

A Report Based on Programme Evaluations by Teams of International Evaluation Experts in Higher Education for SKVC

THE OVERVIEW OF ECONOMICS STUDY PROGRAMMES IN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN LITHUANIA, 2013

INTRODUCTION

This overview is the result of the international evaluation of 5 study programmes in Economics implemented in 4 universities and one college in Lithuania in November 2013. The evaluations were undertaken by team of international experts with a team leader, Prof. Dr. Tiiu Paas.

According to team opinion, programmes are developed following regulations settled by different institutions. Ministry and other institutions work properly and provide strong framework for programmes' development. Study outcomes and additional issues are elaborated very comprehensively and sometimes raises a concern whether they are really clearly understandable for all stakeholders and whether they are fully achievable. We also think, that there are probably some linguistic problems in understanding the concept „economics“ in different languages. It seems, that in some interpretations „economics“ means „economy“ and teaching in economics is related to special branches of economy and their problems. Based on experience from other countries, much more internalisation is necessary in elaboration and development of study programs and curriculum design, also in implementation of the programmes. More collaboration within Lithuania would be beneficial. In Estonia, we understood that our higher education cannot be developed on the sufficiently good level and will not be sustainable without strong internalisation and collaboration within the country. Of course, Lithuania is bigger than Estonia, and these developments are probably not so critical for you.