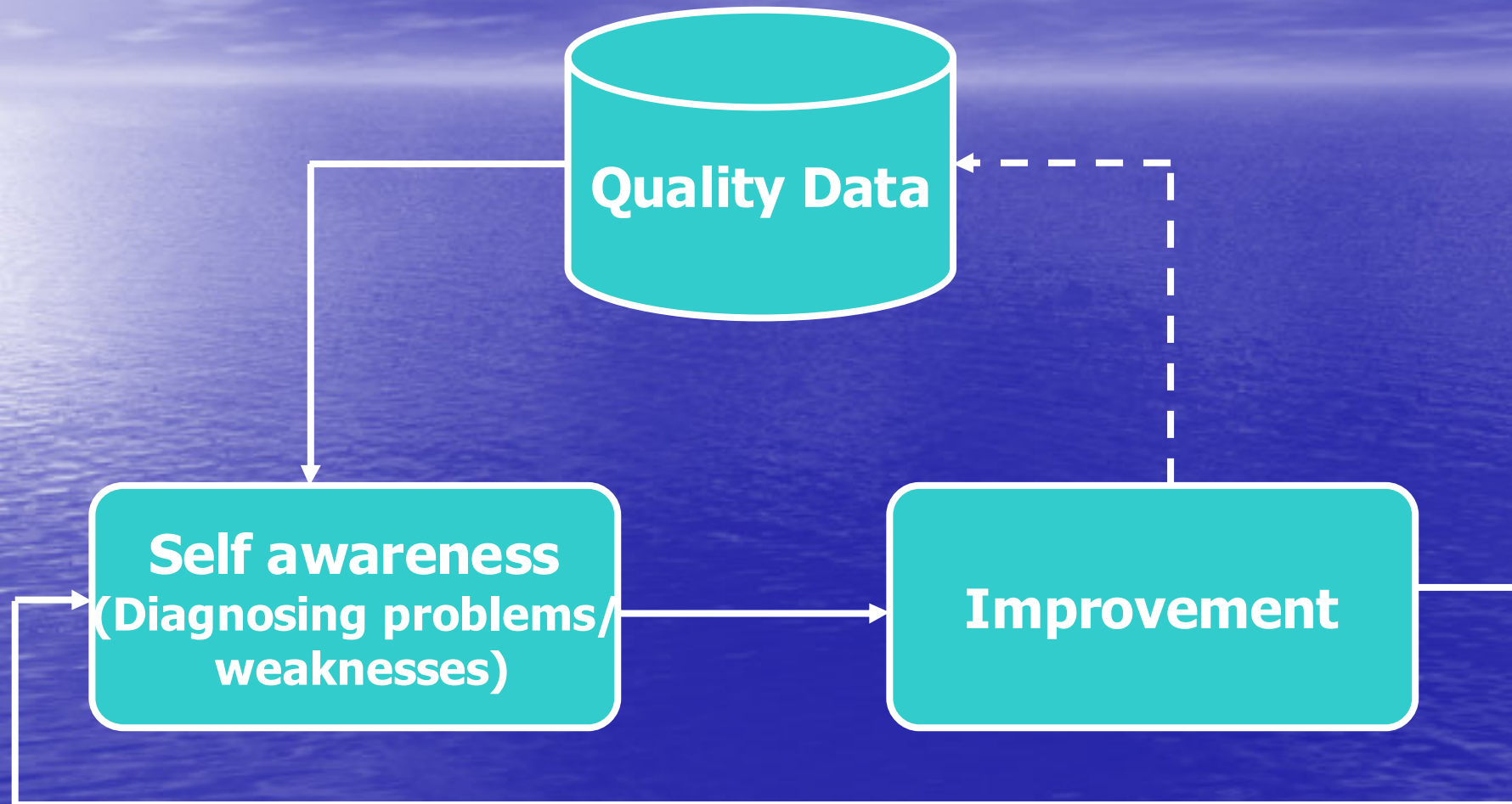


The Development of an Internal Quality Assurance Policy for Research at the University of Cyprus

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Continuous Enhancement of Quality



Internal QA Policy based on

- **Bergen standards and guidelines for QA in the EHEA**
- **EUA's QA proposals**
 - **Quality indicators for research**

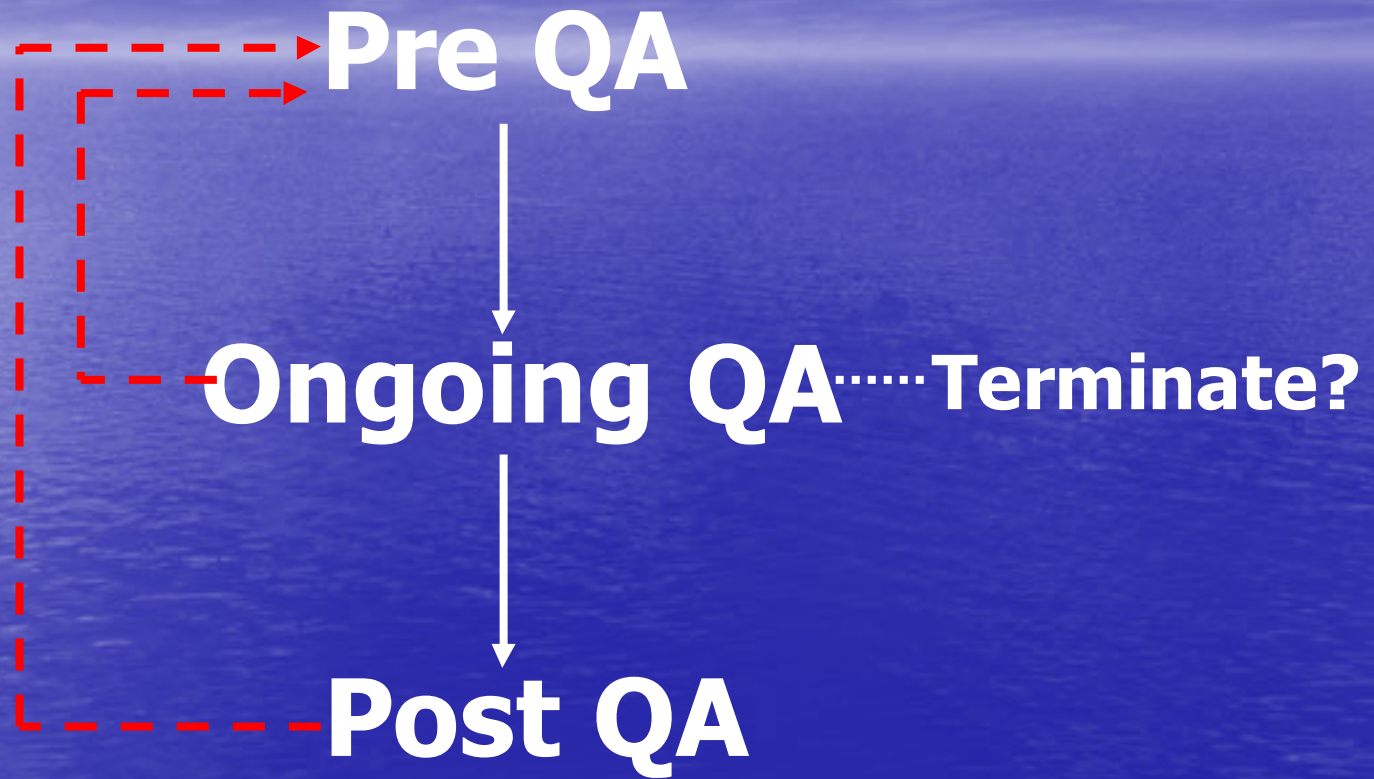
Research Institutions

supported by state funds

- **Supporting the activities of individual researchers**
 - Primarily their mobility
- **Start-up funds**
- **Co-funding of external projects**
- **Different types of research projects**
 - basic, applied, interdisciplinary
 - 1-4 years duration
- **Support of graduate students who are researchers on funded projects**

Internal QA Mechanisms

- Evaluation Criteria for Selection
- Monitoring Procedures
- Evaluation of Outcome
- Evaluation/Review of QA Mechanisms
- Transparency
- Consistency
- Merit-based



Advantages

- **Continuous quality enhancements in research**
 - promotes merit-based competition
 - promotes productivity in research
- **University more accountable in its use of state funds**
- **Safeguards the sustainability of given institutions**
- **Autonomy enhanced**

High level conception of education provision and the conducting of research

Interactivity with the surrounding social environment



Students
Resources

Learning outcomes
Research results
Social impact

SOCIETY

Barriers

- **Appropriateness of mechanisms**
 - Objective, well-defined criteria
- **Acceptability of mechanisms**
 - Wide acceptability
 - Should not be conceived as just additional overhead
- **Time efficiency**
- **Cost**
 - External experts