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- No, planned
- Yes
- Yes, process started

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– short history

- Application of the Act postponed during the academic year 2003/2004
  - reconfirmations of the text and introduction of a number of changes

- Amended Act – July 2004

- Some propositions:
  - new system of quality assurance (with the foundation of Agency) – end of 2004
  - full juridical integration of universities – until the end of 2007
  - Full establishment of binary system – until 2010
Planned activities
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I. Study Programme

National Council for Higher Education
July 2005.
– study programme evaluation procedure

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The National Foundation for Science, Higher Education and Technological Development of the Republic of Croatia

Program: Development of Institutional Quality Assurance Units
Planned activities
2004 - 2005

II. Quality Assurance

- National quality assurance agency
- University centre for quality assurance
- Faculty units for quality assurance
Planned activities
2005 - 2006

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II. Quality Assurance – example of networking: faculties and institutions, University of Zagreb

Planned activities 2005 - 2006

Faculty of Organization and Informatics in Varaždin
Reference Center for Quality Assurance in High Education Institution

Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb
Development of the quality assurance model at the Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb

University of Zagreb
Tempus project: Development of Quality Assurance System in Higher Education "QUASYS"
Establishment of quality management system at the University of Zagreb

QA committee, University of Zagreb

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Planned activities
2005 - 2006

II. Quality Assurance – other universities

- Development of organizational system and procedures for quality improvement on University of Rijeka
  Institution: University of Rijeka

- Development of the quality assurance system at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences of the University of Rijeka
  Institution: Faculty of Arts and Sciences, University of Rijeka

- Monitoring and improvement of quality of studying at the Faculty of civil engineering of the University of Rijeka
  Institution: Faculty of civil engineering, University of Rijeka

- Establishment of quality assurance system on University J.J. Strossmayer in Osijek
  Institution: University J.J. Strossmayer in Osijek

- Establishing Institutional Quality Assurance System at the Faculty of Engineering
  Institution: Faculty of Engineering, University of Rijeka
Planned activities
2004 - 2005

III. Promotion of BP

Bologna Follow-Up Group

December 2004

- timetable for the academic year 2004/2005

- involvement of student representatives, employers and other relevant structures

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May – July 2005

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National Legislative

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October 2003 (in force as of July 2004)
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Reform of the educational system in Croatia

- 4 subprograms
- Integrated university and integrated tertiary education system programme
- Development of Joint-study Programs
- Development of Institutional Quality Assurance Units
- Development of PhD programs

Program Brain Gain

- 4 subprograms

Partnership in basic research

- 1 subprogram

Training of doctoral students

- 2 subprograms

Support for Croatian scientist in joining the European Science Foundation programs

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Projects

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Curricula Development Management/Financing

CARDS

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- systematic promotion of essential components and aspects of Bologna Process on the academic level and wider societal level
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Specific Goals

Establishment of the National Bologna Promotes Team – 12 members

150 professors, teachers, students, staff and management at 6 Croatian universities trained in Bologna requirements and best practice exchange in order to make the transformation of the system feasible.

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Still Hot Issues

- student and staff mobility
- national qualification framework
- recognition of qualifications and degrees (ERIC/NARIC office)
- new system of HE budgeting
- strengthening of the social dimension of the HE and Bologna scheme

- strengthening of the European dimension of the HE
- more intense Croatian participation in EHEA and ERA

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On the way to Bologna

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