

Minutes on the Meeting of the Coordinating Council

№1 Minutes on the Meeting

17 January 2023

On January 17, an online meeting of the Coordinating Council of the National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement was held. The meeting was attended by members of the Council, Deputy Directors of the Center and representatives of the relevant services of the Center.

The meeting was chaired by Rusudan Sanadze in accordance with Article 5(1), paragraph 9 of the "Statute of the Legal Entity of Public Law - National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement" (hereinafter - the Statute) approved by the №89/N Order of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia issued on September 14, 2010. The agenda of the meeting included a topic of transferring of the coordination function of the Bologna Process to the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia, and for this purpose initiating a change in the Statute.

The Deputy Director of the Center, Lasha Margishvili, welcomed the members of the Coordinating Council and introduced the topic to be discussed. Lasha Margishvili noted that Georgia has joined the Bologna Process in 2005. Since, the Center has been involved in many activities within the framework of the Bologna Process. In many cases this involvement requires making decisions at the level of education policy, or determining readiness, which is beyond the authority and mandate of the Center and requires the involvement of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia. Therefore, in agreement with the Ministry, the Center made a decision that it is more appropriate to transfer the coordination function of the Process to the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia, and the Center will participate in this Process within the framework of its mandate and authority. Lasha Margishvili reported to the members of the Council that within the framework of the Bologna Process, work is being carried out on the issues the regulation of which is directly related to the powers of the Center, for example: development of higher education quality assurance system, development of Qualifications Framework and Classifier, recognition of higher education, etc.

It should be noted that the coordination of the Bologna Process, as well as active participation in it, requires considerable time and resources. For this reason, resources have been allocated by the Center and will continue to do so. It should be noted that within the mentioned function, the Center actively attended work meetings, filled in relevant reports and questionnaires, developed action plans and periodically reviewed and monitored them.

In this regard, the Chairperson of the Coordinating Council, Rusudan Sanadze, asked the question: Will the coordination of the processes in which the National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement was involved before, be transferred to the Ministry, or will it be done only at the initiation level by the Ministry, leaving the rest of the functions and duties within the competence of the Center? In response, Lasha Margishvili noted that only the function of coordinating the working groups of the Bologna Process will be transferred to the Ministry, while membership in other

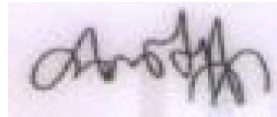
international organizations, such as ENQA, EQAR, CEENQA and cooperation and coordination with international agencies of education quality, naturally, will be still implemented mainly by the National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement.

The Chairperson of the Council put the issue to a vote. The Council members unanimously supported the issue put to the vote.

In favor: 9

Against 0

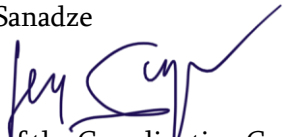
Chairperson of the Coordinating Council:



Rusudan Sanadze

Secretary of the Coordinating Council Session:

Tea Gulua



Annex 1 Agenda of the Council Meeting:

Time	Discussion topic	Speaker/ Presenter	Position, Organization
15:00- 15:05	Greeting Introduction	Tamar Makharashvili Lasha Margishvili Kakhaber Eradze	Director, LEPL National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement Deputy Director, LEPL National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement Deputy Director, LEPL National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement
15:05-15:15	Topic on the Transition of the Coordination of the Bologna Process to the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia and, accordingly, the change in the Statute of the NCEQE	Lasha Margishvili	Deputy Director, LEPL National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement
15:15-15:25	Questions and Answers		

15:25-15:30

Summary of the Working Meeting/Wrap Up

Annex 2: Members of the Coordinating Council:

The Coordinating Council meeting was attended by the following members of the Council:
a) Rusudan Sanadze - Chairperson of the Coordinating Council;
b) Kai Etzold - Member of the Coordinating Council;
c) Shalva Mekravishvili - Member of the Coordinating Council;
e) Irma Kurdadze - Member of the Coordinating Council;
f) Tea Gulua - Member of the Coordinating Council;
g) Natia Jojua - Member of the Coordinating Council;
c) Maia Shukhoshvili - Member of the Coordinating Council;
d) Zaza Purtseladze - Member of the Coordinating Council;
e) Kakhaber Chelidze - Member of the Coordinating Council;
The following did not attend the meeting of the Coordinating Council:
a) Heli Matthiessen - Member of the Coordinating Council;
b) Anastasia Kitiashvili - Member of the Coordinating Council;
d) Maka Abuladze - Member of the Coordinating Council; Secretary of the session