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# National Council for Higher Education Serbia

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# **National Council for Higher Education**



Appointed by the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia

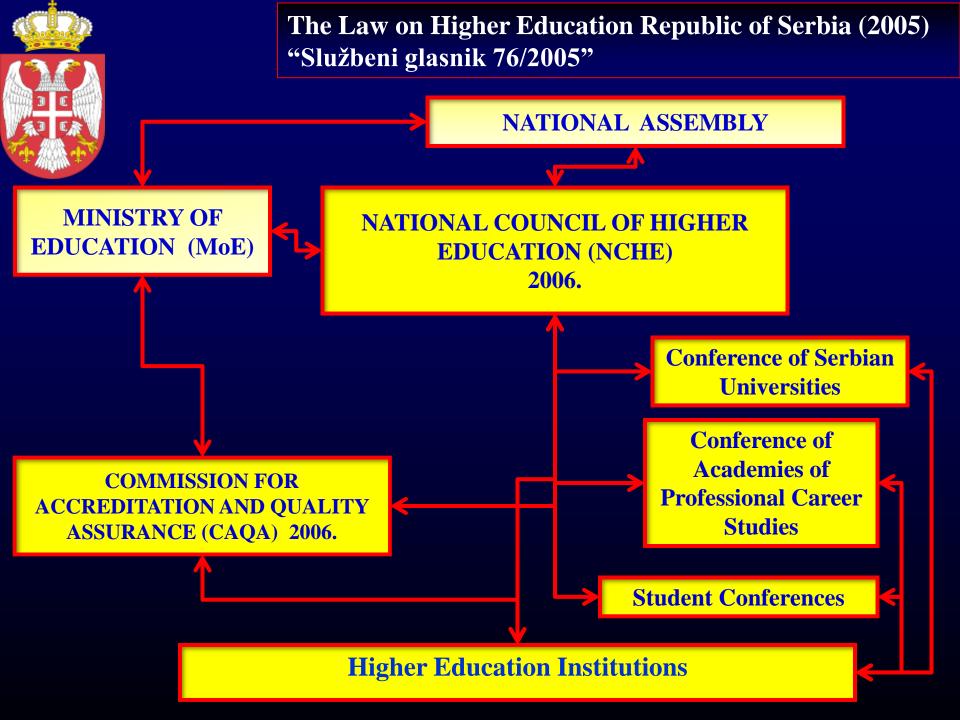
Ensures the development and promotion of the quality of higher education

## **National Council for Higher Education**

- Follows the development of higher education in the Republic of Serbia and its harmonization with the European and international standards
- Proposes the policy of Higher Education to the Ministry of education
- Proposes to the Government norms and standards for functioning of higher education institutions
- Defines scientific and professional areas within the educational-scientific and educational-artistic fields
- Defines the list of professional, academic and scientific titles and degrees

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- Formulates the standards for the quality self-assessment of higher education institutions
- Formulates standards and procedures for external quality assessment of higher education institutions
- Defines standards for work permissions
- Defines standards and procedures for accreditation of higher education institutions and study programs
- Formulates recommendations for the conditions for the election of university teachers
- Gives opinion about the procedures for formulation and adoption of all regulations concerning higher education



## **Higher Education Institutions**

The activity of higher education in the Republic of Serbia is performed by several kinds of higher education institutions:

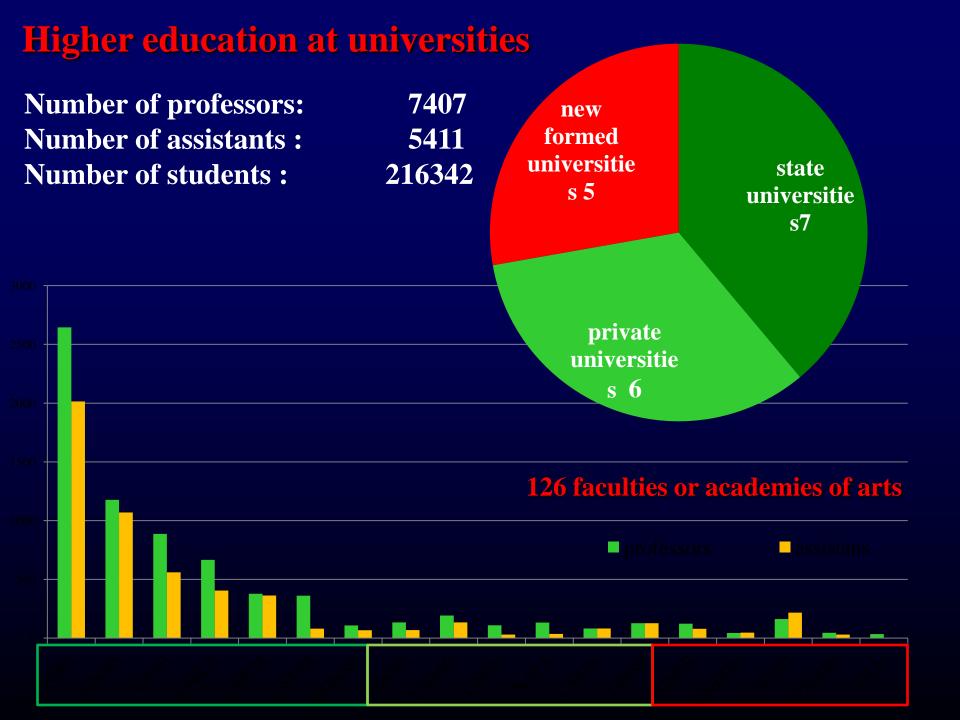
#### **Universities**

The university can perform all types and levels of studies. An institution of higher education has the status of university if it performs academic study programs at all levels of studies, within at least three fields (natural sciences and mathematics, social and humanistic studies, medical science, technical and technological science, and arts)

## **Colleges**

College of professional career studies (visoke škole strukovnih studija) perform basic professional and specialist professional studies from one or more areas.

College of academic career studies (visoke škole akademskih studija) perform basic, specialist, and graduate academic studies from one or more areas.



# **Higher Education Reform**

- PROCESS WHICH HAS TO BE FOLLOWED AND PERMANENTLY CONTROLLED
- **ECTS SYSTEM, INTRODUCED BY LAW, SHOULD BE ANALYSED FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF ESSENCE: relation between the required and the possible**
- FEEDBACK: STUDENTS AS SUBJECTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

# **Higher Education Reform**

- LEARNING OUTCOMES AND COMPETENCES
- QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK: participation of the academic society, employers and the state
- **TRANSPARENCY:** mutual recognition of degrees
- IMPORTANT ACTIVITY: MODIFICATIONS OF THE LAW ON HIGHER EDUCATION

# Structure of Decision Making

- National Council for Higher Education
- Conference of the Universities of Serbia
- Conference of the Serbian Professional Colleges
- Ministry of Education of the Republic of Serbia
- **Team of Experts for Higher Education Reform (HERE)** 
  - Student Associations
    - Important Support

European Commission (Tempus)

Council of Europe ("Strengthening Higher Education

Reforms in Serbia")