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The Bologna Process

European countries with two-tier structure (Bachelor-Master)

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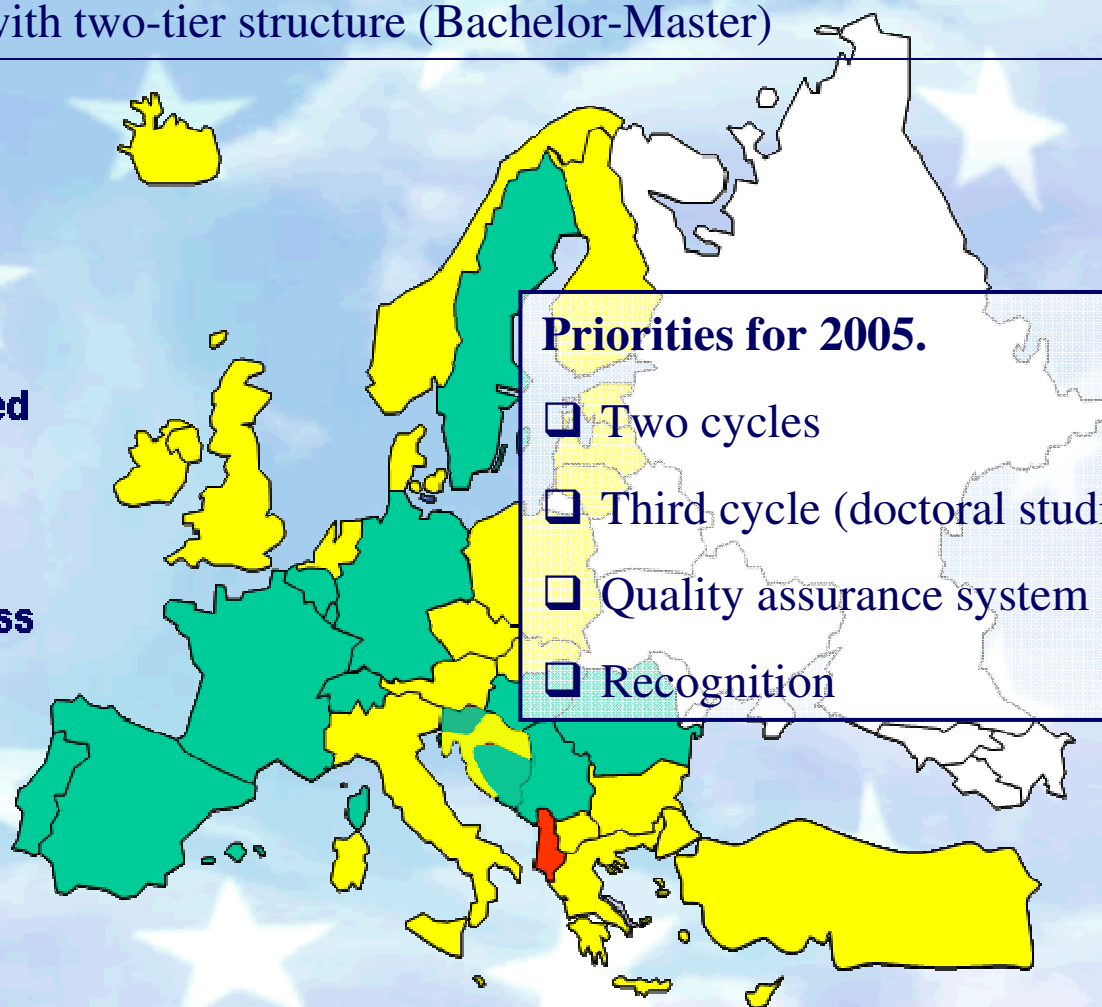
 No, planned

 Yes

 Yes, process started¹⁵

Priorities for 2005.

- Two cycles
- Third cycle (doctoral studies)
- Quality assurance system
- Recognition



Universities in Croatia



Universities in Croatia

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Bologna Process in Croatia

– 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 study scheme – until 2005/2006
 - ✓ 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 2004 - 2005

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National Council for Higher Education



July 2005.

– study programme evaluation procedure



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January 2005

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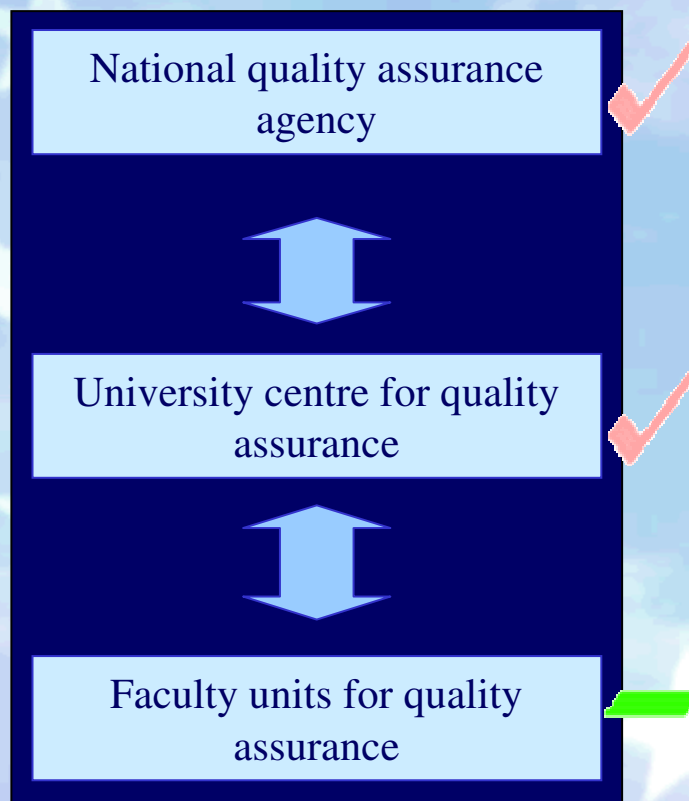
The National Foundation for Science, Higher Education and Technological Development of the Republic of Croatia

Program: Development of Institutional Quality Assurance Units ✓

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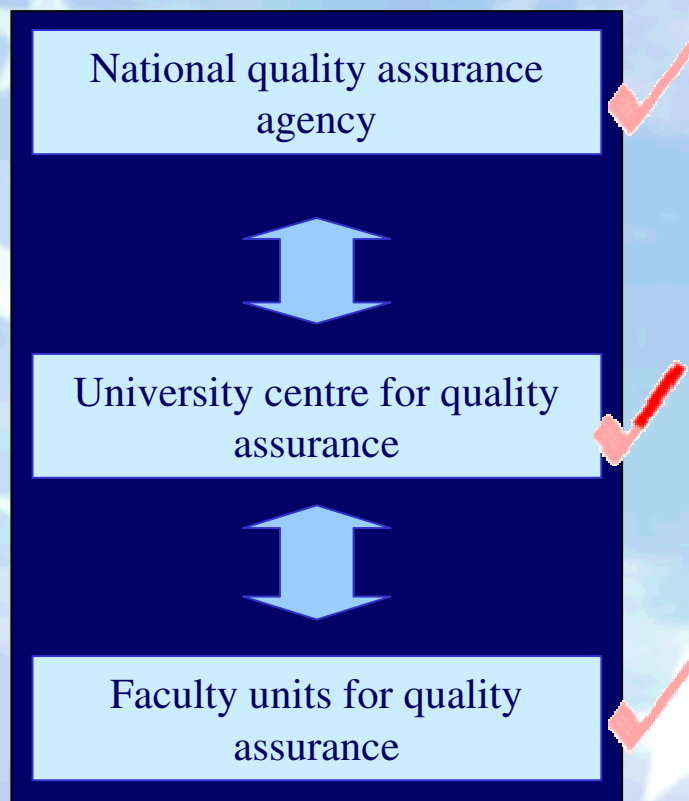
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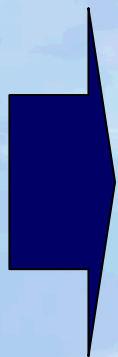
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II. Quality Assurance – example of networking: faculties and institutions, University of Zagreb

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

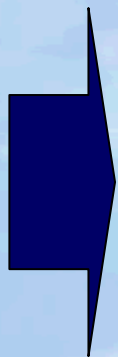
Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb
Development of the quality assurance model at the Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb

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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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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 

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
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

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


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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

Partnership in basic research

1 subprogram

Support for Croatian scientist in joining the European Science Foundation programs

Program Brain Gain

4 subprograms

Training of doctoral students

2 subprograms

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Projects

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Curricula Development

Management/Financing

CARDS

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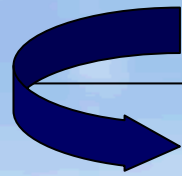
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- systematic promotion of essential components and aspects of Bologna Process on the academic level and wider societal level

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Croatian Bologna Promoters Team Cro4Bol



Furtherance of Bologna Promotion in Croatia

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

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

On the way to Bologna



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