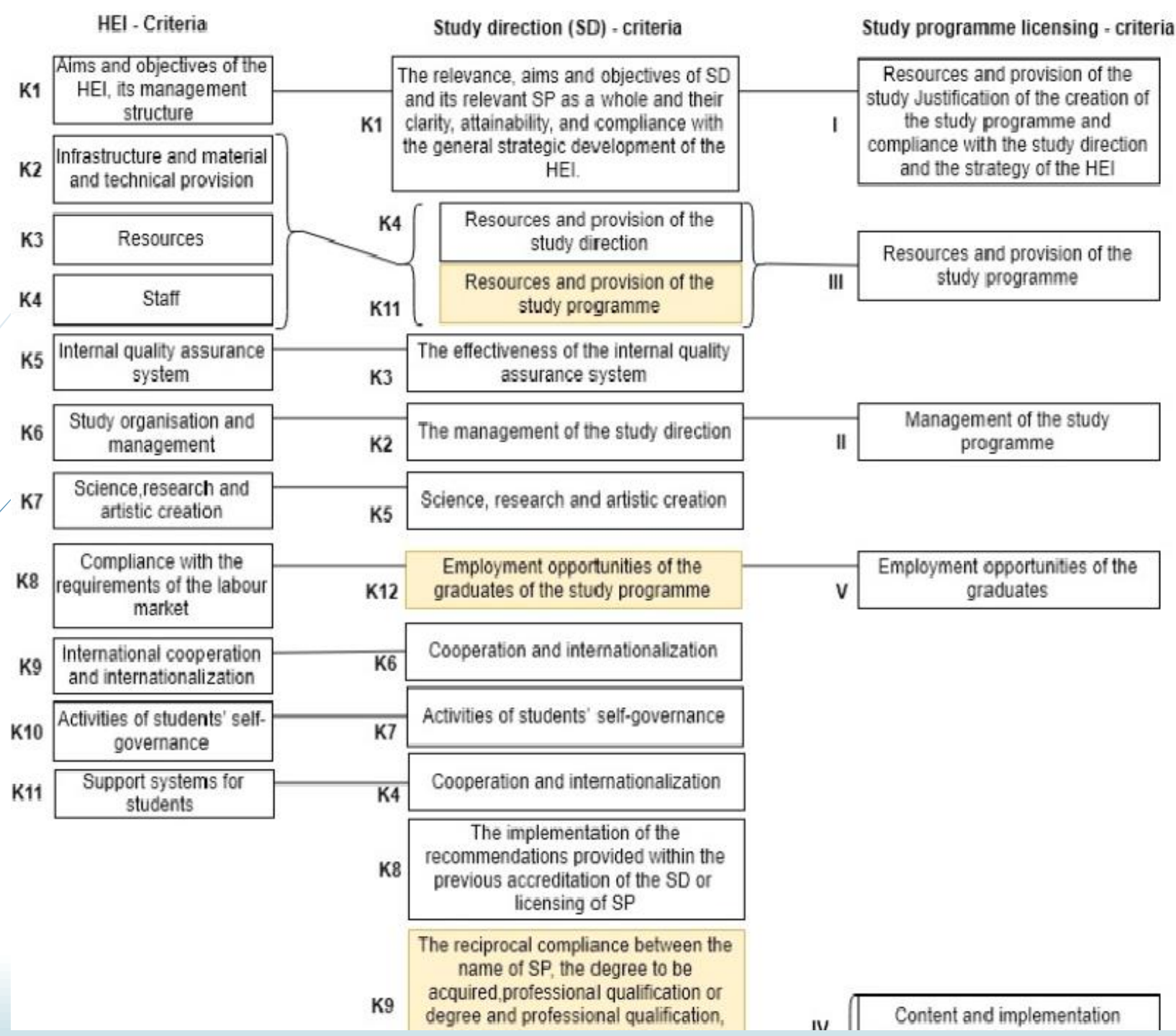
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# General Steps of Procedures

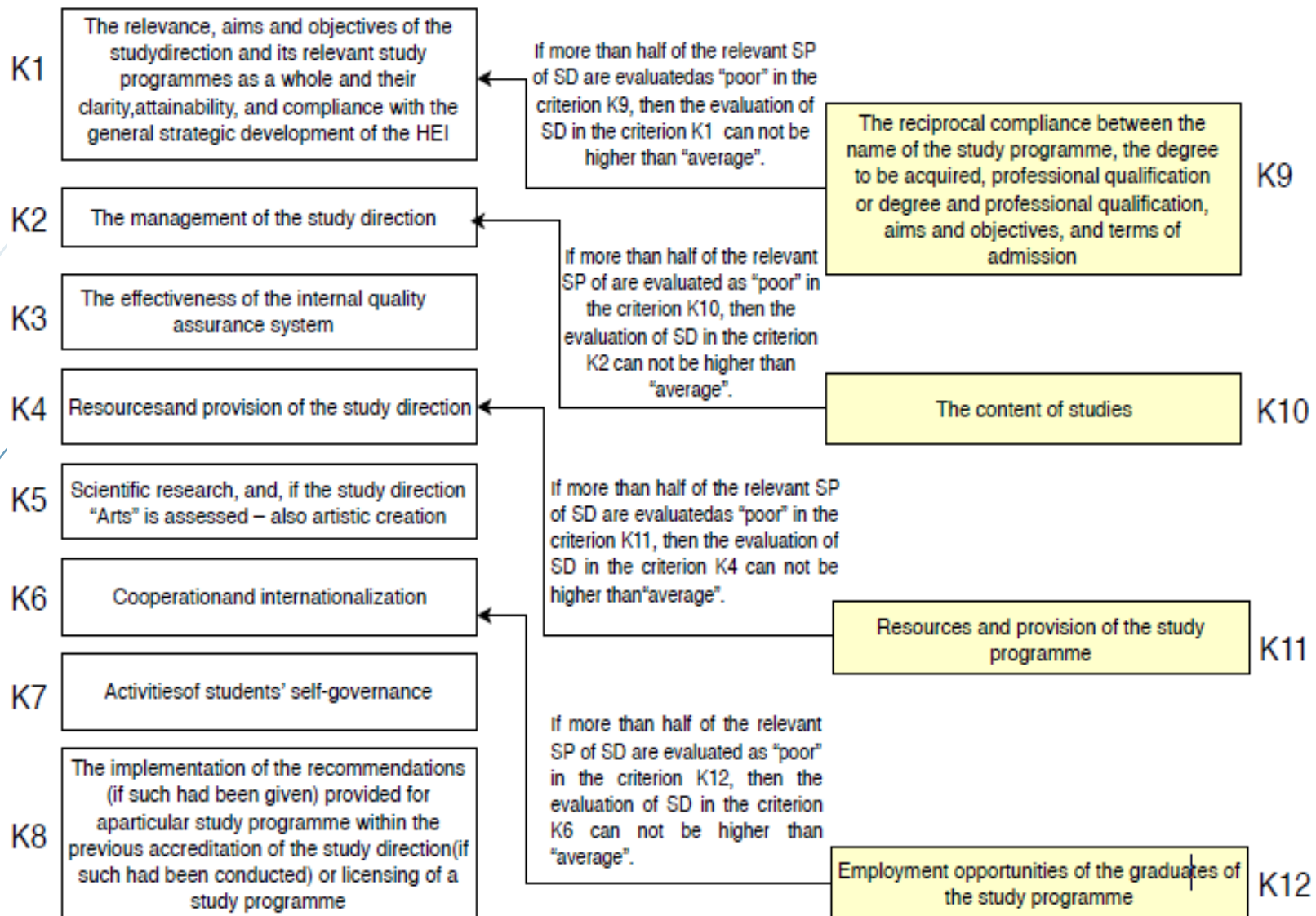
1. Self-assessment process
2. Submission of the application and self-assessment report
3. Review of the documents by the Agency
4. Composing the experts group
5. Visit of the experts group
6. Joint report of the experts group
7. Comments by HEI on the factual errors
8. Decision by the Committee (with the HEI present)
9. Follow-up procedures





## Information/ criteria for the study direction

## Assessment criteria of the study programme (for each relevant study programme of the study direction)





# Information availability

➤ <http://svr.aic.lv> :

Results of the assessments

Self-evaluation report of higher education institution

Experts report

➤ [www.aika.lv](http://www.aika.lv):

Methodologies

Guidelines

Regulatory enactments



**Thank you for your attention!**

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