

Cooperation Agreement

between

**National Center for Professional Education
Quality Assurance Foundation (ANQA)**

and

Polish State Accreditation Committee (PKA)

December, 2009



Preamble

The National Centre for Professional Education Quality Assurance Foundation (ANQA) is an independent foundation for promoting quality education at tertiary level in Armenia. It was established in December, 2008. ANQA is founded and subsidized by the Armenian government and is projected to be financed through entrepreneurial initiatives. It is governed by the board of stakeholders and is independent of the RA Ministry of Education and Science and institutions at tertiary level.

The Polish State Accreditation Committee is an independent institution working within the higher education system in Poland for the improvement in the quality of higher education. It was established pursuant to art. 38 clause 1 of the Act on Higher Education of 12 September 1990 (O.J. No. 65, item 385) amended on 20 July 2001 and is currently operating on the basis of Act of Law on Higher Education of 27 July 2005. The Committee is governed by its bodies which are: President, Secretary General and Presidium. PKA is financed exclusively by public funds.

The National Centre for Professional Education Quality Assurance Foundation (ANQA) and the Polish State Accreditation Committee (in the following: the contracting parties) recognize importance of quality assessment and accreditation in the area of higher education and need for exchange of experience and thus agree to conclude the following cooperation agreement.

§ 1 Goals of the Cooperation.

The contracting parties cooperate within the framework of their respective competences.

The cooperation takes place with the goals of

- promotion of quality assessment in the area of higher education;
- furthering the development of quality assurance systems for higher education in Armenia;
- training of Armenian peers;
- working together in cross-border projects aiming at quality improvement and assurance in higher education.

These goals shall be attained through:

- exchange of experience in the area of accreditation and quality assessment of higher education and information on internal quality assurance systems of respective contracting parties as well as execution and development of the accreditation procedures;
- exchange of experts for accreditation and quality assessment procedures;
- participation in conferences, seminars and meetings organized by respective contracting parties.

§ 2 Actions.

1. The contracting parties agree to inform each other regularly about their activities in the stated areas of activity.
2. The contracting parties intend to organise joint workshops on specific topics related to accreditation in tertiary education.

§ 3 Costs.

No financial obligations infer from this agreement. Costs will be subjected to a case by case decision.

§ 4 Cooperation with other (accreditation) institutions.

This agreement is not exclusive and does not impede each of the contracting parties to sign agreements with other evaluation and/or accreditation bodies.

§ 5 Language.

The contracting parties agree to formulate cooperation agreements and all other written documents concerning their cooperation in English. Documents regarding specific accreditation processes are provided in English.

§ 6 Termination of Cooperation.

This agreement is signed for a normal period of four years, automatically reconducted for a new period of four years, except if one of the contracting parties has given a 90 days written notice in advance of its will to terminate it.


In any case the contracting parties may terminate this agreement for important reasons with six months' notice before the date which corresponds to the terminating date of this cooperation agreement.

§ 7 Final Regulations.

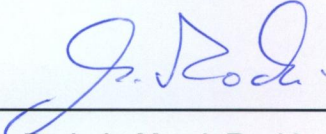

1. Changes or additions to this cooperation agreement must be provided in written form and signed by both contracting parties to be valid.
2. The respective managing directors of the contracting parties are in charge of the implementation of this cooperation agreement.
3. This cooperation agreement enters into force through the signature of both contracting parties.

Yerevan, December, 2009.

Warsaw, December, 2009



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