



Update of ARACIS Quality Assurance Methodology

KEY ADJUSTMENTS AND ADDITIONS PROPOSED

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Structure of the Methodology

- **Framework:**

- PROCEDURES

- STANDARDS

- Internal Quality Assurance Guidelines

- TOOLS



- **Practical Guidelines:**

By “object” (applicant) of the evaluation



Framework

- **Background**
 - developments in QA in the EHEA
 - experience accumulated in universities in Romania
 - **current methodology + revisions proposed**
- **Part 1: PROCEDURES**
 - steps to follow when conducting External QA evaluations
- **Part 2: STANDARDS** divided by...
 - object of evaluation (HEI, BA study program, MA domain, doctoral education, joint study programs)
 - type of QA evaluation
- **Part 3: Internal Quality Assurance Guidelines**
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Guidelines

- **Separate packages** that organise...

- PROCEDURES

- STANDARDS

- TOOLS

- by relevant **type** and **object** of evaluation



- So there will be **five guidelines**

1. For **HEIs** – within it, the specifics if it is **Temporary Authorization, Accreditation, Periodical Evaluation, or Audit**

2. For **BA study programs** (idem regarding specifics by type of QA evaluation)

3. For **MA study fields** (idem on specifics)

4. For **doctoral education** (IOSUDs to be included in HEIs guidelines)

5. For **Joint-Programs**

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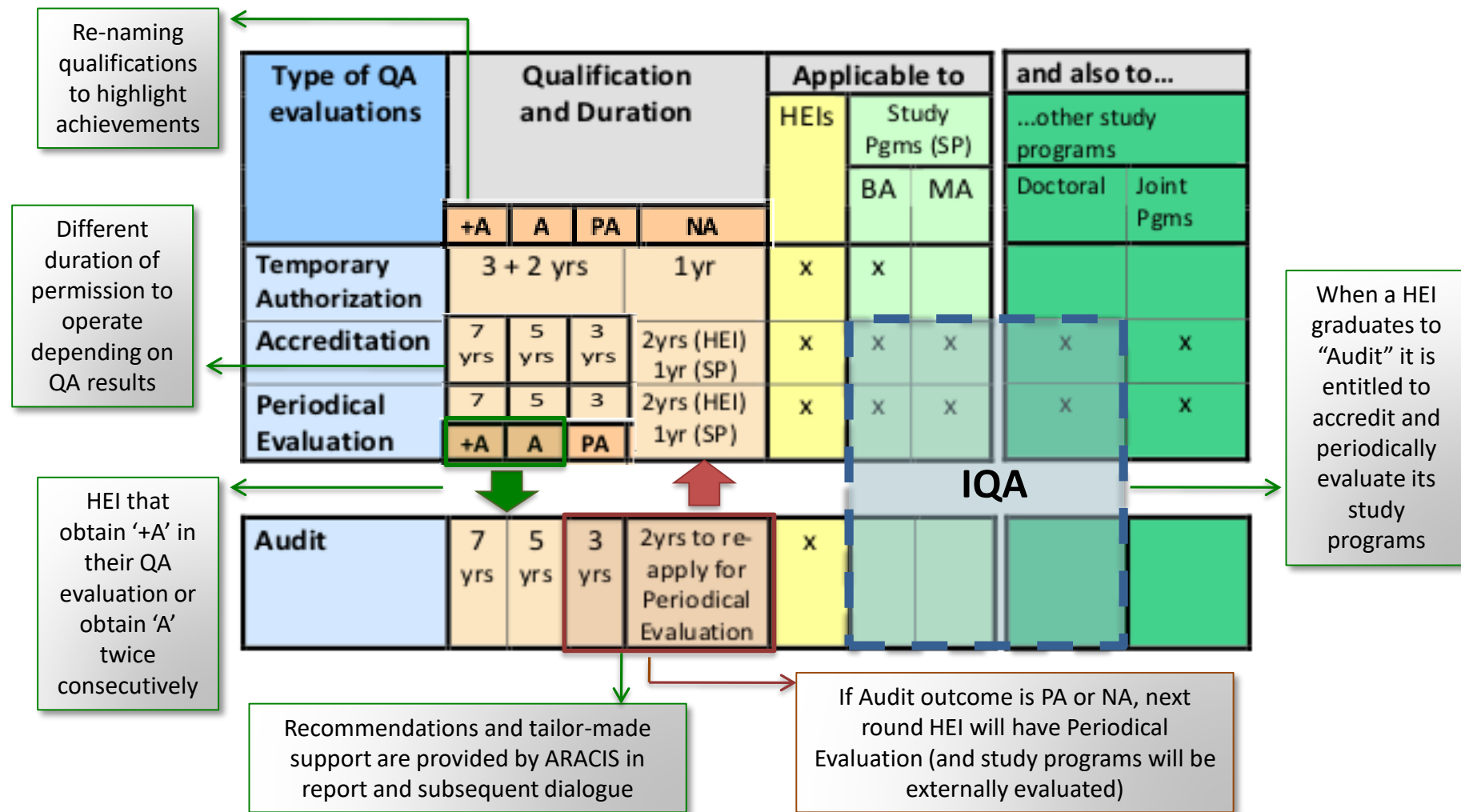
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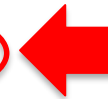
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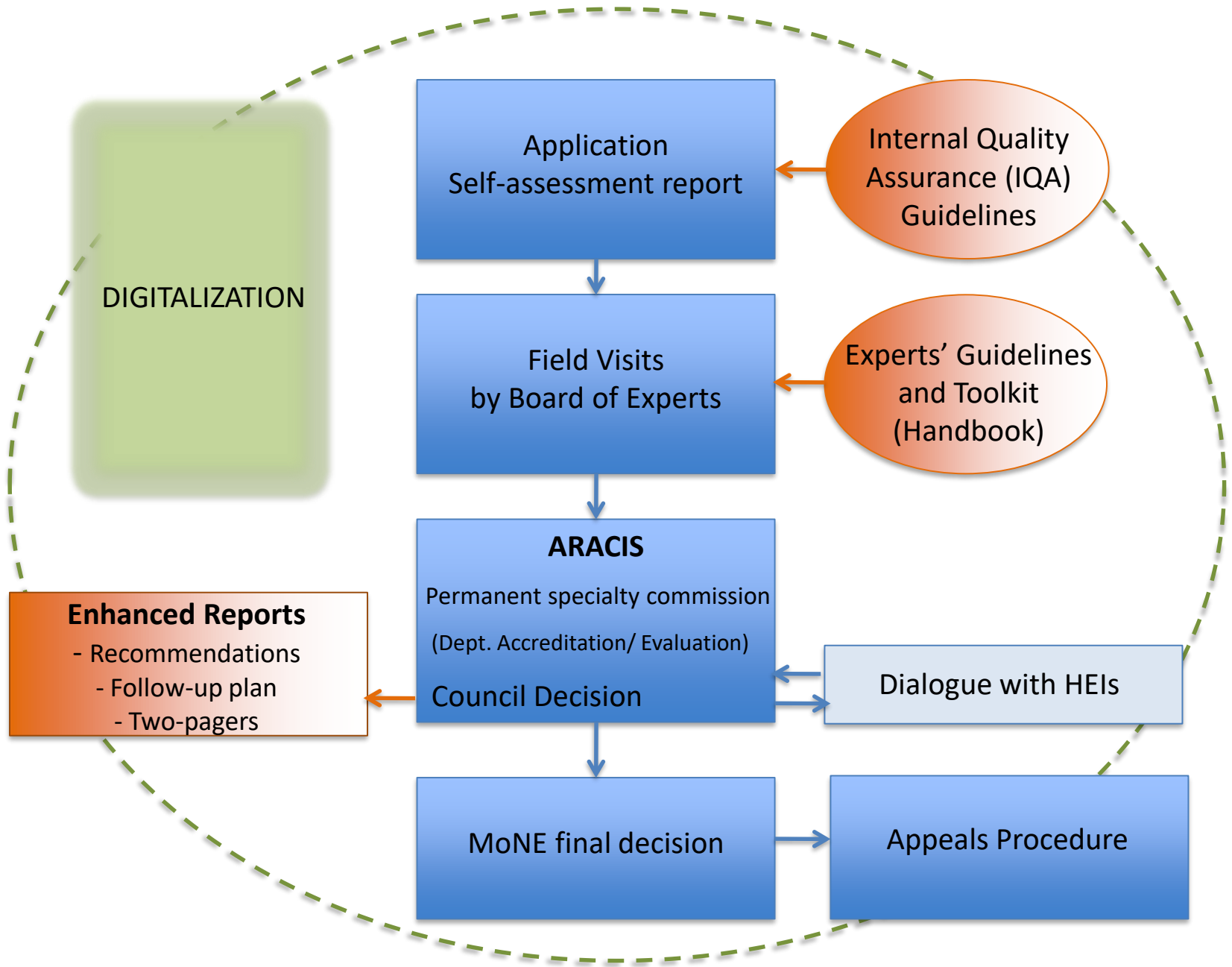
Types of QA evaluations conducted by ARACIS, current and proposed additions and modifications – KEY: AUDIT



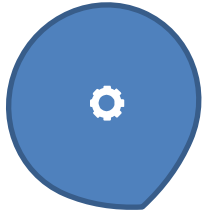
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Specifications for steps if...



... it is **Temporary Authorization (TA), Accreditation, Periodical Evaluation, Audit.**

- ✓ For instance, **self-assessment reports** for TA and Accreditation need to include reference to compliance with regulations



... it is **HEIs, BA Study programs, Masters Programs (study fields), etc.**

- ✓ For instance, number and composition of **Board of Experts** may vary in each of these cases

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Standards...

- **Separate** by type of applicant/“object” to be evaluated...
 - HEI
 - Study programs
 - MA
 - Doctoral...
- **Consolidate**
 - Avoid duplication (esp HEIs and study programs)
 - Unpack indicators
 - Update (esp. ESG2015)
 - Use of data collected for other purposes (eg. Classification and rankings)



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