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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION OF SERBIA (NCHE)

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THE FUNCTION OF NCHE

NCHE represents the leading body in Serbia's higher education system established by virtue of the Higher Education Law for the purpose of assuring development and enhancing quality of higher education.

The membership of NCHE

- The National Council consists of 21 members, who are elected by the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia:
  - 12 members are appointed from internationally recognized full professors, top scholars and scientists and/or artists, at the recommendation of the CONUS;
  - 2 members are appointed from teachers in the professional career studies, at the recommendation of the Conference of Academies of Professional Career Studies;
  - 7 members are appointed from prominent scientists or scholars, cultural figures, educators, artists or businessmen, at the proposal of the Government of the Republic of Serbia. One of them is the representative from the University in Kosovska Mitrovica, and one of them is the representative from the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina.

The membership of NCHE

- The term of office of a member of the National Council is four years.
- The same person may serve as a member of the National Council only twice.
- The Conference of Universities and the Conference of Academies of Professional Career Studies should announce a public call to nominate candidates for membership of the NCHE.

The competencies of NCHE

- to oversee the development of higher education and its compatibility with European and international standards,
- to recommend to the Ministry of Education policies concerning higher education,
- to give opinion on the policy of admission to HE institutions,
- to give opinion in the process of drafting laws and by-laws regulating issues concerning higher education,
- to make recommendations to the Government regarding the general rules and standards concerning the activities of HE institutions, as well as the requests for funding upon receiving advice from the Conference of Universities of Serbia (CONUS) and the Conference of Academies of Professional Career Studies,

The competencies of NCHE

- to compile a list of fields and disciplines of sciences and arts, as well as of vocational areas,
- to enact standards for internal assessment and quality evaluation of HE institutions,
- to enact standards and procedures for external quality control of HE institutions,
- to enact standards for initial accreditation,
- to enact standards and procedures for accreditation of HE institutions,
- to enact standards for accreditation of study programs,
- to serve as the second-instance body in the appellate procedure in the accreditation cases,

The competencies of NCHE

- to adopt minimal criteria for the election to the teaching positions,
- to compile a list of professional, academic and scientific qualifications indicating the degree at a given level of study in a given field and abbreviations for these professional, academic and scientific qualification,
- to recommend to the Ministry of Education the National Qualifications Framework for the HE level,
- to carry out other tasks in accordance with the Law on HE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!