



**The question of independence of QA  
external reviewers work and decision-  
making: AKKORK solution.**

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# Introduction

The questions of independence are very important for the quality assurance sphere. There are from our point of view two levels of independence derived from the ESG 3.6. One of them is operations level when the agency is not influenced in its operations by any external party. The other one is the conclusions that the agency makes towards the HEI audit results and accreditation.

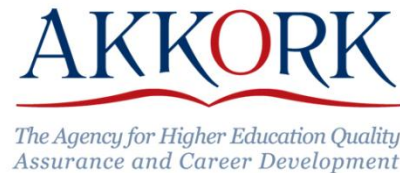
## Russia and independence of experts (Part I)

- No accreditation until 1992
- Appearance of the term accreditation in the Law on Education text in 1992
- Accreditation procedure now and loss of it's aim

# Russia and independence of experts (Part II)

*After signing Bologna declaration*

Appearance of independent  
quality assurance bodies



Agency for Higher Education Quality  
Assurance and Career Development  
(AKKORK)

- 1. Proposal of the experts candidatures by the HEIs, education authorities, professional communities, or Agency Advisory Council members**
- 2. Approval of the experts by the Advisory council**
- 3. Training of the experts followed by certificate receipt**
- 4. Signing the Expert Independence Confirmation Form**

# Conclusion

The methods of work with reviewers applied in the Agency are constantly reviewed. The Agency studies carefully the new materials concerning the reviewers work which appear on the websites of the ENQA and leading European agencies. Also Agency has strong procedures of internal quality assurance, which it regularly implements to ensure its work quality.

***Merci !***