

EVALUATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN CZECH REPUBLIC 2025

HARMONIZATION SESSION OF INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION PANELS AND
EXPERT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FORD 1 – NATURAL SCIENCES



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PROGRAMME

- Update on the evaluation of HEIs 2025
- IEPs workload
- IEPs vs. Expert advisory committee (EAC)
- Harmonization of IEPs and EAC
- Discussion



UPDATE ON THE EVALUATION OF HEIs 2025 (Follow-up to the 2nd IEP's training by MEYS)

- Evaluation begins by 1st of May 2025 > IEP obtains the Self-evaluation report (SER) of the HEI
- IEP prepares the Evaluation report (ER) in 3 modules
- IEP will obtain results in M1 and M2 by MEYS (HEI data sheet)
 - IEPs do not evaluate M1 and M2! IEP can work only with the final grade it receives
 - Browsing the interactive app isn't obligatory!
- IEP goes through M3 (units/parts of HEI), M4 (the entire HEI) and M5 (the entire HEI)
- IEP prepares ER in M3–M5
- IEP aggregates the grading from M3–M5 with the grading from M1–M2 in one final grade (A-D)
- IEP submits the ER to MEYS by end of October 2025
 - *Read the SER (Module 3-5), consider HEI's Data Sheet for Modules 1-2, go to the on-site visit of the HEI*
 - *Evaluate faculties / institutes in module 3 (A-D), evaluate HEI in modules 4 and 5 (A-D)*
 - *Formulate the evaluation of the entire HEI (A-D)*

IEP's WORKLOAD

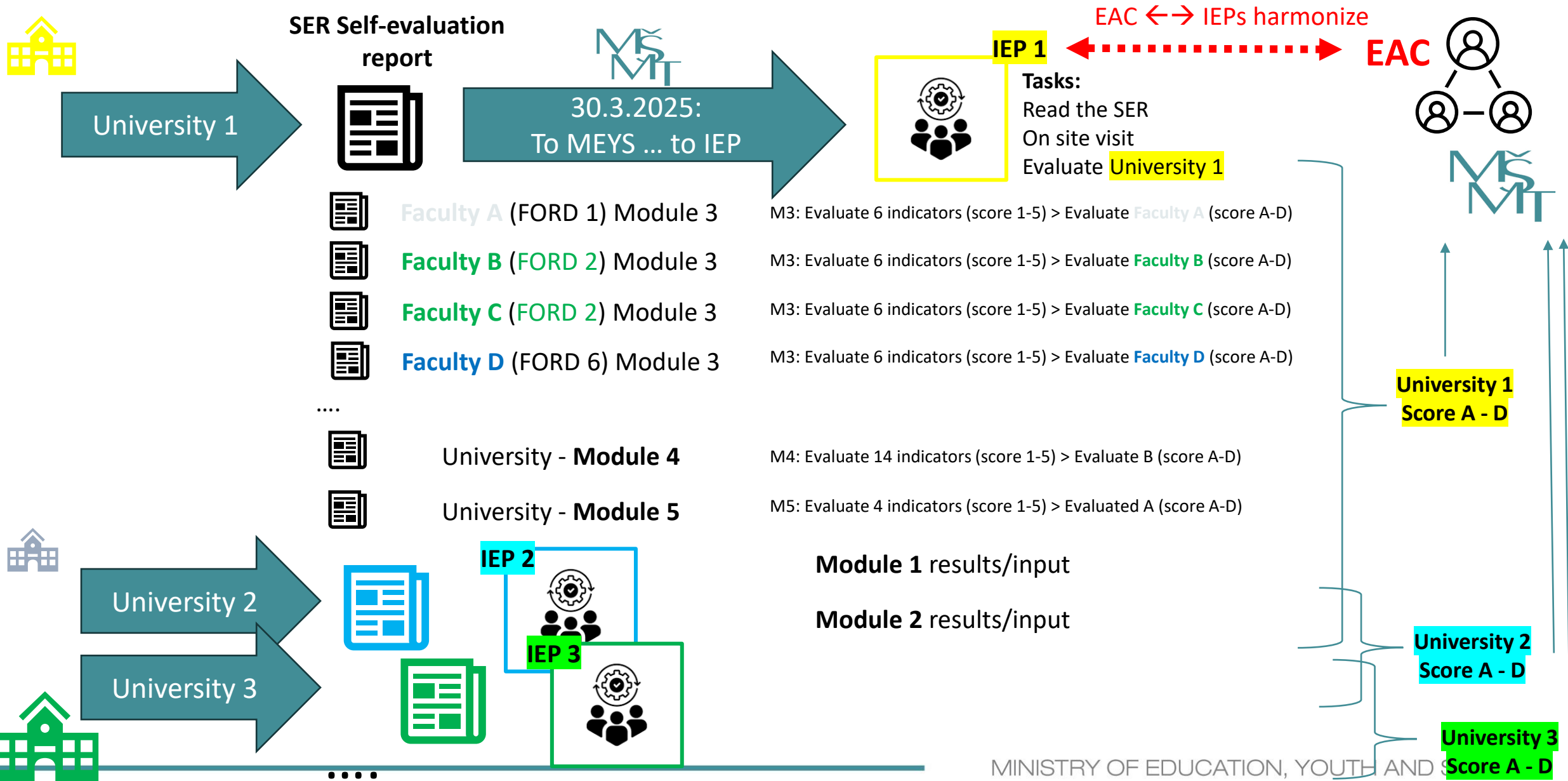
- The specific workload will be divided among the panelists by the chair during May 2025
- MEYS can only estimate the workload for the entire panel
- Workload depends on the size of the HEI and number of its constituent parts
- **Approximate length of the Self-Evaluation Report**
 - Module 3 – 20 pages (one evaluated unit)
 - Module 4 – 40 pages
 - Module 5 – 12 pages
 - HEI Data Sheet for Modules 1 and 2 – 4 pages

| Approximate workload of IEP member | |
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| Review of SER in Module 3 | 4 hours |
| Preparation of ER for Module 3 | 2 hours |
| Discussion of results within IEP | 2 hours |
| Review of SER in Modules 4–5 | 8 hours |
| Preparation of ER in Modules 4–5 | 8 hours |
| Discussion of the results within IEP | 4 hours |
| On-site visit | 24 hours (1–5 days up to the size of the HEI) |
| Total | 52 hours |

IEPs VS. EXPERT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EAC)

- The evaluation process will be supervised by the Expert Advisory Committee (EAC)
- MEYS collects questions and suggestions from the panelists during the evaluation and submits them to the EAC for advisory opinion
- EAC provides feedback to IEPs and MEYS throughout the entire evaluation process
- IEP shall submit drafts of the ER continuously to EAC for consultations > EAC helps to harmonize the approach of the different IEPs during the evaluation process
- Harmonization sessions of EAC and IEPs > after IEPs obtain the SER

WHY HARMONIZATION IS NEEDED



HARMONIZATION OF IEPS AND EAC

- MEYS addresses the issue of how to ensure that **IEPs evaluate in a consistent way** across individual FORDs > to obtain fair, transparent and objective results
- How to ensure the similar approach across the different FORD groups/HEIs?
 - MEYS relies on the knowledge and expertise of IEPs members, who can recognize relevant and high-quality R&D&I results
 - In case of doubts during the evaluation of results, the IEPs turn to the EAC, which provides advisory opinions and both domestic and foreign context for the evaluation
 - Calibration of indicators set by Methodology HEI2025+ to consider the specifics of the FORDs is possible
- After the meeting with the EAC, it was agreed that any potential harmonization will take place only after the IEPs have familiarized themselves with the SER
- MEYS will aim to ensure ongoing communication between the EAC and the IEPs during the entire evaluation process

DISCUSSION

- *Any questions regarding the evaluation process?*
- *Any suggestions on what could help improve communication between the IEPs, MEYS, and HEIs?*
- *Any other ideas, requests, recommendations to share with us?*



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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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