

State Council of Quality (SCQ)

Agenda SCQ Meeting 142

Date: 29.09.2025

Regular Meeting

Time: 09:00

SCQ Board Meeting Minutes

Present in the meeting:

Hasnije Ilazi – President

Klemen Miklavic – Vice president

Maja Martinovic – Member

Gezim Tosuni – Member

Jaakko Kauko – Member

Mirlinda Batalli – Member

Avni Berisha – Member

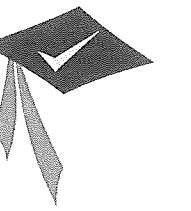
Jetmir Haxhibeqiri – Member

Shkurte Bajgora – Member

Arianit Krasniqi – KAA staff

Liridona Ademaj – ORCA Monitoring

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Ms. Maja Martinović joined at 09:20, having been absent at the commencement.

1. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved by the SCQ with eight votes in favor.

2. Approval of minutes from SCQ 141

The SCQ unanimously approved the minutes of the previous meeting with 8 votes in favor.

3. Revision of expert report for Uni Gjakova, Primary Education Program

In line with the previous decision of the SCQ, one member was removed from the expert team. The remaining two experts and the newly appointed member were informed of the situation and agreed to uphold the final recommendation of the report, incorporating additional recommendations based on the new expert's evaluation. The expert report was approved with eight votes in favor and one abstention.

4. Revision of applications for program accreditation

4.1. Applications postponed from last meeting

Mr. Avni Berisha left the meeting.

IBCM, Psychology (BSc, 180 ECTS) – At the previous meeting, the SCQ decided to postpone the review of the application pending confirmation from NARIC regarding the recognition of one program holder's diploma. Following the receipt and consideration of NARIC's confirmation, the SCQ unanimously approved the application.

University of Gjakova, Primary Education (BA 240 ECTS) - The SCQ unanimously decided to approve the application for accreditation of this study program. Two of the proposed program holders were not accepted, as the professors in question were not from the required field.

University of Gjakova, Health Sciences in Sport and Tourism (BSc. 180 ECTS) – The SCQ postponed this application and required an explanation regarding the correlation between the learning points and the career paths of the graduates. The institution responded that the program's learning outcomes are aligned with national strategies for health, tourism, and sport (2025–2030), combining theoretical and practical components to ensure interdisciplinary preparation. It added that graduates are equipped for employment in public and private sectors, including ministries, tourism and health organizations, and sports institutions, and that the program includes entrepreneurial skills and partnerships for student practice. The SCQ unanimously approved this application, with a note to the experts to ensure that the alignment between learning outcomes and labor-market needs is clearly demonstrated in future evaluations.

“Kadri Zeka” Gjilan, Criminal Law (LLM, 60 ECTS, Reaccreditation) - During the last meeting the SCQ postponed this application to re-examine the eligibility of a 60-ECTS Master's program. After verification, and taking into account that the corresponding Bachelor program carries 240 ECTS, the SCQ decided to approve the application with 7 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

“Isa Boletini” Mitrovice, Social Pedagogy (BA 180 ECTS) - During the last meeting the SCQ postponed consideration of this application pending clarification from NARIC regarding the 60-ECTS PhD degrees of several proposed program holders. Additionally, some program holders were rejected as they were either not from the relevant field, did not meet the ESAC Code and program description requirements, or lacked the required publications. After reviewing the clarification received from NARIC, the SCQ unanimously decided to approve three of the proposed program holders.

Shkurtë Bajgora left the meeting due to potential conflict of interest.

“Hasan Prishtina” Faculty of Education - Doctoral for Educational Sciences (Double Degree), 180

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ECTS, Reaccreditation – During the last meeting the SCQ unanimously decided to postpone consideration of this application until all relevant information regarding the proposed program holders was provided. After reviewing the additional documentation submitted by the institution, the SCQ unanimously decided to approve the application.

Shkurtë Bajgora rejoined the meeting.

4.2. New applications

“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Education - Master of Science in Energy Efficiency (MScEE), 120 ECTS – The SCQ reviewed the application and the proposed program holders and unanimously decided to approve the application.

Mr. Avni Berisha rejoined the meeting.

“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Arts- Bachelor of Music in Performance, BMus, 240 ECTS

(with 5 specializations: 1. Piano; 2. Singing; 3. Conducting; 4. String Instruments; 5. Wind Instruments) - The SCQ reviewed the application and the proposed program holders and unanimously decided to approve the application.

“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Arts - Bachelor of Arts in Music, 240 ECTS – The SCQ unanimously decided to postpone consideration of this program and to request clarification regarding the differences between this program and the version submitted last year.

“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Agriculture - Plant Science (Msc), 120 ECTS - The SCQ reviewed the application and the proposed program holders and unanimously decided to approve the application.

“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Physical Education and Sports - Physical Education and Sports, MA, 60 ECTS - The SCQ reviewed the application and the proposed program holders and decided to approve the application with 8 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Economy - Banking and finance, BSc, 180 ECTS - The SCQ reviewed the application and the proposed program holders and unanimously decided to approve the application.

“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Economy - Accounting, BSc, 180 ECTS - The SCQ reviewed the application and the proposed program holders and unanimously decided to approve the application.

“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Economy - Marketing, BSc, 180 ECTS - The SCQ reviewed the application and the proposed program holders and unanimously decided to approve the application.

“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Economy - Economics, BSc, 180 ECTS – The SCQ reviewed the application and the proposed program holders and unanimously decided to reject the application, as one proposed program holder did not provide evidence of a PhD diploma.

“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Economy - Banking and finance, MSc, 120 ECTS - The SCQ reviewed the application and the proposed program holders and unanimously decided to approve the application.

“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Economy - Accounting, MSc, 120 ECTS - The SCQ reviewed the application and the proposed program holders and unanimously decided to approve the application.

“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Economy - Economics, MSc, 120 ECTS - The SCQ reviewed the application and the proposed program holders and unanimously decided to reject the application, as one of the proposed program holders did not provide a nostrification of PhD diploma.

“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Civil Engineering - Integrated Water Resources Management, MSc (with specialization in Hydrotechnics), 120 ECTS - The SCQ reviewed the application and the proposed program holders and unanimously decided to reject the application, as one of the proposed program holders needs a new contract.

“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Geodesy, BSc, 180 ECTS - The SCQ reviewed the application and the proposed program holders and unanimously decided to approve the application.

Ms. Mirlinda Batalli left the meeting due to potential conflict of interest.

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“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Law, Civil and Property Law, LLM, 60 ECTS - The SCQ reviewed the application and the proposed program holders and decided to approve the application with 7 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Law, Criminal Law, LLM, 60 ECTS - The SCQ reviewed the application and the proposed program holders and decided to approve the application with 7 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Law, Constitutional and Administrative Law, 60 ECTS - The SCQ reviewed the application and the proposed program holders and decided to approve the application with 7 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Law, International Law, LLM, 60 ECTS - The SCQ reviewed the application and the proposed program holders and decided to approve the application with 7 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Law, Human Rights, International Criminal Law and Transitional Justice, LLM, 60 ECTS - The SCQ reviewed the application and the proposed program holders and decided to approve the application with 7 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

Ms. Mirlinda Batalli rejoined the meeting.

Ms. Hasnija Ilazi left the meeting due to potential conflict of interest.

The meeting continued under the chairmanship of the Vice President of the Board.

“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Philosophy, Anthropology and Cultural Heritage BA, 180 ECTS - The SCQ reviewed the application and the proposed program holders and unanimously decided to approve the application.

“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Philosophy, Psychology BA, 180 ECTS - The SCQ reviewed the application and the proposed program holders and unanimously decided to approve the application.

“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Philosophy, Cultural Heritage MA, 120 ECTS - The SCQ reviewed the application and the proposed program holders and unanimously decided to approve the application.

“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Philosophy, School Psychology and Counselling MA, 120 ECTS - The SCQ reviewed the application and the proposed program holders and unanimously decided to approve the application.

“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Philosophy, Clinical and Community Psychology MA, 120 ECTS - The SCQ reviewed the application and the proposed program holders and unanimously decided to approve the application.

Ms. Hasnija Ilazi rejoined the meeting.

Mr. Avni Berisha left the meeting due to potential conflict of interest.

“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, Mathematics with applications, MSc, 120 ECTS - The SCQ reviewed the application and the proposed program holders and decided to approve the application with 6 votes in favor.

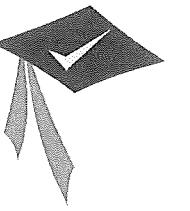
“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, Molecular Biology, Bsc, 180 ECTS - The SCQ reviewed the application and the proposed program holders and decided to approve the application with 7 votes in favor.

Mr. Avni Berisha rejoined the meeting.

“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Medicine, Public Health, Msc, 120 ECTS - The SCQ reviewed the application and the proposed program holders and decided to reject the application as one of the program holders provided an expired contract.

“Hasan Prishtina”, Faculty of Medicine, Preclinical Medicine, PhD, 180 ECTS - The SCQ reviewed the application and the proposed program holders and decided to approve the application with 7 votes in favor.

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5. Monitoring reports

A representative from the Monitoring and Follow-Up Department joined the meeting to provide an overview of recent activities and the reports produced by the monitoring division. The SCQ requested that all reports be signed by the responsible staff member. The SCQ unanimously approved the reports that were duly signed and postponed consideration of the unsigned reports, returning them to the department for completion.

6. Follow-up reports

The representative from the Monitoring and Follow-Up Department presented an overview of the Follow-Up procedures, including the process for selecting institutions for review, ensuring coverage of all programs and institutions, and the division's action plan. The SCQ unanimously approved the reports and requested that the department submit the Action Plan to the SCQ.

7. Requests

7.1. Heimerer College - The institution submitted a request for review regarding the SCQ's earlier decision to reject a proposed program holder for the MSc in Medical Laboratory Sciences on the grounds of insufficient scientific publications. The institution provided links to three SCOPUS-indexed publications as evidence that the proposed program holder meets the publication requirements and asked the SCQ to reconsider the request. The SCQ considered the request and unanimously approved the request.

Mr. Gezim Tosuni left the meeting due to potential conflict of interest.

7.2. Uni Gjilan - The institution submitted a request for the replacement of the program holder for the "Marketing and Sales Management" program due to the previous holder's retirement. Two new proposed program holders were submitted through the e-accreditation system with all required documentation, and the institution requested SCQ approval of these replacements in accordance with the regulation. The SCQ approved with 7 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

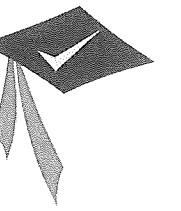
Mr. Gezim Tosuni rejoined the meeting.

7.3. Universum College - The institution submitted a request for approval of changes in program holders for two accredited programs. For the BA Professional in Fashion Design, two additional program holders were added. For the BA Professional in Dental Technician, two program holders resigned, and the institution proposed two replacements. The institution requested SCQ approval for these changes in accordance with accreditation requirements. For the Dental Technician program, the SCQ unanimously decided to postpone the request, requiring the institution to provide official documentation confirming the resignation of the previous program holders. For the Fashion Design program, the SCQ unanimously decided to postpone the request, requesting that the institution submit a clear justification explaining the reasons for proposing changes to the program holders.

7.4. Regarding Dardania College - The appellant submitted a letter stating that an agreement had been reached with the institution regarding the use of property for the period 19.09.2025 to 19.09.2029. The SCQ unanimously decided that such information must be officially submitted by the institution itself, not by private individuals.

Mr. Avni Berisha left the meeting due to potential conflict of interest.

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7.5. UP FSHMN - The institution informed the SCQ that one of the program holders for the accredited Computer Science (BSc, 180 ECTS) program has resigned from the faculty effective 01.09.2025. The institution requested clarification and guidance on the necessary steps to ensure compliance with KAA regulations and to maintain the accreditation status of the program. The SCQ unanimously decided to postpone the request. The institution must provide the official resignation letter, and a table of program holders must be prepared for the next meeting.

Mr. Avni Berisha rejoined the meeting.

7.6. IBCM - Applied IT, 180 ECTS (A) - The institution submitted a request for reconsideration of the SCQ's earlier decision not to accept part of the proposed program holders for the Professional Bachelor Program in Applied IT. The institution provided additional documentation to demonstrate the relevance, qualifications, and IT-related experience of the proposed staff and added one more candidate who meets all requirements. The SCQ unanimously decided to postpone the request and asked the institution to provide official documentation confirming the professional experience of one of the proposed program holders.

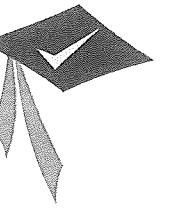
7.7. "Kadri Zeka" Gjilan, General Law LLB, 240 ECTS - The institution submitted a request contesting the SCQ's earlier decision not to accept the first proposed program holder. The institution argued that the proposed holder meets all legal and academic criteria, provided evidence of qualifications and publications, and referenced previous accreditation cycles in which the same holder had been accepted. The institution requested the SCQ to reconsider the decision, reassess the proposed program holders, and acknowledge previous evaluations. The SCQ unanimously decided to reject this request.

7.8. "Kadri Zeka" Gjilan, Computer Science BSc, 180 ECTS - The institution submitted a request for review regarding the rejection of the Computer Science (180 ECTS) program, which had been declined due to the presumed expiration of one proposed program holder's residence permit. The institution explained that the program holder still holds a valid residence permit until 31.10.2025, but could not yet obtain the renewed permit due to the official deadlines and timing of the renewal process. They provided evidence of the scheduled renewal appointment and proof of document submission, and requested the SCQ to reconsider the decision and review the program accordingly. The SCQ unanimously voted to approve the request and requested from the institution that they submit the document within the deadlines.

7.9. "Kadri Zeka" Gjilan, Master E-privacy, AI and Data Protection, Msc, 120 ECTS - The institution submitted a request for reconsideration arguing that the program is interdisciplinary, combining the fields of computer science and law, and that the proposed program holders adequately represent both areas. Additional explanations were provided about the program's structure, relevance to the labor market, and alignment with legal and strategic needs in Kosovo. The institution requested the SCQ to reassess the proposed program holders and reconsider its decision. The SCQ unanimously decided to approve this request.

7.10. "Kadri Zeka" Gjilan, Engineering in Electro-Automation, Level 5, 120 ECTS - The institution submitted a request for review regarding the application for accreditation of the Engineering in Electro-Automation program (Level 5, 120 ECTS). The institution contested the earlier notification stating that Level 5 programs fall outside the scope of KAA, and argued that the program should be evaluated based on applicable legislation governing higher education qualifications. They provided legal references and justification supporting the eligibility of the program and requested the SCQ to reconsider its position and proceed with evaluation. The SCQ unanimously decided to reject the request, noting that the KAA does not have regulated procedures in place to carry out this process.

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7.11. "Isa Boletini" Mitrovice, Computer Science and Engineering, BSc, 180 ECTS - The institution informed the SCQ that a technical error occurred during document submission in the e-accreditation system, resulting in the previous year's employment contract for a proposed program holder being uploaded twice. The institution clarified that the program holder had a valid contract until 30.09.2025 and currently holds a valid contract until 30.09.2026. They requested that the SCQ consider the newly submitted contract and disregard the previously uploaded duplicates. The SCQ voted 2 in favor, 2 against, and 5 abstentions.

7.12. "Ukshin Hoti" Prizren, Bussines Administration, MSc, 120 ECTS - The institution submitted a request for technical correction, stating that a program holder's CV was uploaded in the e-accreditation system but is not visible due to a technical issue. The institution provided the CV again and requested that it be considered during the evaluation. The SCQ unanimously decided to reject this request.

7.13. "University of Applied Sciences" Ferizaj, Interior Architecture and Furniture Design, BSc. 180 ECTS - The institution submitted a request for review of the SCQ's decision to refuse re-accreditation of this program. They noted that the program had previously been accredited with the same program providers and submitted additional documentation addressing the issues identified by the SCQ. The institution argued that the program's content and scope were misunderstood and requested reconsideration based on the clarifications and evidence provided. After considering the request, the SCQ unanimously approved this request.

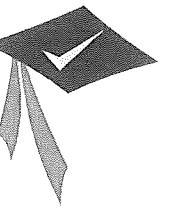
Mr. Gezim Tosuni left the meeting.

7.14. "University of Applied Sciences" Ferizaj, Design and Construction of Wooden Pruducts, Professional Bachelor. 180 ECTS - The institution submitted a request for review of the SCQ's decision to refuse re-accreditation of this program. They provided supplementary documentation demonstrating the academic and industry experience of the proposed staff and clarified aspects of the program's structure and relevance. The institution requested the SCQ to revisit the decision in light of the submitted clarifications and supporting evidence. After considering the request, the SCQ unanimously decided to reject this request.

8. Appeals

8.1. Uni Prizren – The SCQ unanimously decided to pass this to Appeals Committee.





Continuation of Meeting 142

Present in the meeting:

Hasnije Ilazi – President
Klemen Miklavic – Vice president
Gezim Tosuni – Member
Jaakko Kauko – Member
Mirlinda Batalli – Member
Avni Berisha – Member
Shkurte Bajgora – Member
Arianit Krasniqi – KAA staff

9. Decisions of Appeals Committee

9.1. IBCM College – The Appeals Committee approved the appeal, determining that the original reasoning was insufficient and not aligned with the Law on General Administrative Procedures. The SCQ unanimously decided to postpone this item in order to review the original decision and determine what additional reasoning should be included.

9.2. Uni Gjakova - The Appeals Committee approved the appeal, determining that the original reasoning was insufficient and not aligned with the Law on General Administrative Procedures. The SCQ unanimously decided to revise its decision and provide a more detailed justification.

9.3. Uni Gjakova - The Appeals Committee approved the appeal, determining that the original reasoning was insufficient and not aligned with the Law on General Administrative Procedures. The SCQ unanimously decided to revise its decision and provide a more detailed justification.

9.4. UP Medicine - The Appeals Committee approved the appeal, determining that the original reasoning was insufficient and not aligned with the Law on General Administrative Procedures. The SCQ unanimously decided to revise its decision and provide a more detailed justification.

10. Revision of applications for evaluation experts

- The SCQ unanimously decided to postpone this discussion point for the next meeting.

11. Discussion on the Conference

The SCQ received a final update on the upcoming Conference. The update covered the overall preparations, including confirmation of the tour itinerary, which will be conducted with the assistance of a representative from the Kosovo Tour Guide. The KAA is finalizing all conference materials to be included in the guests' tote bags and is ensuring that all invited speakers are properly accommodated, among other organizational arrangements.

12. Other

Meeting adjourned. The following meeting will be held on the 1st of December, 2025.

Minutes prepared by:

Fjollë Ajeti

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Prof. Asoc. Dr. Hasnije Ilazi,
President State Council of Quality

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