



an introduction to the AQAS and our procedures

(Agency for Quality Assurance through Accreditation of Study Programmes)

AQAS –an introduction

- Our Background (The German Accreditation System)
- AQAS - Facts and Figures
- Organisational Structure of AQAS



The German Accreditation System

- Accreditation agencies operate on a non-profit basis.
- Agencies are not funded by the state but charge HEIs for the costs of accreditation.
- All agencies have to be accredited and re-accredited by the German Accreditation Council

The German Accreditation System

German Accreditation Council (GAC)

(accredits and monitors accreditation agencies)

(Members from Higher Education Institutions, Standing Committee of the Ministers of Cultural Affairs, Employers, Employees, Students)

Discipline-related agencies

AHPGS

ASIIN

FIBAA

AKAST

Non-discipline related agencies

AQAS

ACQUIN

ZEVA

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AQAS - Facts and Figures

- Established in early 2002 – reaccredited by the German Accreditation Council in February 2012 (until 2017)
- AQAS provides ...
 - accreditation procedures for programmes from all academic disciplines
 - accreditation procedures for the accreditation of QA systems
- Members:
 - More than 80 Universities and Universities of Applied Sciences, 2 scientific associations

AQAS - Facts and Figures

- AQAS operates on a national and international stage
- AQAS is a non-profit organization
- Fields of experience:
 - programme validations (national and international)
 - validations of teacher training programmes
 - Validation of joint / double degree programmes
 - evaluations
 - management of expert committees (e.g. on teacher training)

AQAS - Facts and Figures

- Membership in international associations
 - Full member of ECA
(European Consortium of Accreditation Agencies)
 - Full Member of ENQA
(European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education)
 - Full Member of INQAAHE (International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education)
 - Listed in EQAR
(European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education)

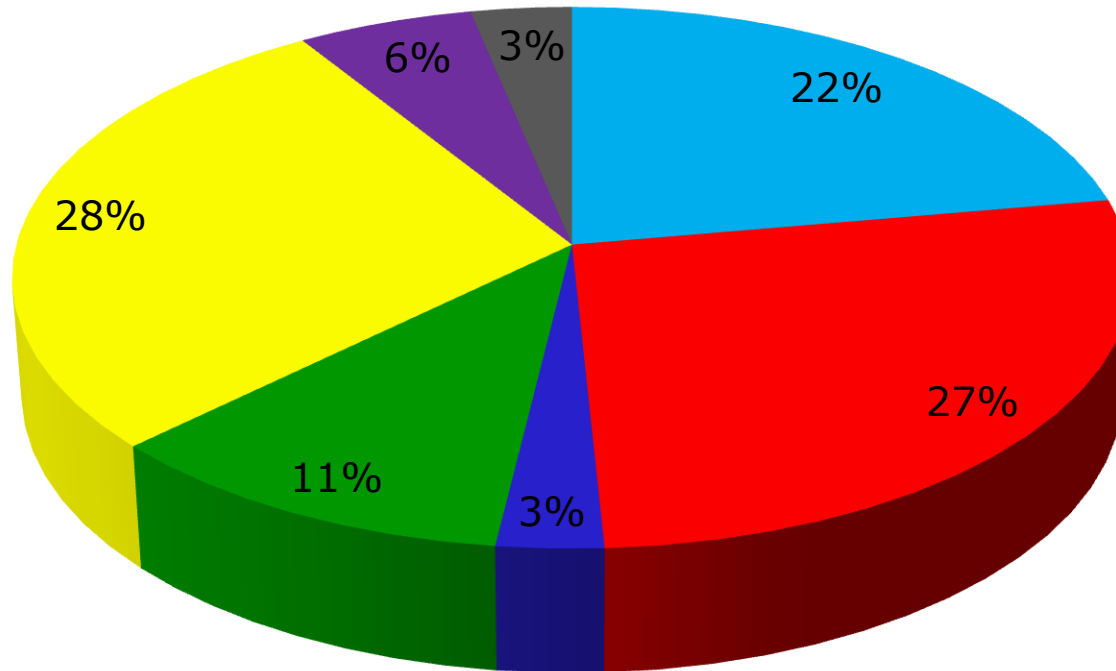
Subject areas of successfully accredited programmes

Statistik der Studienprogramme mit erfolgter Akkreditierung (n=3588)

Stand: Mai 2013

(Die Erhebung erfolgt auf Basis der Einzelstudiengänge unabhängig davon, ob es sich um Einzelverfahren oder um ein Paket handelt)

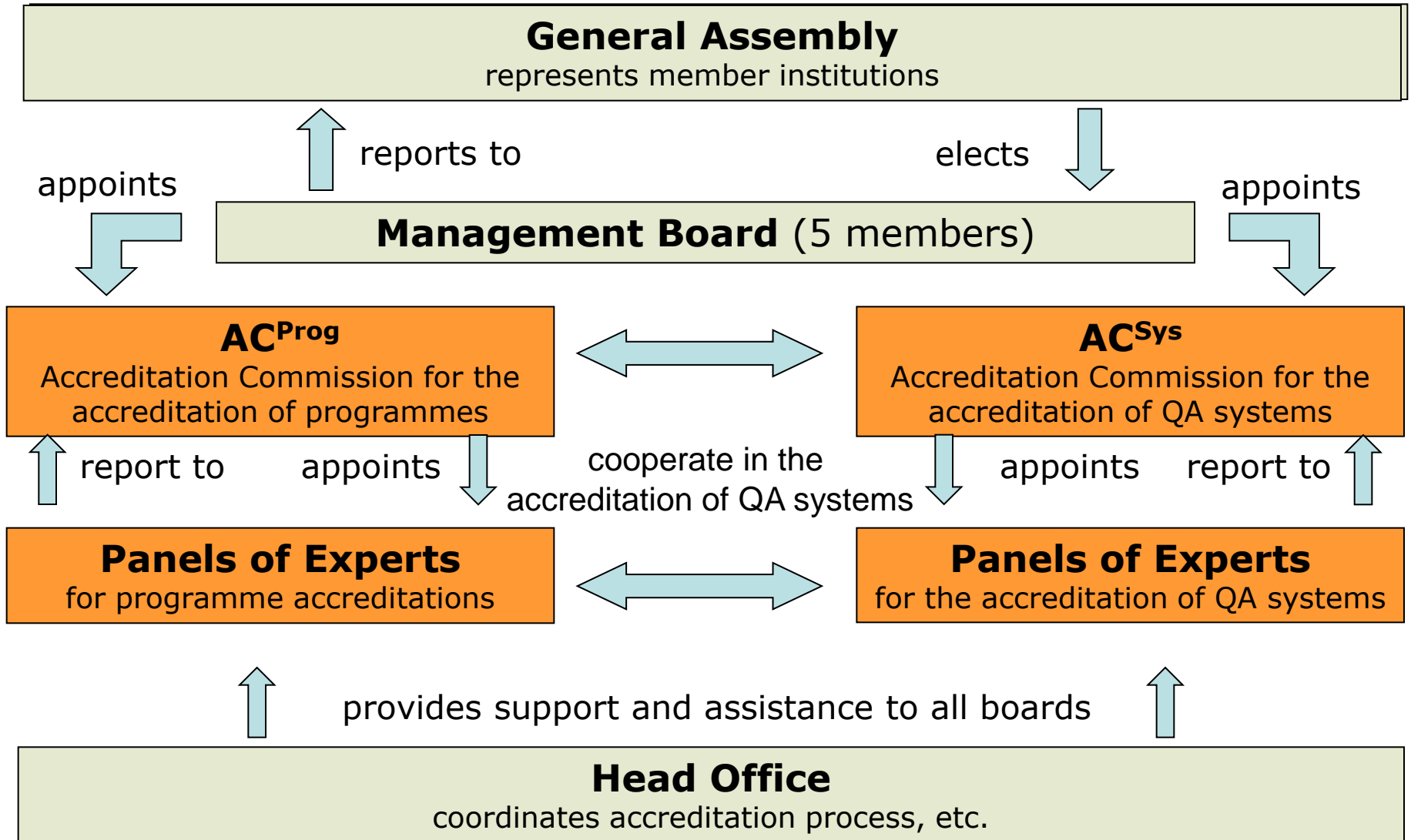
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AQAS Organisation Chart





General Assembly

(represents member institutions)



Members:

- More than 80 Higher Education Institutions (Universities and Universities of Applied Sciences) and 2 academic societies
- GA assembles once a year.
- GA elects the management board.

Management Board

- 2 members from the management of member universities
- 2 members from the management of member universities of applied sciences
- 1 member from either a HEI or a member from outside the educational system
- Current chairman:
Prof. Dr. Eberhard Menzel (Rector University Ruhr West)
- management board takes all strategic decisions
- reports to the general assembly once a year
- appoints the members of the accreditation commissions
- deals with complaints and appeals

Accreditation Commission

AC^{Prog} - Accreditation Commission for the accreditation of programmes

Chair: Chairman of Management Board

- 18 members, among them
 - 14 members from universities and universities of applied sciences
 - 2 representatives of professional practice
 - 2 students (one from a university / one from a university of applied science)
 - 2 foreign experts

Tasks of the Accreditation Commissions

The Accreditation Commissions ...

- define processes for accreditation procedure
- formally open accreditation procedures
- nominate the panels
- take decisions on accreditation on the basis of the panels' reports
- deal with complaints and appeals

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