

# ALIGN PROGRESS



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ACHIEVING AND CHECKING THE ALIGNMENT BETWEEN ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES AND  
QUALIFICATION FRAMEWORKS



Co-funded by the  
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***ALIGN** aims to contribute to the enhancement of the intelligibility, consistency and transferability of qualifications through establishment of mechanisms for HEIs to achieve alignment of academic programmes with NQFs and for QA agencies to check such alignment.*

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## HISTORY



2013

Official launch  
01/12/2013

2014

KOM, CBE (HEIs and  
EQAs)

2015

Major Developments  
(Guidelines, Policies)

2016

Pilot of the developed  
tools and mechanisms  
Project extension

2017

Refinement  
Official closure  
30/11/2017

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## STRUCTURE

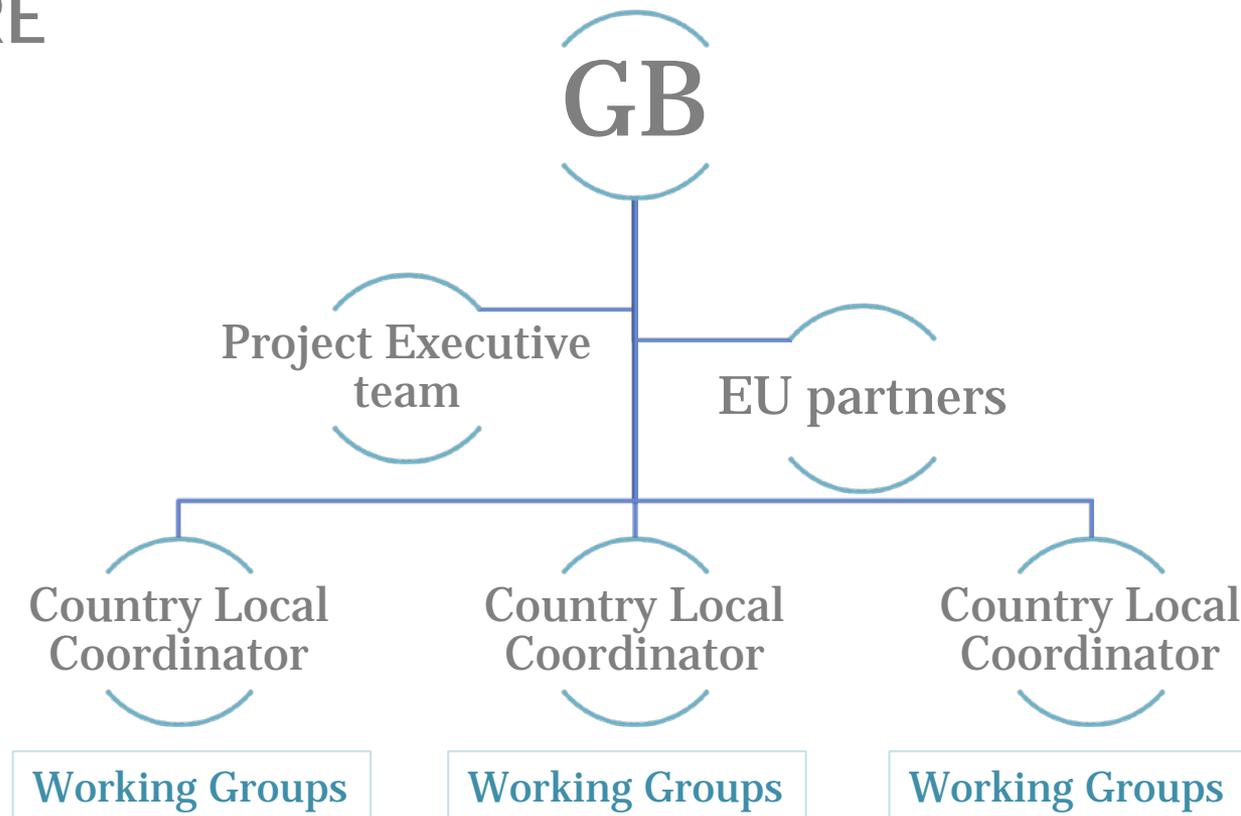
**GB** is to take care of the project implementation and is a decision-making body involving all partners representatives

**Project Executive Team** is responsible for the overall operational, financial and technical management of the project involving YSULS and YSAFA representatives, as well as AMU for QCM.

**EU Partners** are responsible for the support to the developments within the project and are nominated as lead partners per WP.

**Country local coordinators** are responsible for the effective coordination, management and implementation of the project in the country and partner institutions.

**Working groups** are established at each institution level to be responsible of the implementation of activities within the project.

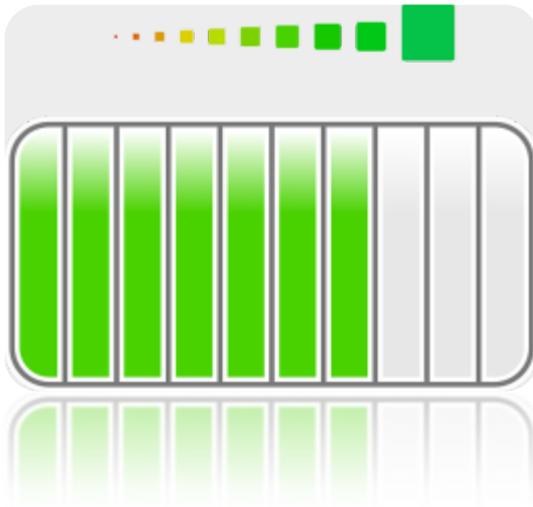




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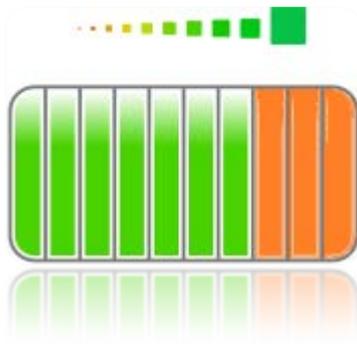


- Training package for HEIs and EQAs
- Trained staff (HEIs and EQAs) on ensuring and checking the alignment of APs with the NQFs
- QA units with the revised functions and regulations, adoption of these regulations
- WGs established at national, institutional and program level (HEIs and EQAs)
- National Guidelines and action plans
- Developed HEI and EQA policies/procedures, standards for ALIGNMENT
- In-house trainings at HEIs and EQAs
- Identified APs at 9 HEIs are piloted
- Revised programmes at 9 HEIs
- In-depth analyses of APs
- External reviews at 9 HEIs
- QCM plan, tools and package
- Surveys on training effectiveness evaluation, respective reports
- Quality protocols – Progress reports
- Intermediate report and extension plan
- Project web-site – <http://align.brusov.am>
- Newsletters, news and dissemination materials (via local media, paper and online)
- Dissemination meeting (Moscow)
- Equipped HEIs (first phase)
- Partnership agreements
- Project executive team, GB
- GB and consortium meetings (coordination meetings, Kick-off meeting, workshops)
- Project workplans per WP
- Minutes, records, financial reports, samples, guides, supporting documents

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## FINAL STEPS



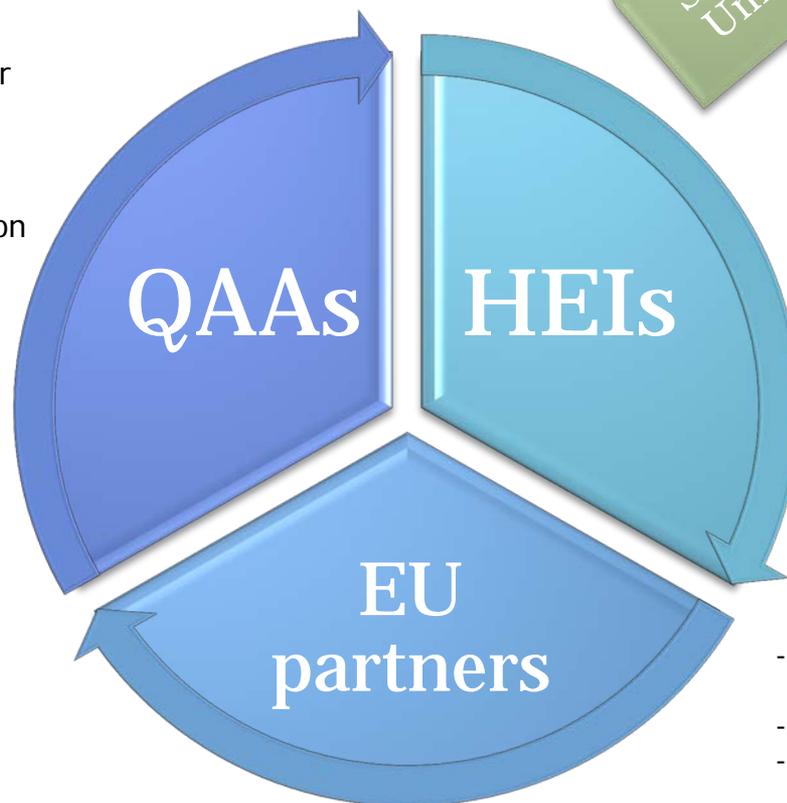
- Equipment for the units for UA partners and 1 RU partner
- Inter-project coaching
- National reports on alignment
- Reports per WP and Final report
- Updated web-site
- Final dissemination materials and publications
- Dissemination conference – FINAL CONFERENCE
- Adopted alignment tools and EQA standards by the Academic Councils and Ministries
- Final GB Meeting
- Minutes, records, supporting documents, final payments, reports

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## ROLE OF KEY ACTORS

- Development of policies for checking alignment
- Pilot of the APs against alignment criteria
- National report preparation



Support to the developments

- Development of policies for ensuring alignment
- Revision and analyses of APs against alignment criteria

- Implementation of CBEs introducing best practice on alignment
- Pilot of the APs against alignment criteria
- Generalized recommendations for further improvements

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## DEVELOPMENTS/PUBLICATIONS



**Guideline for guidelines**

**National Guidelines on  
Ensuring and Checking the  
Alignment of AP with NQFs**

**HEI policies on alignment of  
the APs with NQFs**

**Academic Programme  
Handbooks**

**Self-evaluation reports by  
HEIs**

**Reports by peers**

**National Reports**

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**Workshop on Training  
kit development  
(May 2014, Dusseldorf)**

**Training for HEIs  
(September 2014,  
Ghent)**

**Training for QAAs  
(December 2014,  
Dublin)**

**KOM and 1<sup>st</sup> GB  
meeting  
(January 2014,  
Yerevan)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> GB meeting and  
CM  
(June 2015, Poznan)**

**4<sup>th</sup> GB meeting and  
CM, Qweek  
(February 2017,  
Yerevan)**

**5<sup>th</sup> GB meeting and  
CM  
(June 2017, Ghent)**

**Workshop on pilot launch  
(February 2015, Poznan)**

**Site-visits to PCIs  
(2016-2017, AM, RU, UA)**

**In-house trainings  
(2015, AM, RU, UA)**

**Dissemination in  
Russia  
(November 2015,  
Moscow)**

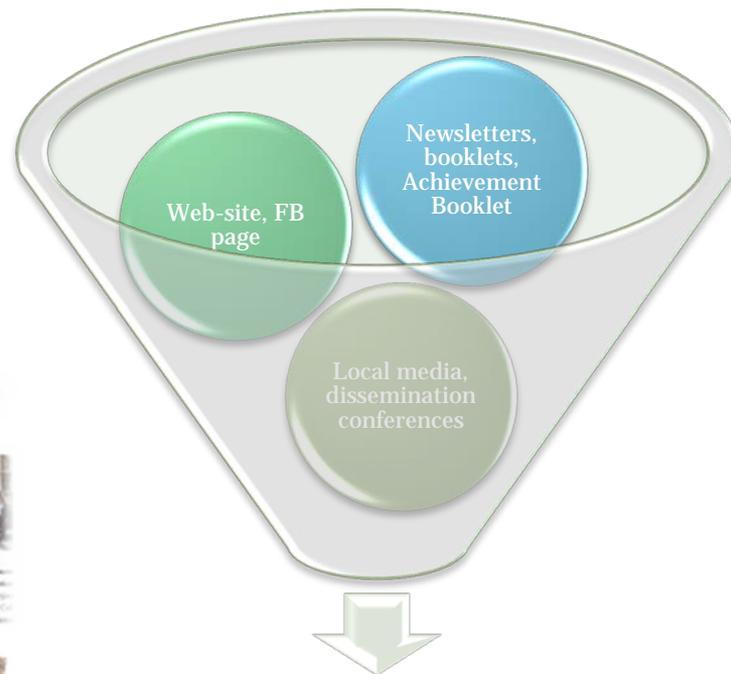
**Dissemination in  
Ukraine  
(October 2017, Kiev)**

**FINAL CONFERENCE  
(10/10/2017)  
YEREVAN**

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## DISSEMINATION

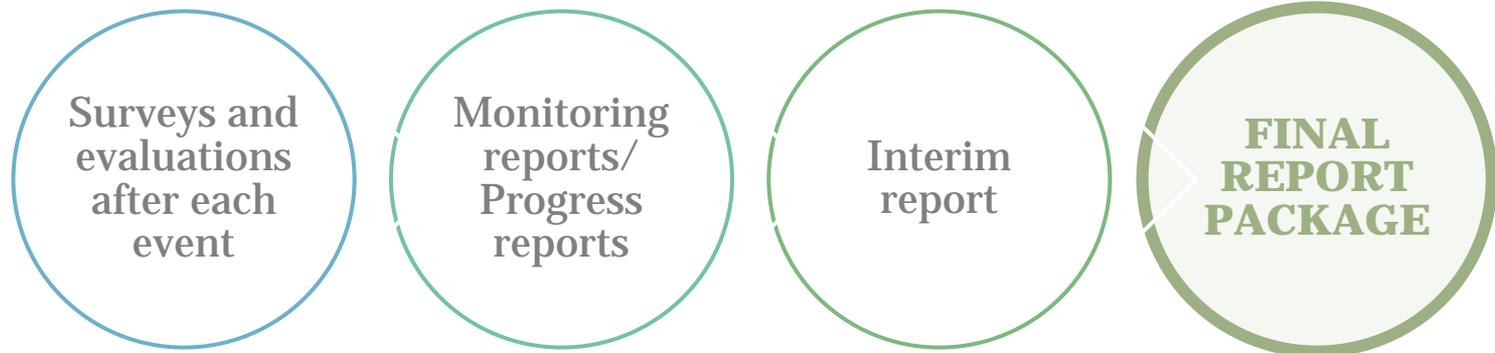


*Raising awareness*

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## QUALITY CONTROL & MONITORING

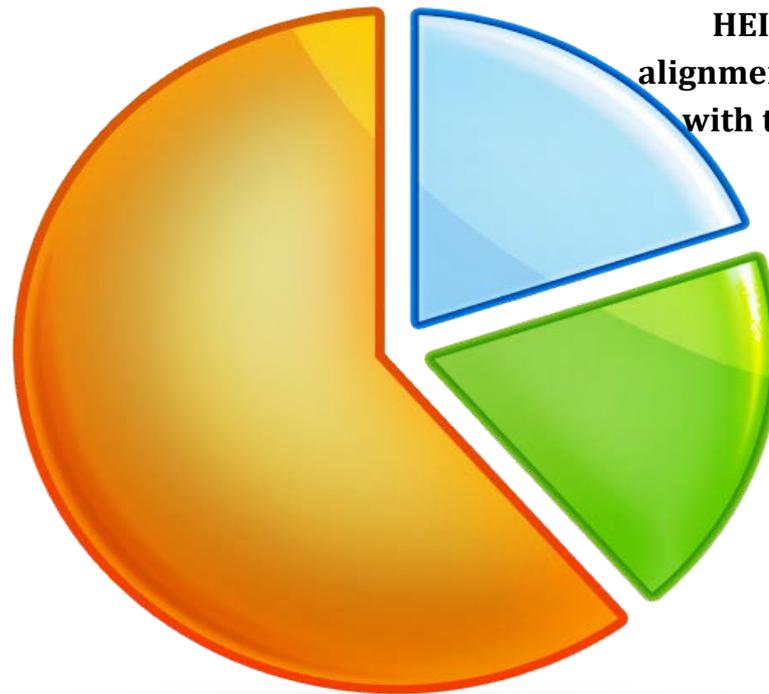


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## FACTORS FOR SUSTAINABILITY

**RULEBOOKS (country level)  
on ensuring and checking  
the alignment of the  
Academic Programmes with  
the NQFs**



**HEI UNITS dealing with the  
alignment of Academic Programmes  
with the National Qualification  
Frameworks**

**HEI policies ensuring  
alignment of the academic  
programmes with the NQFs**

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## IMPACT OF THE PROJECT

