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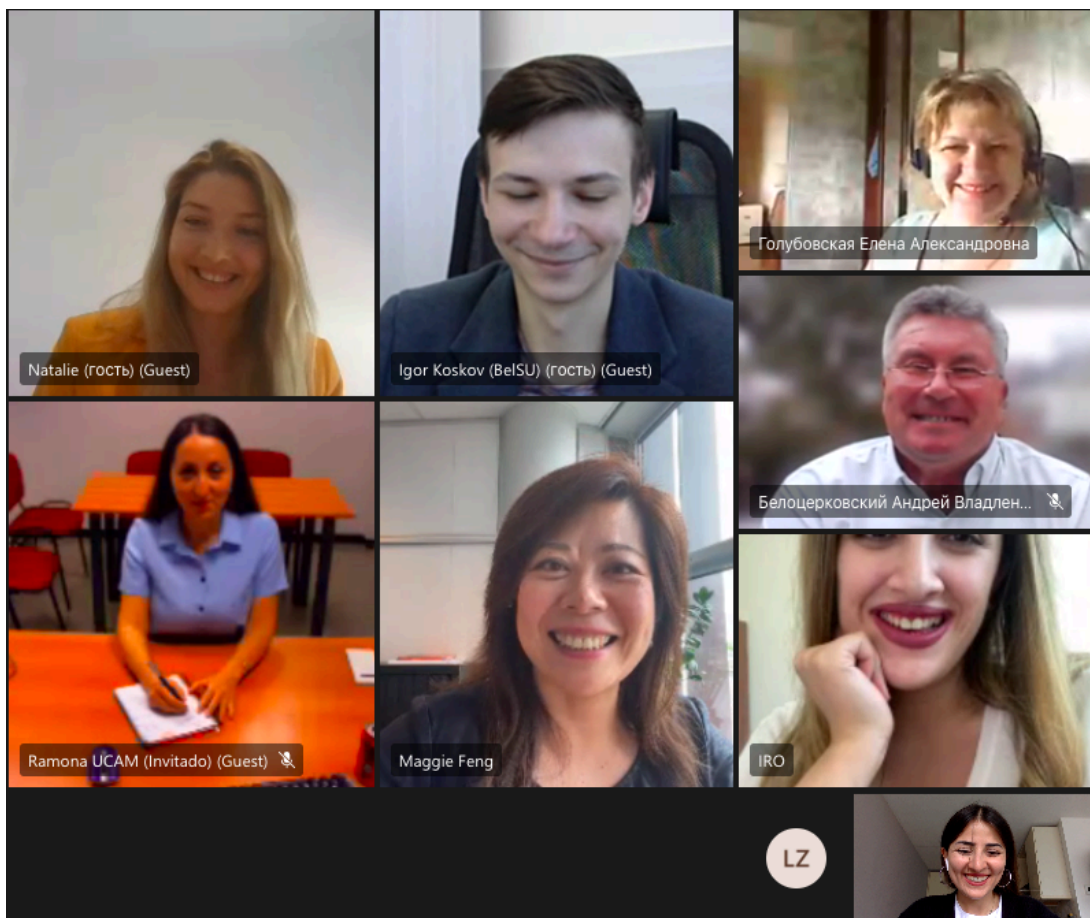
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During the reporting period, the project working group consisting of I.V. Gaidamashko, N.M. Mekeko, E.A. Golubovskaya and E.V. Tikhonova provided expert support for the project: “Enhancement of internal quality assurance of education in teaching, learning and assessment in HEIs of Azerbaijan and Russia”.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Activity

On April 17 and 20, 2021, working meetings took place and the draft criteria for monitoring the quality of education (the quality assurance indicators) were discussed: teaching (methodology, qualification and profile of teaching staff, infrastructure, research activities of teaching staff and university students, educational work, practice orientation and interactions with business partners/industry). Proposals to take new indicators into consideration were prepared and discussed.

On April 23, 2021, the national seminar (**the National Workshop in Russia**) was held, the goals of the event include: confirming the quality assurance indicators; formulating recommendations on the quality assurance indicators with the consideration of feedback from key stakeholders: employers, academic staff, students and university graduates. The project team of the Russian Academy of Education took an active part in forming the pool of participants: students and teaching staff representatives of the 6 leading universities in Moscow; senior managers and representatives of the leading sector-forming Russian and international companies: Russian Railways, Novartis Pharma, Gazprombank, Expobank, Oproso, National Research Center “Kurchatov Institute”, etc. Deputy Director of the Center for Expertise of the Russian Academy of Education N.M. Mekeko and Chief Analyst of the Center for Monitoring Dissertation Researches in Pedagogical and Psychological Sciences E.A. Golubovskaya moderated the section "Employers". As a result, the evaluation materials based on the quality assurance indicators in HEIs were used in the survey.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Activity

From May 1 to May 31, 2021, the project partners-representatives of the RAE analyzed data obtained from the key stakeholders. The survey revealed differences and similarities in perception of efficiency of a HEI's internal quality assurance system in the view of stakeholders. Data were also analyzed in the context of identifying differences in perception of the efficiency of a HEI's internal quality assurance system between EU and Russian/Azerbaijan Higher Education Institutions.

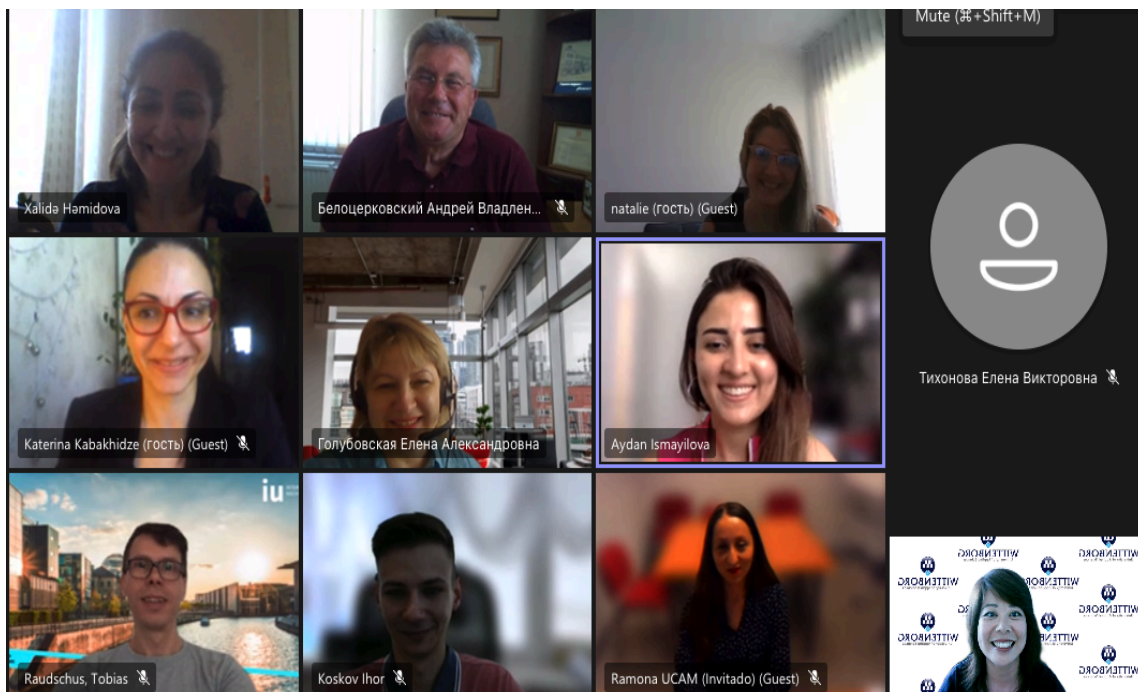
A total of 50 Moscow university students, 30 educators, 21 employers, 33 university graduates, 1 representative of the university's administration and 1 representative of the Moscow Ministry of Education took part in the survey. A thorough analysis of the results obtained was carried out, and the main points of focus and trends in evaluating the university's performance were identified.

The main goal of the analytical work was in developing a unified approach to the quality of scientific and educational activities of a HEI in the current changes in the labor market.

## 3<sup>d</sup> Activity

In June the project partners shared outcomes of the completed tasks. Discussions and cross-countries comparisons of the collected data took place at a project coordinators' meeting (June 17, 2021).

The RAE participants commented on the trends and identified growth points concerning further work with each group of stakeholders in the educational process of a HEI.

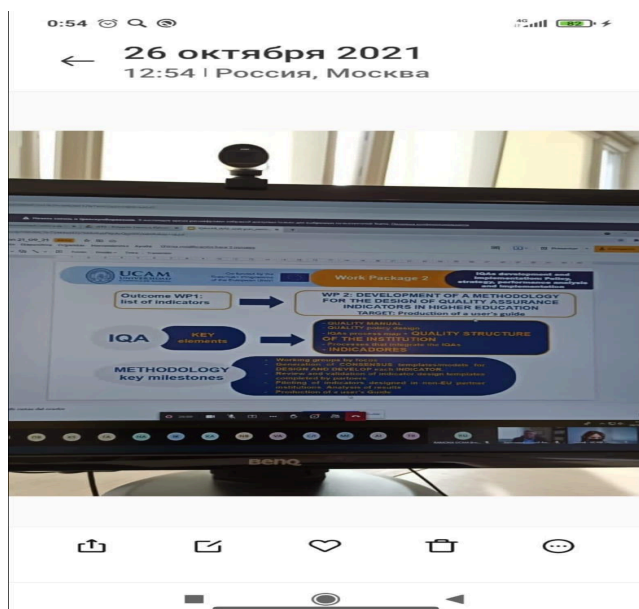




## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

In the upcoming period the team members will take part in the activities which were planned according to WP2 “Development of the methodology for the design of quality assurance indicators in higher education”. The target of this working package is production of a user's guide.

Development of the indicators established in WP1, through the completion of templates agreed upon by the partners, is seen as the issue for further discussion at a working meeting in December.



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