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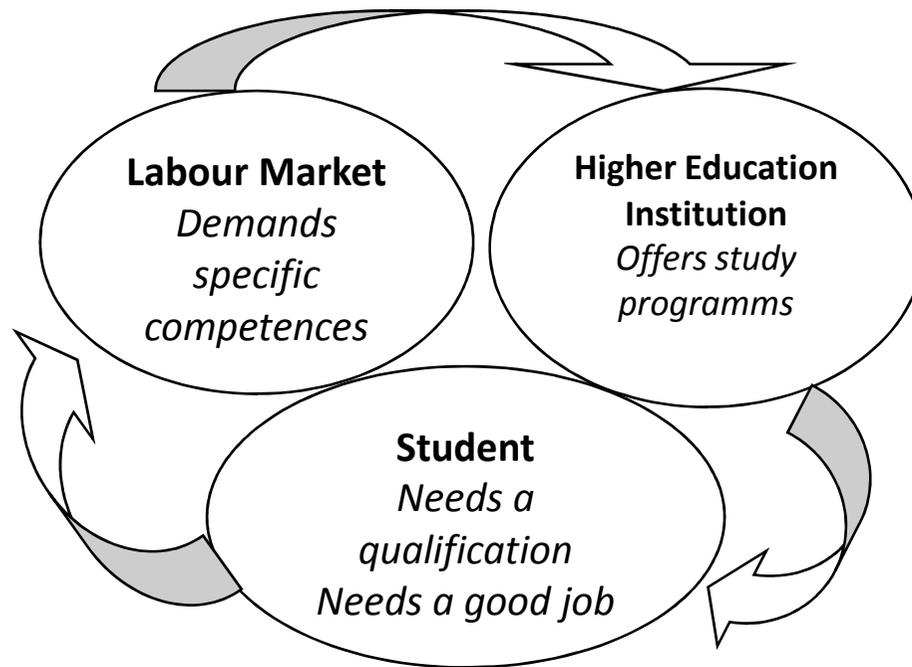
The impact of QA on mobility in Higher Education

ACTIVITIES IN THE PROJECT

- Participation at 4 activities in Pristina
 - Kick-off meeting
 - Visit at partner universities in Pristina
 - Training
 - Final project meeting
- Organization of study visit in Bucharest
- Participation at guidelines elaboration



THE CONTEXT



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- Quality Assurance Requirements
 - Quality of teaching
 - Quality of research
 - Quality of curricula
 - Quality of services and infrastructure
- European and National Qualification Frameworks
 - Expected learning outcomes (competences)



STUDENTS MOBILITY

Student mobility refers to a study period taken mainly abroad and returning home afterwards.

There are four main aspects on this issue:

- **Horizontal Mobility**

Horizontal mobility means that students spend a period of their studies in another country.

- **Vertical Mobility**

Vertical mobility means that students take a full degree abroad.



STUDENTS MOBILITY

- **EU Programs**

During recent years, the European Commission has initiated various student, post graduate and teacher mobility schemes. These are open not only to EU citizens, but also to citizens of EU candidate countries and countries of the European Economic Area.

- **Brain Mobility**

The process whereby a country loses its most talented and educated people to other countries because there is a lack of opportunities in their own.



WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF STUDENT PLACEMENTS?

- To help students to adapt to the requirements of the EU-wide labour market;
- To enable students to develop specific skills including language skills and to improve understanding of the economic and social culture of the country concerned in the context of acquiring work experience;
- To promote cooperation between higher education institutions and enterprises;
- To contribute to the development of a pool of well-qualified, open-minded and internationally experienced young people as future professionals.



STUDENTS MOBILITY

The major problem with student's mobility is the recognition of their qualifications across borders.

How can Quality Assurance influence this?

- Aligning the own QA procedures to the European requirements
- Increased transparency and visibility



OBJECTIVES OF STAFF MOBILITY FOR TEACHING AND RESEARCH

- To encourage higher education institutions to broaden and enrich the range and content of courses they offer;
 - To allow students who do not have the possibility to participate in a mobility scheme, to benefit from the knowledge and expertise of academic staff from higher education institutions and from invited staff of enterprises in other European countries;
 - To promote exchange of expertise and experience on pedagogical methods;
 - To create links between higher education institutions and with enterprises;
 - To motivate students and staff to become mobile and to assist them in preparing a mobility period.
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QA AND MOBILITY

Other problems related to mobility

- Organizational problems
 - Insecured number of students
 - Master studies
- Financial problems
 - Impossibility to have the desired teaching staff

QA can offer good solutions by

- Aligning the own QA procedures to the European requirements
- Increased transparency and visibility



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

