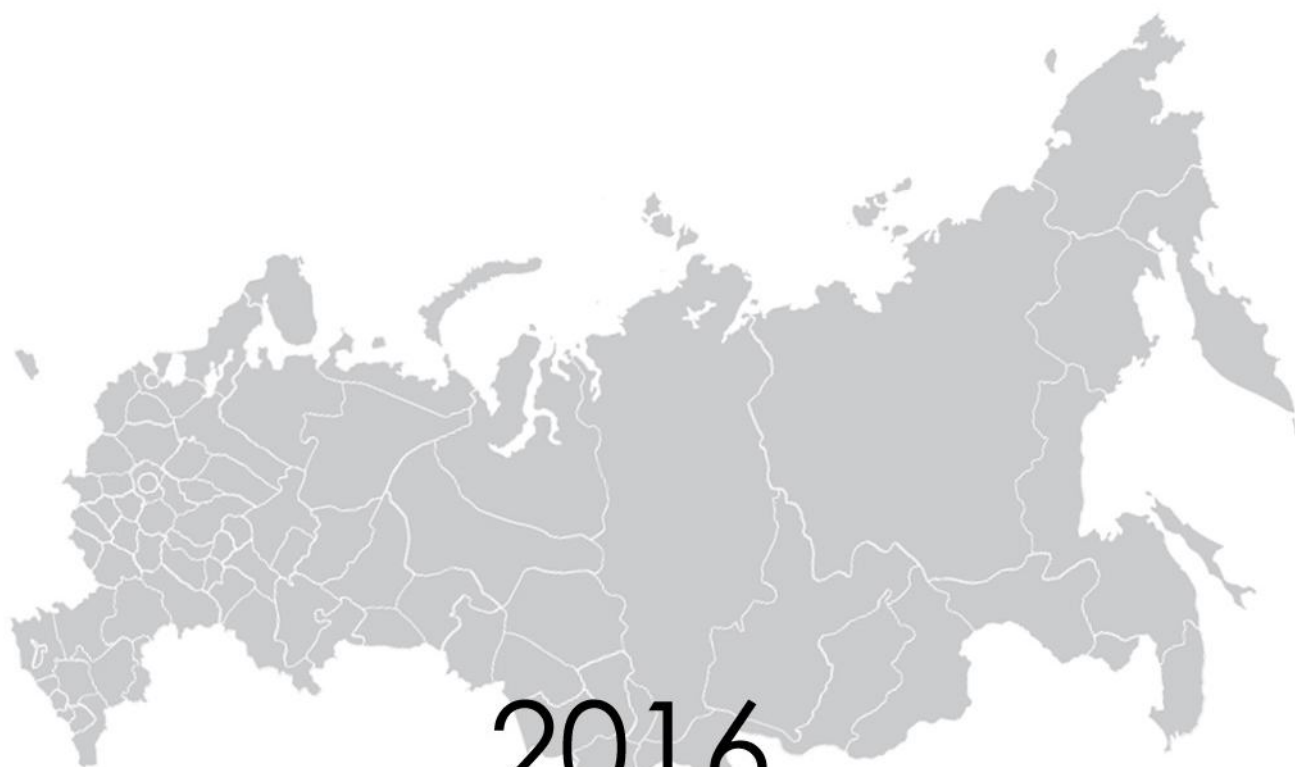




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ESG	ENQA Board Recommendations	NCPA's actions
<p>ESG 2.6: Follow-up procedures</p> <p>Quality assurance processes which contain recommendations for action or which require a subsequent action plan, should have a predetermined follow-up procedure which is implemented consistently.</p>	<p><i>Clarify the procedure and criteria for granting limited accreditation (1,2 or 3 years)</i></p> <p><i>Provide feedback on the accreditation decision to the expert panels</i></p> <p><i>Publish the accreditation decision on the website</i></p>	<p>"The decision on accreditation of a study programme (cluster of programmes) or denial of accreditation and on the terms and conditions of accreditation shall be taken by the National Accreditation Board on a collegiate basis on the grounds of considering the Summary Reports prepared by NCPA. In case of two or more instances of noncompliance of the study programme (cluster of programmes) with the NCPA standards the decision of denial of accreditation of a study programme (cluster of programmes) is made". (Regulations, p.7 http://ncpa.ru/images/pdf/poloj_eng_2016.pdf)</p> <p>After the National Accreditation Board makes a decision on Accreditation of a study programme (cluster of programmes) NCPA within a month: Sends to the members of the External Review Panel an information letter with a link to the section of the NCPA's website containing the materials of the National Accreditation Board meeting (presentations, minutes) (Regulations, p. 8 http://ncpa.ru/images/pdf/poloj_eng_2016.pdf)</p> <p>After the National Accreditation Board makes a decision on Accreditation of a study programme (cluster of programmes) NCPA within a month: Publishes on the NCPA's website the materials of the National Accreditation Board meeting (presentations, minutes); Enters the information of accredited study programmes in the Register of accredited programmes placed at the NCPA's website. Publishes information on accredited programmes in mass media, reference books and Internet (Regulations, p.8 http://ncpa.ru/images/pdf/poloj_eng_2016.pdf)</p>

	<p><i>Provide feedback on the accreditation procedures to the evaluated universities</i></p> <p><i>Design clearer follow-up procedures</i></p>	<p>NCPA forwards to the educational institution delivering the study programme a copy of the minutes of the National Accreditation Board containing the information about the accreditation decision to the educational institution delivering the study programme; electronic logo of NCPA; the original of Accreditation certificate; (Regulations, p.8)</p> <p>The Regulations on Public (International and Joint) Accreditation of Study Programmes (clusters of programmes) in Part 8 «Follow up» (8.3; 8.5) makes provisions for obligatory follow-up procedure which involves writing the report by the institution on corrective actions within the stated period indicated in the accreditation decision.</p> <p>The link: http://ncpa.ru/images/pdf/poloj_eng_2016.pdf</p> <p>NCPA conducts two types of follow-up procedures depending on the decision of the National Accreditation Board on the term of accreditation: 1. The programme is accredited for the full term and recommendations for improvement are given. In this case, when the programme applies for the next accreditation in 6 years, the HEI in its Self-evaluation Report submits information on the implementation of recommendations given by the External Review Panel.</p> <p>2. The programme is accredited for a limited term and recommendations are given for eliminating drawbacks and improving the study programme. In this case, in a specified period of time the HEI should submit a Report on the Results of Corrective Actions, which is reviewed at the National Accreditation Board meeting with the subsequent decision making. NCPA keeps a register of accredited programmes, which is a monitoring instrument for following up the implementation of the National Accreditation Board decisions (please see – Regulations on Public Accreditation of Educational Programmes; – Register of Accredited Programmes).</p> <p>http://ncpa.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=174&Itemid=367&lang=en</p> <p>NCPA in advance notifies the HEI about the time of submitting the Report on the Results of Corrective Actions and provides guidelines for preparation of the Report (please see - Guidelines for Preparation of a Report on the Results of Corrective Actions (available only in Russian),</p>
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	<p><i>Increase the impact of external evaluation results in order to encourage universities to be re-evaluated</i></p>	<p>Accreditation Board. If necessary NCPA provides methodological support and consultations to help prepare a report on corrective actions.</p> <p>NCPA in advance (no less than a month) reminds the educational institution to submit the report on corrective actions and sends guidelines on preparation of the report on corrective actions to the educational institution.</p> <p>In case of a decision by the National Accreditation Board to deny accreditation of the study programme (cluster of programmes) NCPA sends to the educational organization delivering the study programme a letter with the justification of the decision. The educational institution has a right to apply for re-accreditation not less than a year after the first application. The application is reviewed according to the standard procedure.</p> <p>There is a section on NCPA's website which clarifies the impact and benefits for universities and programmes that undergo NCPA's evaluation procedures (8 Reasons for HEIs to choose NCPA). The results are taken into account when universities undergo state accreditation, and control and supervision procedures organized by the Ministry of Education and Science and the Federal Service of Supervision in Education and Science.</p> <p>The accreditation by NCPA helps HEIs to get more financing by way of increasing admission quotas for state-funded places in HEIs.</p> <p>NCPA has a star awarding system which is used to encourage universities to undergo NCPA evaluation procedures.</p> <p>http://ncpa.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=413&lang=en</p>
	<p><i>Carefully define the boundaries of consultancy and set up regulations allowing to separate clearly public accreditation and consultancy</i></p>	<p>NCPA provides consultations only on <u>practical arrangements and logistical issues</u> of organizing the procedure of public accreditation</p>
	<p><i>Improve the briefing of experts before the site visit (especially for the student members and members of labour market)</i></p>	<p>Two weeks before the site visit NCPA holds an on-line briefing for the members of evaluation teams. There is also a briefing for the panel members on the first day of the site visit. Although there is no separate briefing for student members and representatives of labour market</p>

		<p>NCPA's coordinators maintain contacts with them and are available for answering any queries concerning the organization of the procedure.</p>
<p>ESG 3.6 Independence</p>	<p><i>Formalise the independence of the NAB in a 'code of ethics'</i> <i>Provide more transparency in the selection of the National Accreditation Board members</i></p> <p><i>Establish an independent Appeals Committee</i></p>	<p>The revised Regulations on the National Accreditation Board and Code of Ethics for the National Accreditation Board members (2015) address the issues of independence of the National Accreditation Board and selection of its members.</p> <p>http://ncpa.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=228&Itemid=371&lang=en</p> <p>Taking into consideration the recommendations by the External Evaluation Panel (May 2014) new Regulations on the Appeals Committee were developed and approved (June, 2014). Accordingly, a new Appeals Committee, independent of the National Accreditation Board, was formed.</p>