

Changes and Challenges



QEF2

- Quality Board of international experts
- Quality Council of Icelandic stakeholders
- Secretariat (Manager of the QB)
- HEIs ($N = 7$)

Components

- 7-year cycle
 - Six years of reviews
 - Mid-term Progress Report
 - Year-on Report
 - Annual meetings
 - Annual conference
 - Year of Reflection

Components

- Two types of Reviews
 - Subject-Level (HEI responsibility)
 - Institution-Wide (Board responsibility)
 1. Quality of the student learning experience (LE)
 2. Standards of degrees and awards (ST)
 3. Commentary on quality of management of research
 - Judgments:
 - Confidence
 - Limited confidence
 - No confidence

- Research included in SLR and picked up in IWR

Overview table of the 5 dimensions of the Core Model

The 5 dimensions of the Core model for evaluation of research management
a. Research strategy
b. Management of research outputs
c. External support
d. Impact of the unit
e. Exceptional blue-skies research

Preparing for ENQA Review

- ESG Gap Analysis
- Development of key Board documents
 - Board Constitution
 - Board Handbook
 - Quality manual for internal operations
 - One-page introductory documents
 - What is institutional review?
 - What is ENQA review?

Other Developments

- Publication of Guidance Notes
- Development of key IWR documents
 - QEF2 training manual for Chairs and Team members
- Training videos
 - *Icelandic HE landscape*
 - *What is quality enhancement?*

REAC

- What is impact (early thoughts)?

1. Research activity – producing outputs of all sorts, depending on discipline – academic papers, monographs, objects and artefacts, whatever. Disciplines know what their research outputs are.
2. Public engagement – talking to people outside academia as part of outreach from institutions as well as inviting the world outside to come in. TV and radio broadcasts, websites, talks and lectures, conversations with industry or policy makers: again, the list is endless. *This however is not in-and-of-itself impact.* It may lead to impact, but it is not it.
3. Impact is demonstrable change to society and the economy, both taken in a broad sense. The difficulty is measurement, but a national CRIS system has been procured.

Challenges

- Resources for internal and external QA
- Preparing for ENQA review
- Common reporting format for outcomes of Subject-Level Review
- Key statistics for the whole sector
- Connecting with working-life stakeholders
- Renewal of founding Board, while ensuring continuity and change