

ASIGMA - QUALITY ASSURANCE IN INTERNATIONALIZED MASTER EDUCATION

Goal of the project

- Improvement of university management and increase of the capacity of higher education institutions to provide internationalized master programs adapted to global market requirements
- Improvement of national internationalized master programs
- Development and implementation of internal assessment instruments for institutions that provide internationalized master programs
- Development and implementation of a quality assurance framework for the internationalized master education

Short description of the project

The management staff with responsibilities in higher education, particularly in the development of internationalized master programs benefit of opportunities for improvement of management and educational competencies through exchanges of good practices.

The teaching staff and students involved in internationalized master programs are provided with an improved, innovative educational framework centered on learning outcomes and on involvement of all stakeholders into the educational process for development of competencies required by the labour market.

The personnel involved in institutional quality assurance are provided with instruments fit for performing relevant evaluations. These instruments contribute to increase the awareness of internationalized education paradigm for all actors involved in master education.

A quality reference framework for elaboration, upgrading and consolidation of quality assurance policies for higher education at legal and institutional level is provided.

Project implemented by

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- Transilvania University, Brasov
- Dunarea de Jos University, Galati
- ASE, Bucharest
- Politehnica University Timisoara
- Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iasi
- WUT, Timisoara
- Ovidius University, Constanta
- ARACIS, Bucharest

Implementation period

2010-2013

Main activities

- A1. Development of a partnership network
- A2. Exchange of good practices
- A3. Elaboration of a study concerning the internationalized master program in a European context
- A4. Development of internal evaluation instruments for internationalized master programs
- A5. Organization of the "Internationalized Education Day"
- A6. Improvement of internationalized master curricula
- A7. Development of quality assurance methodology for internationalized masters
- A8. Development of an information system for quality management and assurance in internationalized master programs
- A9. Transfer of the quality assurance methodology for internationalized master programs to the national external evaluation and accreditation methodology
- A10. Consolidation of the partnership network



Results

- Report concerning a qualitative study of Romanian internationalized master programs in the European context
- 4 instruments of internal quality assessment according to work-teams profiles: master directors / coordinators involved in management and curricula development, professors, linguistic specialist and students
- 24 master programs evaluated and improved in what concerns infrastructure, equipment and education: curriculum development, teaching materials, cooperation, correlation of competencies with labour market requirements
- Quality assurance methodology for the internationalized master education
- 1 document – recommendation for improvement of national quality assurance methodology
- 1 partnership network
- 6 conferences
- 6 seminars
- 9 “Internationalized Education Day” type events

Applicability and transferability of the results

The following entities are supposed to use the results of the project:

- National educational institutions that run internationalized master programs
- National agency for quality assurance in higher education
- Local, institutional boards for quality assurance in higher education
- Managers / directors / coordinators of internationalized master programs
- Higher education institutions for conception of a coherent internationalization policy
- Entities involved in evaluation, assessment and ranking of higher education institutions that use internationalization as a ranking criterion

Fields of interest

- Quality assurance
- Higher education management
- Internationalization of higher education
- European Higher Education Area
- Conception of internationalized master programs



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