

Pursuant to the Order on carrying out measures for the prevention of infection caused by a novel coronavirus (Official Gazette of Montenegro 14/2020), the Agency for Control and Quality Assurance of Higher Education hereby makes the following

DECISION

on temporary modification of the method of conducting the external evaluation procedures of higher education institutions during the coronavirus pandemic

1.

For the purposes of securing the continuous work process in the activities in external evaluation of higher education institutions (hereinafter referred to as: institutions), all communications with experts engaged from abroad in the conditions caused by a coronavirus pandemic will be conducted solely by electronic means.

2.

The engaged expert from abroad shall, after having reviewed the submitted documentation, send his/her suggestions in writing to other members of the Commission who will be visiting the institution, as well as to the Coordinator of the accreditation/reaccreditation procedure, with emphasis on elements that require special attention.

3.

If the engaged expert from abroad is the President of the Accreditation/Reaccreditation Commission, the same shall attend the meeting during the visit to the institution via online platforms for the implementation of video conferences. On that occasion, the institution shall realise the video conference by using a reliable online platform and shall timely notify the Agency and Coordinator of the procedure in question of such possibilities.

4.

A member of the Expert Commission can also attend the meeting during a visit to the institution in the same manner as defined in Article 3, but shall not be committed to do so as President of the Committee.

5.

The engaged expert from abroad acting in the capacity of the Commission member may attend a visit to the institution via appropriate online platform and should go with it to the Coordinator of Accreditation/Reaccreditation procedure not later than a week before the visit is to be realized. Upon a foreign expert's request, a virtual tour of spatial capacities of institution under evaluation can be provided, not older than one month, which requires a previous approval of the institution. The Institution shall realise the virtual tour by using reliable online platform and shall timely notify the Agency and Coordinator of the procedure in question of such possibilities.

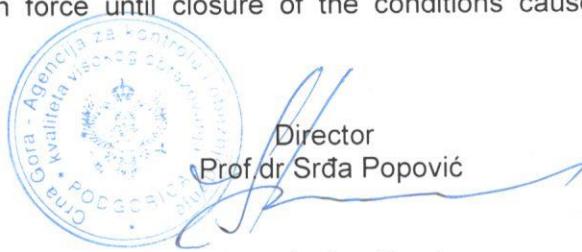
6.

A visit to the institution under evaluation shall be held in accordance with the recommendations of the National Coordination Body for Infectious Diseases of Montenegro, with the observance of applicable measures by all participants in the evaluation process.

7.

Provisions of this Decision shall be in force until closure of the conditions caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

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