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## Work plan for 2020

on implementation of the European Higher Education Area tools in the higher education system of the Republic of Belarus

(within the framework of the Strategic Action Plan for implementation of the main tasks on the education system development in accordance with the the European Higher Education Area principles and tools, approved by the Minister of Education of the Republic of Belarus on June 1, 2018)

No.	Activity	Period	Entity responsible
<b>1.</b>	<b>Qualification Framework</b>		
1.1	Coordination (putting in compliance) of the higher education national classification system represented by the OKRB 011-20xx version with the National Framework for Qualifications of Higher Education of the Republic of Belarus (BelQF)	2020	NIHE* [see list of abbreviations at end]
1.2	Self-certification of the National Qualifications Framework for Higher Education of the Republic of Belarus (BelQF) in accordance with established criteria and procedures	2020	Ministry of Education, NIHE
1.3	Examination, revision and approval of the Procedure for applying the system of credit units (credits), academic hours and determining the number of credit units (credits) in the structure of higher education programs	First six months of 2020 - expertise Second half of 2020 - revision and approval	NIHE
1.4	Development and approval of guidelines for application of professional standards in the development of higher education programs	June 2020	Ministry of Education, NIHE
1.5	The meeting of the Republican Council of Rectors of Higher Education Institutions of Belarus on theme "Improving the training system in context of digital transformation of the economy"	Second half of 2020	Republican Council of Rectors
1.6	The meeting of the Presidium of the Republican Council of Rectors of Higher Education Institutions on theme "On mechanisms for mutual coordination of labor market requirements, professional standards and the content of higher education"	Quarter IV of 2020	Republican Council of Rectors

<b>2.</b>	<b>Quality assurance</b>		
2.1	Formation of the Working Group on development of comprehensive proposals for establishment of the National Agency for Quality of Education	February 2020	Department of Education Quality Control of the Ministry of Education
2.2	To develop and approve an action plan of the Working Group for development of comprehensive proposals for establishment of the National Agency for ensuring the quality of education, including development of the following: - legal acts ensuring the beginning of functioning of the National Agency for Quality of Education from 01.01.2022; - legal regulation of the system of external quality assurance of education in accordance with the Standards and guidelines for quality assurance in the EHEA; - methodological, material, technical, other support and functioning of the system of external quality assurance of education in the Republic of Belarus	one month after signing the Loan Agreement between the Republic of Belarus and the World Bank	Department of Education Quality Control of the Ministry of Education
2.3	Studying international experience in the functioning of education quality assurance agencies in order to create the National Agency for Quality of Education	I half of 2020	Department of Education Quality Control of the Ministry of Education
2.4	Preparation of draft legal acts on functioning of the National Agency for Quality of Education	II half of 2020	Department of Education Quality Control of the Ministry of Education
2.5	Meeting of the Presidium of the Republican Council of Rectors on the theme "Development of the national system for ensuring the higher education quality"	III quarter of 2020	Republican Council of Rectors
<b>3.</b>	<b>Qualification Recognition</b>		
3.1	Expanding the contractual framework for mutual recognition of educational documents	during the year	Ministry of Education, NIHE
3.2	Information update for the country page of the Internet portal ENIC / NARIC as necessary	at least 1 time in half a year	NIHE
3.3	Analysis of national legislation for compliance with the Global Convention on the Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications, adopted on November 25, 2019 by UNESCO Member States	June 2020	NIHE
3.4	Development of guidelines for recognition of education (qualifications) received by refugees	September 2020	NIHE

3.5	Development of guidelines on recognition of prior education (qualifications) received abroad in new forms of training (online, blended learning, etc.)	November 2020	NIHE
3.6	Preparing and printing out a reference publication on recognition of foreign education documents (training documents) in the Republic of Belarus	quarter IV in 2020	NIHE
<b>4.</b>	<b>Transparency tools</b>		
4.1	Designing the content of education in higher education specialties on the basis of a new generation of curriculum documentation for higher education programs (3+ generation) and in accordance with the National Framework for Higher Education Qualifications of the Republic of Belarus (BelOF)	2020	educational and methodical association in the field of higher education, HEIs
4.2	Analysis of extending the possibility of using the system of credits in organization of the educational process in HEIs	May 2020	
4.3	Discussion and approval of Methodological recommendations (Guidelines) for assessing learning outcomes after transfer, reinstate and academic mobility	I half of 2020	Ministry of Education, NIHE
4.4	Development of guidelines for filling and issuing Diploma Supplement by higher education institutions (in accordance with the layout approved at the conference of ministers of higher education in Paris in 2018)	April 2020	NIHE
4.5	Development of a pilot project for issuance of a digital supplement to higher education documents	Quarter IV of 2020	Ministry of Education, HEIs, NIHE
4.6	The meeting of the Presidium of the Republican Council of Rectors of HEIs on theme "Improving the interaction with employers in matters of practice-target training and new mechanisms for financing and stimulating activities of the teaching staff"	Quarter III of 2020	Republican Council of Rectors
<b>5.</b>	<b>Mobility of teaching staff and students, internationalization</b>		
5.1	Expansion of the number of higher education specialties in English as a language of instruction	during the year	educational and methodical association in the field of higher education, HEIs
5.2	Organization of selection of foreign citizens and stateless persons permanently residing outside the Republic of Belarus for training through grants in state higher and secondary specialized education institutions of the Republic of Belarus	September 2020	Ministry of Education
5.3	Conducting certification testing in Russian / Belarusian as a foreign language	During the year	NIHE
5.4	Development of guidelines for implementation of joint educational programs of HEIs with foreign partners	I half of 2020	NIHE
5.5	Development of an internationalization strategy, an action plan to promote HEIs in	Quarters I-II of 2020	HEIs, NIHE

	international educational rankings		
5.6	Implementation of measures of the Concept for Development of Service Export (promotion of the Education in Belarus brand) for 2018-2020	in accordance with the action plan of the Concept	Ministry of Education, HEIs, NIHE
5.7	Expansion of practices of academic mobility of teaching staff and students, including as part of implementation of the activities of the State program "Education and Youth Policy" for 2016-2020.	2020	HEIs
<b>6.</b>	<b>Lifelong learning and social dimension of higher education</b>		
6.1	Analysis of the stratification structure of students to identify underrepresented groups (students from underrepresented groups)	July 2020	NIHE
6.2	Analysis of implementation in the system of higher education of a consolidated plan of activities for implementation of the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Belarus for 2017-2025.	March 2020	Ministry of Education
6.3	Analysis of implementation in 2019 of the action plan for the Concept of development of inclusive education for people with disabilities in the Republic of Belarus	March 2020	Ministry of Education
6.4	Enhanced participation of Belarusian HEIs in the international QS Graduate Employability Rankings	during the year	HEIs
<b>7.</b>	<b>The fundamental values of the EHEA</b>		
7.1	Development of a draft resolution of the Council of Ministers "On approval of the Strategy for development of state youth policy in the Republic of Belarus until 2030"	I half of 2020	Ministry of Education, NIHE
7.2	Conducting a republican workshop "Organization of work with gifted youth"	December 2020	Ministry of Education, NIHE
7.3	Discussion at the Public Republican Student Council on modernization of the national higher education	during the year	Ministry of Education
7.4	Participation of students in the activities of the commissions for accreditation of HEIs and / or higher education specialties	2020	DKKO
7.5	Providing support to public associations in the field of education for the purpose of social formation, development and self-realization of students and teachers, ensuring and protecting their rights and legitimate interests	2020	HEIs
7.6	Joining the HEIs to the Magna Carta of Universities and incorporating its principles into the activities of the HEIs	2020	HEIs
7.7	Holding meetings of the Republican Council of Rectors of HEIs with participation of representatives of the Public Republican Student Council	2020	Republican Council of Rectors

8.	Information and organizational activities		
8.1	Content on the website on implementation of the EHEA components in the Republic of Belarus	2020	NIHE
8.2	Informing stakeholders of the processes of development of the higher education system of the Republic of Belarus and implementation of Bologna tools	during the year	NOPE
8.3	Conducting workshops and other methodological and information events to inform teaching staff and students about the processes of introducing the EHEA elements into the national higher education system	during the year	HEIs, NIHE
8.4	Participation of teaching staff and students in study visits to the respective education institutions (organizations) of the EHEA countries with positive experience in implementing EHEA tools	during the year	NOPE, HEIs
8.5	Meetings of the National Working Group on implementation of tools of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) in the education system of the Republic of Belarus	quarterly	Ministry of Education
8.6	Ensuring the participation of representatives of the Republic of Belarus in BFUG meetings, international thematic workshops and meetings	during the year	Ministry of Education
8.7	Submission of the annual national report on implementation of the EHEA tools in the higher education system of the Republic of Belarus in 2020 to the BFUG	January 2021	Ministry of Education, Republican Council of Rectors HEIs, NIHE
8.8	Development and approval of the Work Plan for implementation of the EHEA tools in the higher education system of the Republic of Belarus for 2021	January 2021	Ministry of Education, Republican Council of Rectors, HEIs, NIHE

The work plan for introducing the tools of the European Higher Education Area into the higher education system of the Republic of Belarus for 2020 was approved by the Presidium of the Republican Council of Rectors of Higher Education Institutions on February 28, 2020, Minutes No. 2.

### Implementation and control mechanism

1. Bringing the Work Plan to stakeholders is carried out by the NIHE.
2. The responsible entities indicated in the respective column first are responsible and ensure timely and high-quality implementation of relevant activities.
3. Contractors participating in implementation of the Work Plan, by January 5, 2021, provide information on the progress of the relevant activities to the NIHE, which analyzes, summarizes it and submits to the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Belarus no later than January 10, 2021.
4. Monitoring the implementation of the Work Plan is carried out by the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Belarus.

### Abbreviations used:

GIAC - Main Information and Analytical Center of the Ministry of Education;  
 DKKO - Department of Education Quality Control of the Ministry of Education;  
 EHEA - European Higher Education Area;

BFUG – Bologna Follow-Up Group;  
NOPE - National Office of the Erasmus + Program in the Republic of Belarus (Erasmus +);  
NIHE - State Institution of Education "National Institute of Higher Education";  
HEIs - higher education institutions;

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