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INTRODUCING STAR AND ITS ACTIVITIES

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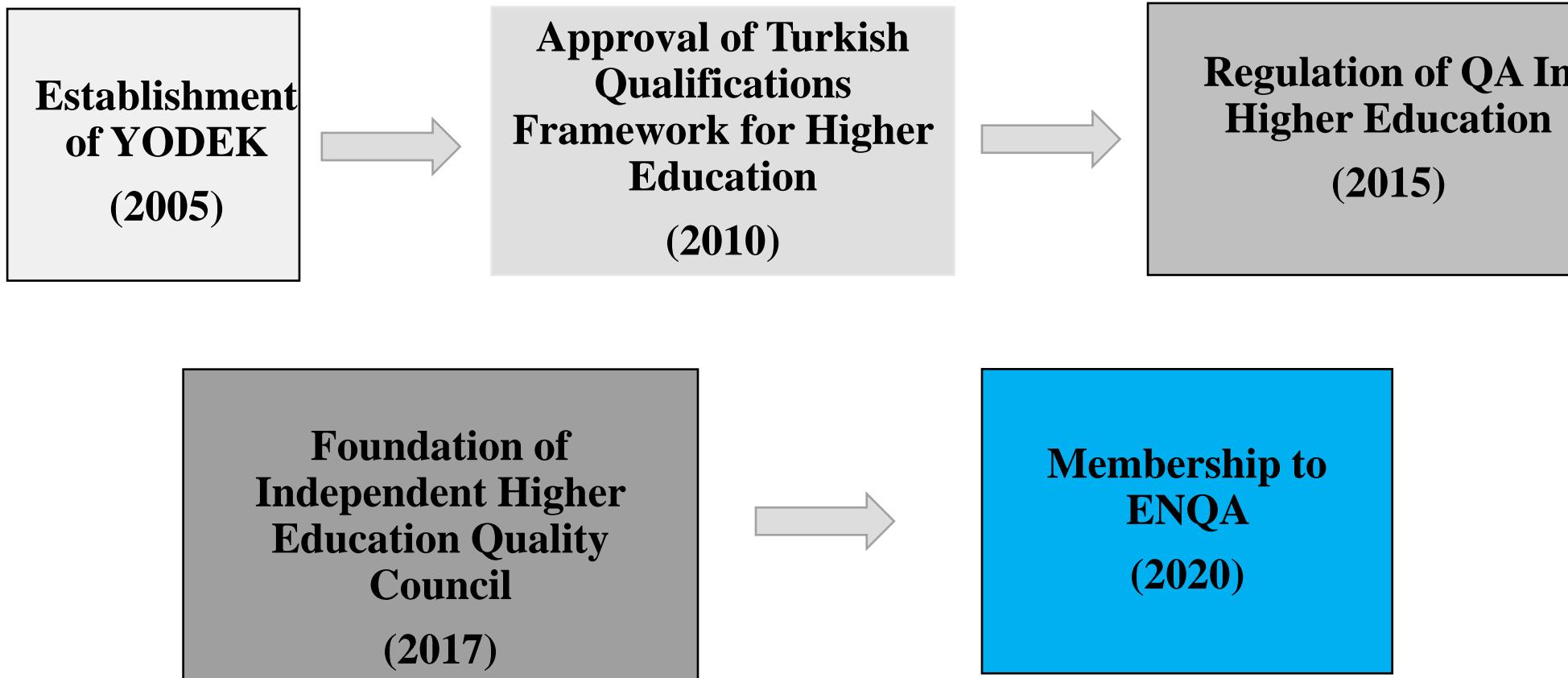
1. LANDSCAPE OF HIGHER EDUCATION AREA IN TURKEY

1.1 HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL AND UNIVERSITIES

- ▶ It was established in 1981. All HEIs were merged under 27 Universities
- ▶ Currently, 208 Universities: 129 Public, 75 Foundation and 4 Vocational (2023)
- ▶ 183,314 Academic Staff
 - ▶ 76% PhD and above
 - ▶ 24% Lower than PhD.
- ▶ 6,95 million Students
 - ▶ 38% Associate Degrees
 - ▶ 54% B.Sc. Degrees
 - ▶ 6% MSc Degrees
 - ▶ 2% Ph.D. Degrees
- ▶ Student/Faculty
 - ▶ $6,950,142/183,314 = 37.91$ students per faculty
(ACADEMIC STAFF BAŞINA DÜŞEN SAYI OLMAYACAK MI?)
- ▶ Massification, Shortages of Academic Staff.

1. LANDSCAPE OF HIGHER EDUCATION AREA IN TURKEY

1.2 Land Marks of Quality Assurance Development (THEQC)



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- ❖ YODEK in 2005, QA in HE 2015, THEQC in 2017 – Independent Organization
- ❖ Its Mission is:
 1. Institutional external evaluation of higher education institutions
 2. Authorization of quality assurance agencies for program reviews (national and international QAAs)
 3. Internalize and disseminate quality assurance culture in HEIs
- ❖ Authorization / Recognition process includes
 - ❖ Compliance with national and international standards (particularly with ESG)
 - ❖ Implementation of output oriented accreditation approach
(LOs assessment, graduates feedback, etc.)
- ❖ Currently 22 National and 13 International QAAs are authorized to carry out program accreditations.

1. LANDSCAPE OF HIGHER EDUCATION AREA IN TURKEY

Authorization and Recognition of Accreditation Organizations

- Since 2016, Institutional External Evaluations carried out by THEQC
- Every HEI is obliged to be reviewed institutionally by THEQC
- Program accreditations are not compulsory, however accredited programs are noted by the Central Examination Center
- For the last 3 years, 53 Universities went through the institutional evaluations of THEQC (2020-11, 2021 -12, and 2022 -30)
- <https://yokak.gov.tr/hakkında>



1. LANDSCAPE OF HIGHER EDUCATION AREA IN TURKEY

1.2 Land Marks of Quality Assurance Development (THEQC)

List of National QAAs

1. MÜDEK
2. TEPDAD
3. FEDEK
4. VEDEK
5. EPDAD
6. İLEDAK
7. SABAK
8. TURAK
9. ECZAKDER
10. TPA
11. AEAA
11. SPORAK
12. DEDAK
13. AEEA
14. HEPDAK
16. DEPAD
17. PEMDER
18. SHLAA
19. İAA
20. ZİDEK
21. PDR
22. TAPLAK



List of International QAAs

1. FIBAA
2. AQAS
3. AACSB
4. IACBE
5. AHPGS
6. AABI
7. ASIIN
8. ACEN
9. EAEVE
10. IAAR
11. ACQUIN
12. ABET
13. EAQUALS

Note: Full names of QAAs are available on the Web page of THEQC: <https://yokak.gov.tr/>

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF STAR – LEGAL STATUS

- * STAR was established as a non-profit (January 13, 2020).
- Its aim is to review and accredit undergraduate programs in Social Sciences, Humanities, and Basic Sciences in Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

* **Mission**

To contribute to achieving excellence in student education through evidence-based accreditation that supports continuous improvement.

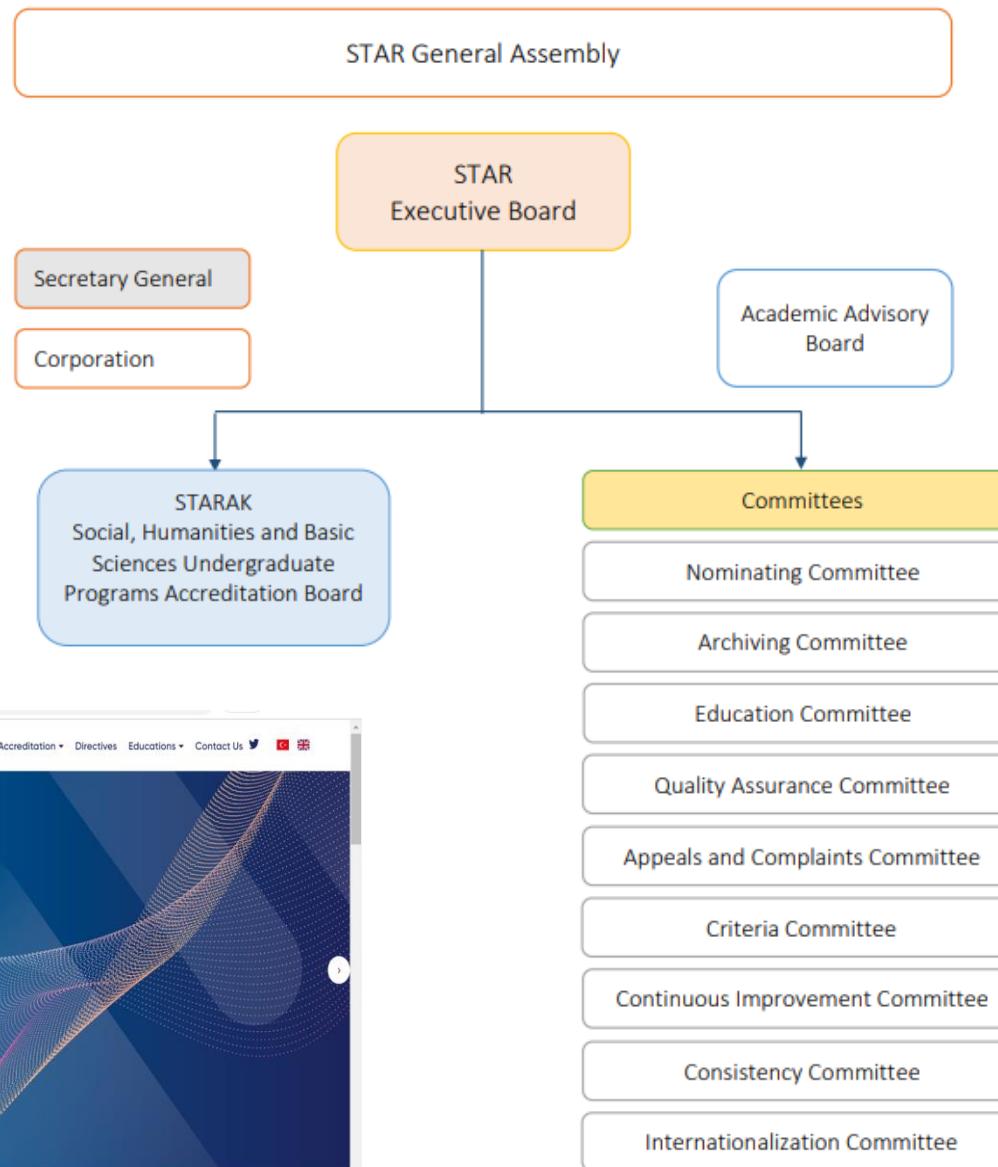
* **Vision**

Excellence in education of Social, Humanities and Basic Sciences.

* **Values**

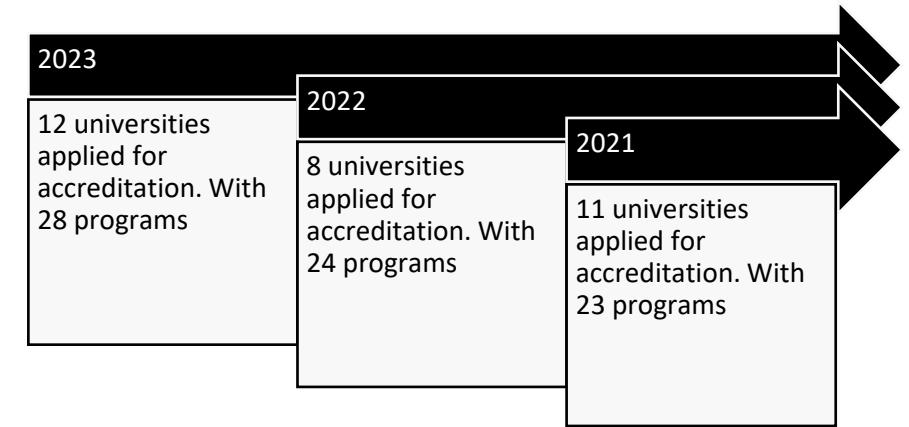
Service Orientation, Continuous Learning, Value Creation, Developing Collaborations, Ethical Behavior, Transparency and Accountability

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF STAR – LEGAL STATUS



3. ACTIVITIES OF STAR – TRAININGS AND REVIEWS

- STAR received its first program review application in 2021.
- STAR has received a total of 75 accreditation applications from 32 Universities until July 2023.
- From these applications, accreditation evaluations of 30 programs are completed, with 6 programs being accredited for 5 years, and the others receiving accreditation for varying durations of 2 or 3 years.
- It is noted that Business Administration programs have received the highest number of accreditations among all other fields.
- In 2023, applications made by 4 programs were not accepted.
- A total of 28 programs from 12 universities applied to be reviewed by STAR in 2023.



32 Universities and 75 programs

3. ACTIVITIES OF STAR – TRAININGS AND REVIEWS

Trainings and Workshops

- Training reviewers: Academic Staff, Students
- Workshops: SER Writing, Other Workshops (Deans' Meeting)

Year	Training Reviewers		SER WS	Other WS
	Academics	Students		
2020	2	2	-	6
2021	2	2	2	2
2022	1	1	2	4
2023	7	2	2	-
TOTAL	12	7	6	12



* Currently in the Reviewers' Pool, STAR has 39 Academic Staff and 5 student experts.

4. INTERNATIONALIZATION EFFORTS

- STAR became a member of CEENQA (3.06.2023, Astana-Kazakhstan).
<https://www.ceenqa.org/members/full-members/turkey/>
- STAR signed Cooperation Agreements with a number of QAAs:

1. IKCA - Independent Kazakhstani Center of Accreditation



2. NCPA - The National Centre for Public Accreditation



3. FIBAA - Foundation for International Business Administration Accreditation



4. HEA - Agency for Development of Higher Education and Quality Assurance
of Bosnia and Herzegovina



- STAR is organizing an International Conference on ESG – 4.10.2023

5. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ESG

❖ International Conference on ESG and its Uses to QAAs and HEIs - 4.10.2023

❖ Participants and their topics:

- **Anna Gover (ENQA): Overview of ESG and its Revision**
- **Diane Freiberger (FIBAA): ESG – Part 1**
- **Iring Wasser (ASIIN): ESG – Part 2**
- **Ronny Heintze (AQAS): ESG – Part 3**
- **Robert Redhammer (SAAHE):**

Lessons Learned: ENQA Review and SEQA ESG Project 1.



Thank you all for listening
and
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<https://www.star.org.tr>



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