



The Swedish Higher Education Authority

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- Quality assurance of higher education and research (only Higher education institutions), degree-awarding powers of public-sector higher education institutions – *Department of Quality Assurance*
- Legal supervision of higher education – *Legal department*
- Monitoring efficiency, follow-up and horizon scanning, responsibility for statistics in the higher education sector – *Department of Higher Education Analysis*

Focus 2024 – management changes and efficiency issues

- New General Director since December 2023 – Martin Norsell
- Completely new management team during 2024
- Report from the Swedish Agency for Public Management – high quality of output, high reputation, but the internal governance can be improved
- ENQA evaluation starting up around the new year

Focus 2024 - the revised framework implemented

- The revised framework that we described last year is implemented
- The first institutional reviews following the revised framework is now under way
- Knowledge based approach (e.g thematic analyses, pre-studies, summarising earlier reviews, use of statistics)
- Reduce the HEI workload
- Flexible and resource-efficient quality assurance

Further developments of the framework

- Report to the government (september): how to promote excellence in Higher education
- Complex task – no agreed-upon definition of Excellence
- Change of the judgments:
 - Today: **approve** the quality assurance processes, to **approve the quality assurance processes with reservations** or to decide that the quality assurance processes at **the HEI will be under review**.
 - Suggestion: remove the alternative “approve the quality assurance processes with reservations” and add a “special mention” when particularly good examples are recognized

Workshop: Transnational Quality Assurance

- Report: Swedish HEIs' experiences of QA of European universities/alliances and joint programmes - in cooperation with the Swedish Council for Higher Education
- Survey to all 43 Higher Education institutions in Sweden that are accredited by the Erasmus+
- 19 European universities/alliances with Swedish participation
- 26 Swedish HEIs have or are planning to have joint programmes
- What are the experiences?