Quality Assurance Strategy

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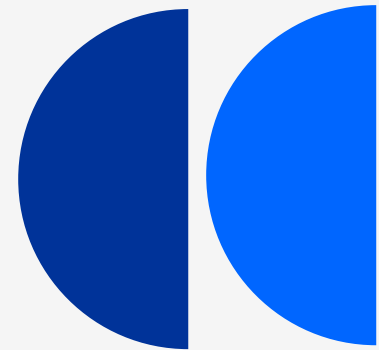
Quality Assurance and Monitoring

- Co-leaders in Work Package 6:
    - Institute of Higher Education of the National Academy of Educational Sciences of Ukraine (IHED)
    - Dragomanov Ukrainian State University (DUSU)
    - Accreditation Council for Entrepreneurial and Engaged Universities (ACEEU)
- Internal quality assurance will take the form of
    - self-assessment
    - peer-assessment
    - evaluation (value and impact)
- will be organized and managed by IHED and DUSU
- External assessment and evaluation will be conducted by Accreditation Council for Entrepreneurial and Engaged Universities (ACEEU)

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- The goal of QA Strategy is to ensure high quality project implementation in line with the best European practices as to the academic content and process.

- IHED, NDPU, ACEEU have agreed that quality assurance approach should
  - facilitate implementation of the project
  - ensure high quality of its results
  - NOT put extra pressure on project partners considering a rather vulnerable position of many Ukrainian participants

- 3 foci:
  - progress → process →   results

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- QA Strategy respects the values of UNICOM project:
  - participation and agency
  - trust and knowledge sharing
  - diversity and intercultural cooperation
  - inclusion

- and is based on the principles of
  - openness and transparency
  - efficiency (= achieving maximum results with minimum efforts and costs)
  - shared leadership
  - social responsibility and accountability
      - to the Grant-holder
      - to one's own institution
      - To external stakeholders

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3 foci: progress → process → results

- QA Strategy looks into:
  - progress: typical monitoring procedures (meeting deadlines in implementation, timely reporting etc.)
  - process: assessment of events and activities, evaluation of their impact on individual, project and institutional levels, as well as benefit for external stakeholders
  - results: assessment of project deliverables (outputs), evaluation of their value for the project, partner universities, communities and society at large
  - during external assessment and evaluation: evaluation of overall project success and measuring project impact

Elements for evaluation of project implementation (process, activities, events)

1) **Management:** overall coordination, communication, dissemination, visibility, involvement of all partners into collaboration.

2) **Ethics, managing diversity & conflict avoidance management**: avoidance of conflicts, mitigation and conflict resolution

3) **Teamwork:** partner participation, motivation, eagerness to contribute and share knowledge, readiness and capability to contribute (the right people from partner institutions delegated to participate in activities).

Elements for evaluation of project implementation (process, activities, events)

4) **Contributions to project implementation**: knowledge exchange and sharing, benefits obtained from community engagement and capacity built in the course of project implementation, personnel development, augmented links with stakeholders etc.; relevance, sustainability and impact from undertaken activities.

5) **Personal growth of project participants** (enhanced competencies, lessons learned, self-evaluation etc.).

And **open questions** about partners opinion, which help lead partners to improve the process

Characteristics of project deliverables assessment

1) **Relevance:** timely preparation, compliance with project objectives, work plan, tasks etc.) – first-glance assessment

2) **Design:** logic structure, language clarity and accuracy, data presentation etc.

3) **Content:** specific, quality of data (validity& statistical relevance), significance of ideas, proposals and recommendations, contribution to project theme or attainment of project objectives

Characteristics of project deliverables assessment

4) **Publicity and dissemination:** openness and visibility at the preparation stage (e.g. access to all partners, channels for discussion, expression of opinion etc.), open access to UNICOM project outputs upon their finalization and approval by the consortium, dissemination strategy and different channels for dissemination and public access, collection and processing of feedback

5) **Impact:** practical "usability"/utility, feasibility of recommendations, significance and influence of ideas, recommendations on the launch of academic, expert and public discourse etc.)

And **open questions** about partners opinion, which promote to improve deliverables

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Link to the questionary:

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