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"Support for Meeting the Requirements Set for EQAR Agency" Nr.8.2.4.0/15/I/001

Academic Information Centre seminar "Monitoring of Higher Education and the concept of e-platform"

On December 8, 2017 Academic Information Centre, within the frame of the ESF project "Support for meeting the requirements set for the EQAR Agency" No. 8.2.4.0/15/I/001, organised a seminar.

The representative of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia informed about higher education quality monitoring system, quality elements in higher education, smart specialisation strategies and its monitoring, as well as the existing problems that need to be tackled by the implementation of the proposed higher education monitoring system.

In accordance with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG-2015) higher education quality assurance agencies have certain functions that should be performed with regard to information analysis and follow–up activities, these in their turn could be included in the national higher education monitoring system. Academic Information Centre experts gave their point of view and insight in their functions in the quality monitoring. The Lithuanian Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education (SKVC) representatives presented the system which how data on higher education quality is collected and analysed in Lithuania, sharing responsibilities among several key institutions.

During the seminar there were discussions on the e-platform creation and implementation, which is planned as a support instrument for the accreditation and licensing process implementation and will ensure data storage and monitoring of follow-up activities. Representatives from the Council of Higher Education gave an insight in what public information is provided by quality assurance agencies in other countries.

The seminar was attended by 62 participants representing 43 different organizations, including the 39 Higher Education Institutions, the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia, the Council of Higher Education, Latvian Students Association, and the Lithuanian Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education (SKVC).