

Internationalization of Quality Assurance: a case of Lithuania

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- Internationalization of quality assurance in Lithuania
- Cross-border quality assurance

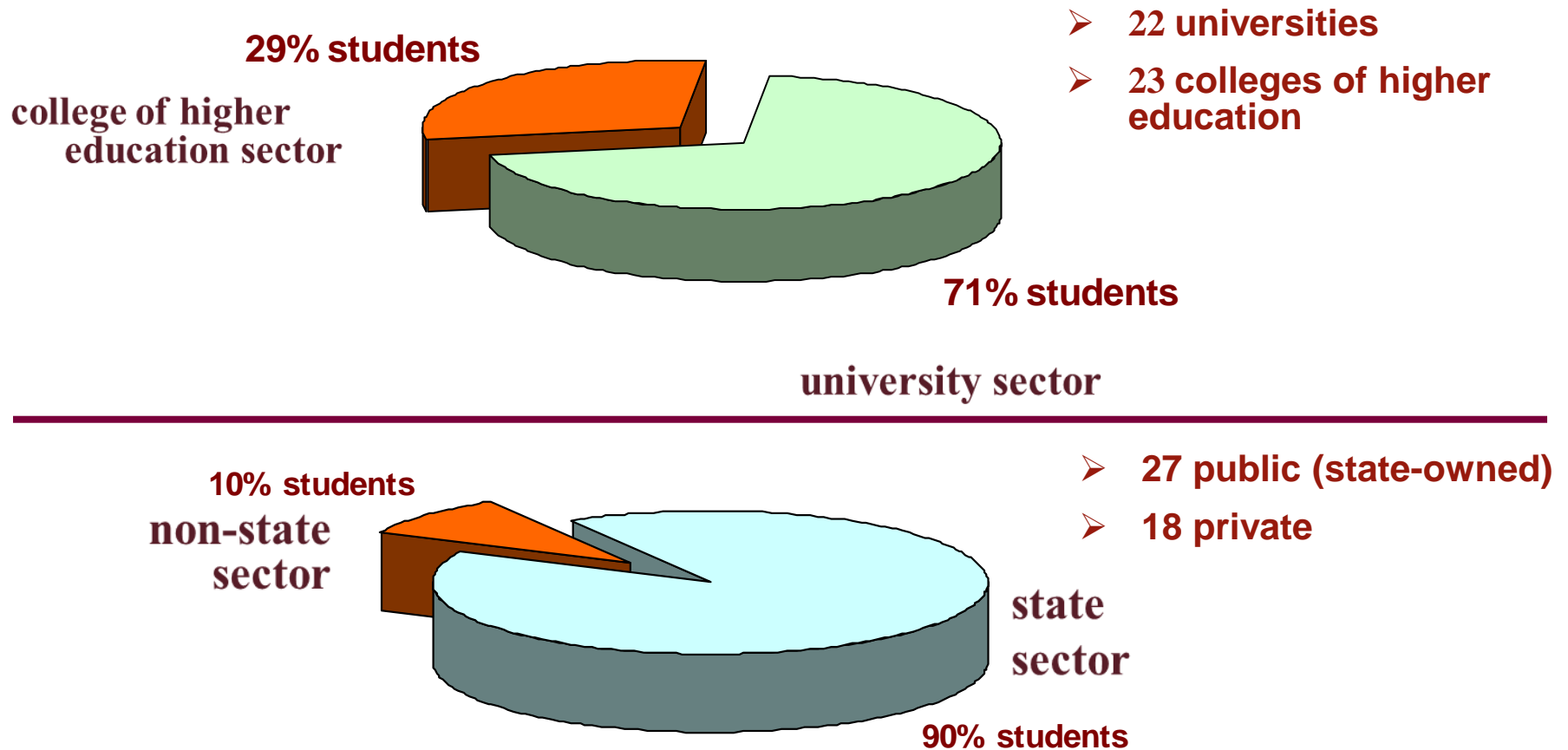


3 mln population

45 Higher Education Institutions

~ 2000 study programmes

~170 000 students



At least once every 6 years:

- Institutional Review and accreditation
- Study programme evaluation and accreditation



Involvement of international experts

Study programme evaluation (from 1998):

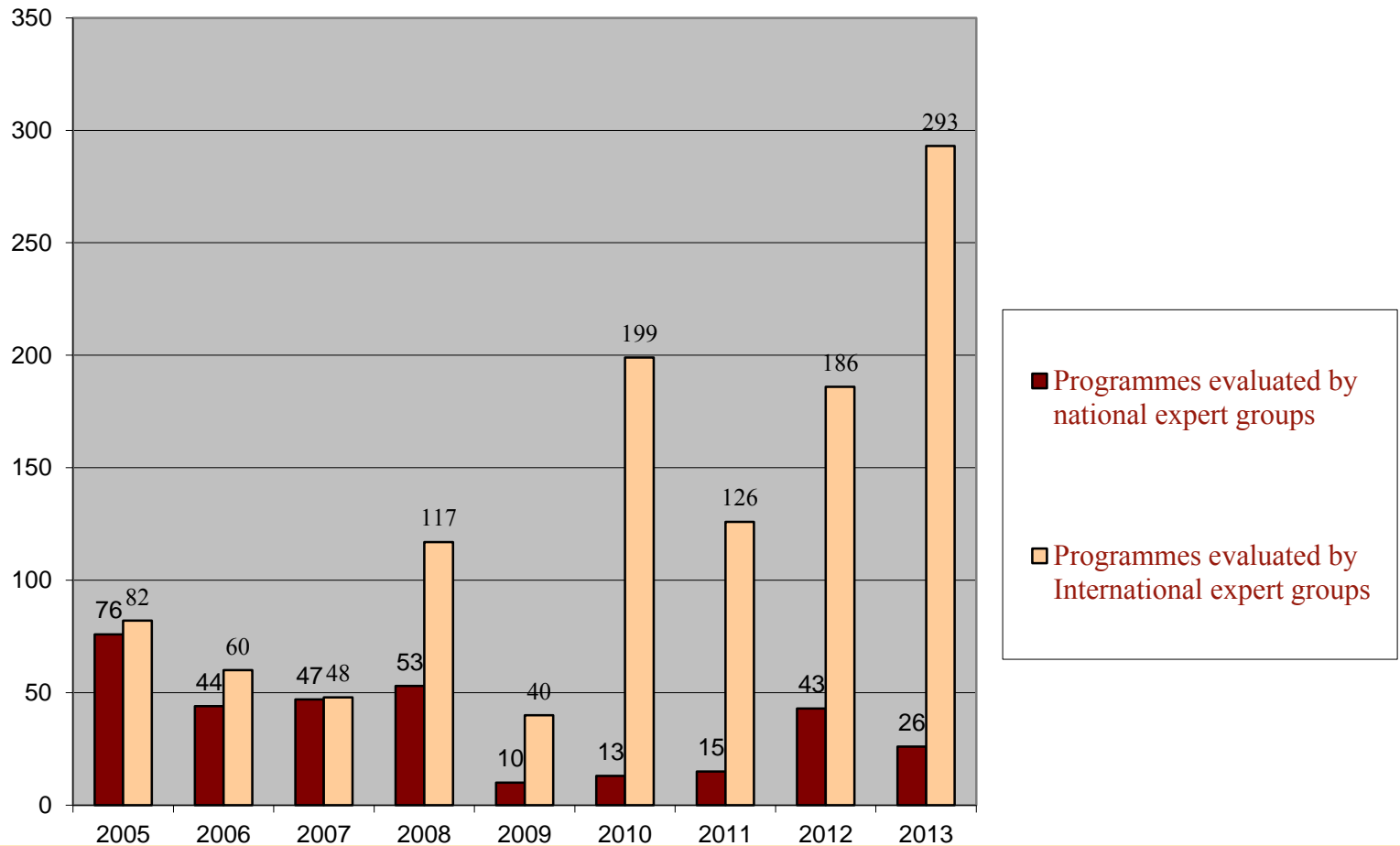
- International experts - from 2002

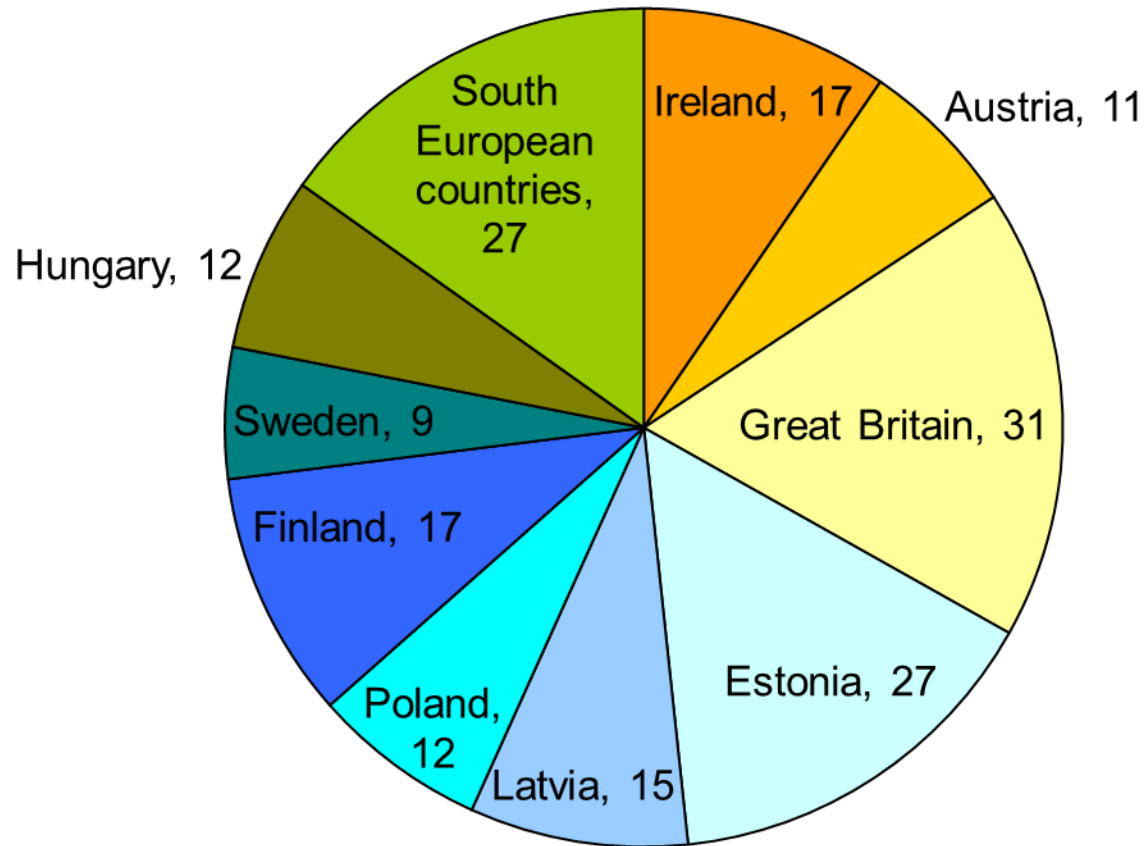
Institutional review (from 2011):

- International experts - from beginning



Number of evaluations by international/national experts' groups





- Avoiding conflicts of interests – increased objectivity of the process
- Evaluation with the European perspective
- Possibility to find experts of specific areas
- High quality of experts
- Especially important for joint study programmes
- Recommendations for improvement of national external quality assurance framework

- Valuable recommendations for improvement
- Open perspectives through the discovery of means and solutions used in other European countries
- Useful contacts
- Evaluation by SKVC – free of charge

Law on Research and Higher Education (2009):

External **evaluation** of study programmes can be performed by:

- SKVC
- another agency for quality assurance in higher education, which is included in the EQAR

Study programmes shall be **accredited** only by SKVC

Institutional **review** and **accreditation** shall be performed only by SKVC

- branches of foreign HEI's may carry out only those study programmes which have been evaluated and accredited according to the procedure of evaluation and accreditation of that country and which have been positively evaluated according to the procedure of external evaluation and accreditation of study programmes



Accreditation based on evaluation of foreign QA agency

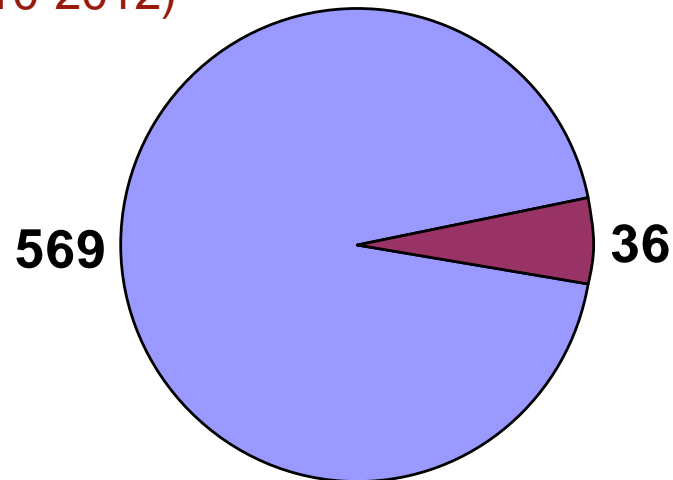
- QA Agency must be listed in EQAR
- Evaluation report produced not later than 2 years ago
- The agency shall carry out the external assessment on the basis of the assessment criteria and procedures established by the Agency but there must be equivalence to 6 evaluation areas and each area must be evaluated in 4-point scale
- Programme meets legal requirements



SKVC experience with other agencies

- Evaluation of study programmes at branch of Bialystok University in Vilnius with Polish Accreditation Commission
- Evaluation of Theology and Religion study programmes with AVEPRO
- Evaluation of joint study programmes (JOQAR project & scheduled evaluations by SKVC)
- Accreditation of study programmes evaluated by foreign agency in one of state universities

Number of programmes
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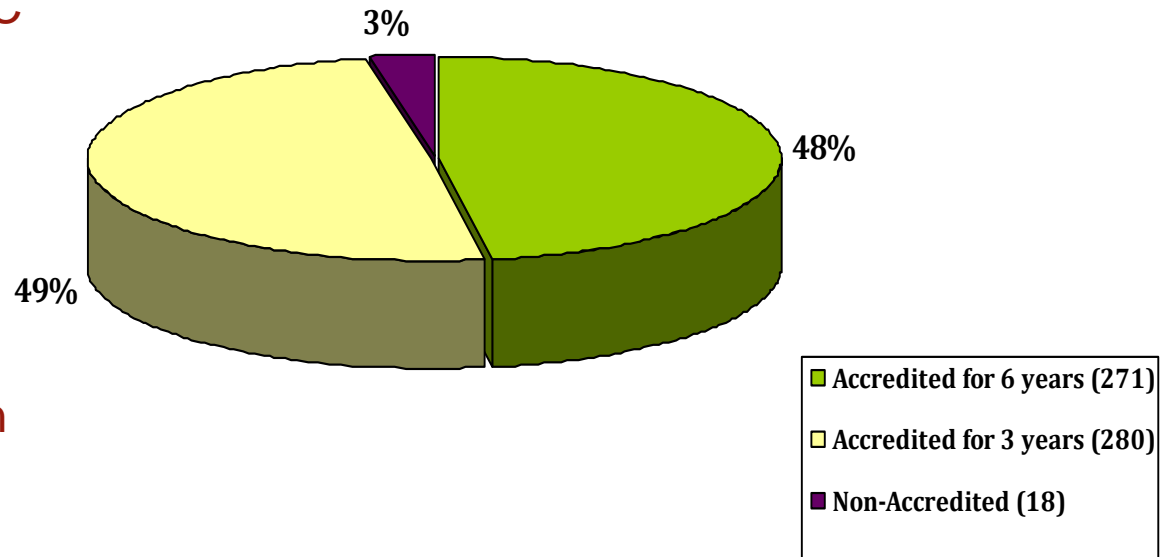


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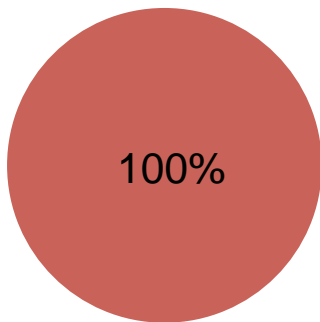


Accreditation decisions 2010-2012

Results of evaluation by SKVC



Results of evaluation by foreign Agency



Accredited for 6 years (36)



Questions?

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