

QA Under Pressure: Designing Agile Systems for Uncertain Times

An interactive workshop exploring resilience, agility, and innovation in higher education quality assurance.

Duration: 90 minutes

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First About THEQC Who are we?

- ★ State Agency
- ★ Ankara, Türkiye
- ★ ENQA member and EQAR registered Agency



Türkiye has been a full member of the Bologna Process / European Higher Education Area since 2001

2001

2015

First established under Council of Higher Education

Restructured and became an independent public legal entity with administrative and financial autonomy

2017

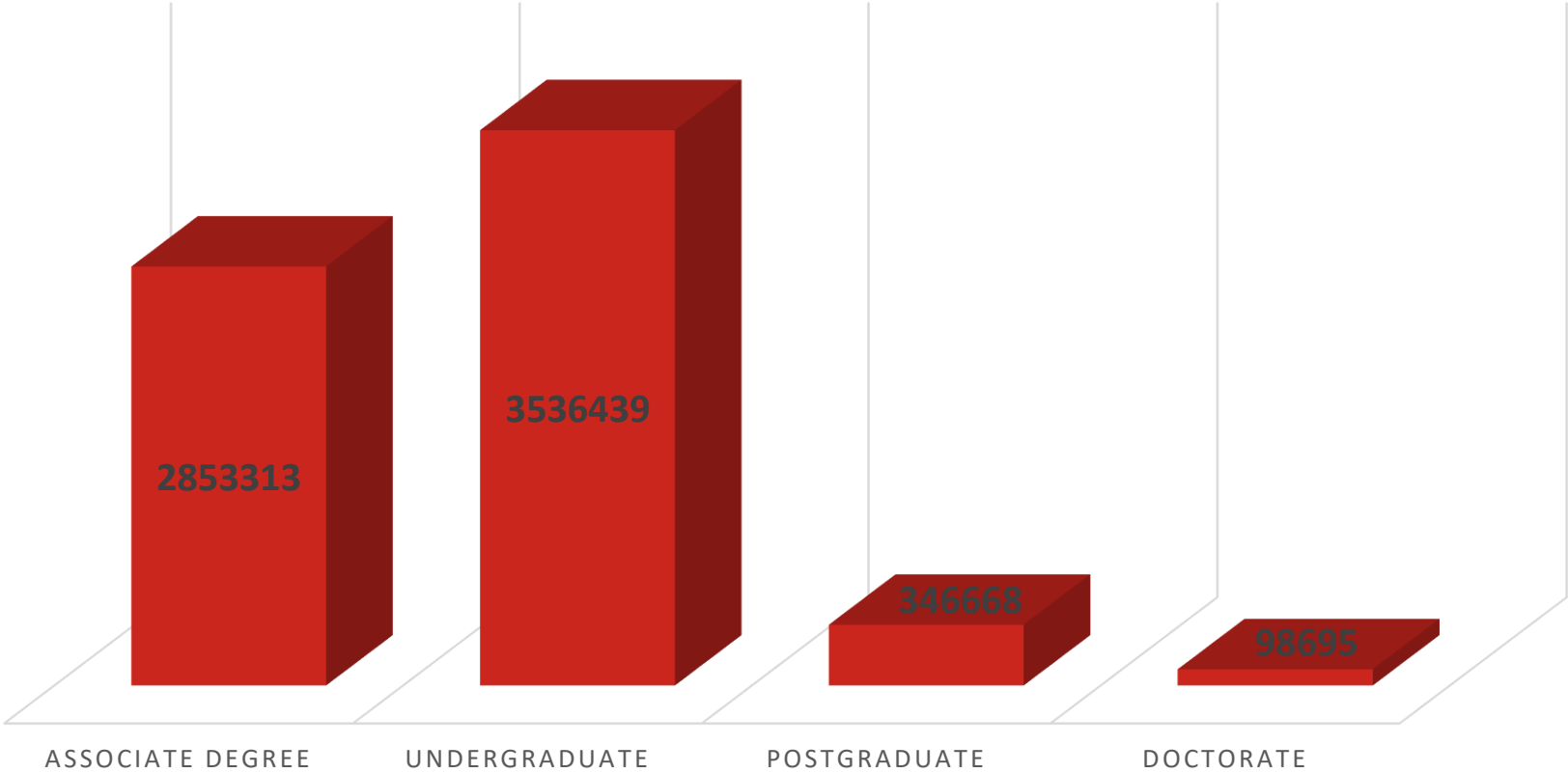
THEQC has become the sole authorized institution for quality assurance in higher education in Türkiye, in compliance with ESG Standards.

To Whom Do We Werve in Turkey?

208 State University	75 Foundation University	4 Vocational Foundation school
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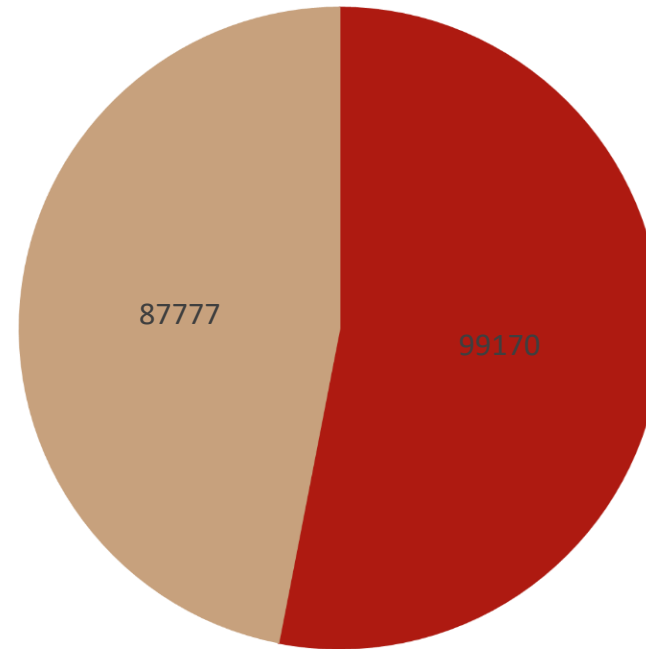
NUMBER OF STUDENTS

■ Number of students



GENDER DISTRIBUTION OF ACADEMICIAN

■ Male Academician ■ Female Academician



What We Do

Authorize and
recognize
accreditation
agencies

01

Conduct external
evaluations of
higher education
institutions.

02

Promote internal
quality
assurance and a
culture of quality
in HEIs.

03



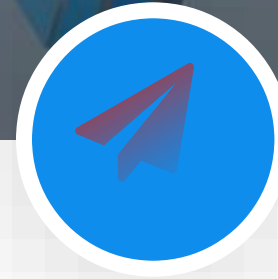
Quality Assurance Programs



Institutional External Evaluation
Program
IEEP



Institutional Accreditation
Program
IAP



International Institutional Accreditation
Program
IIAP

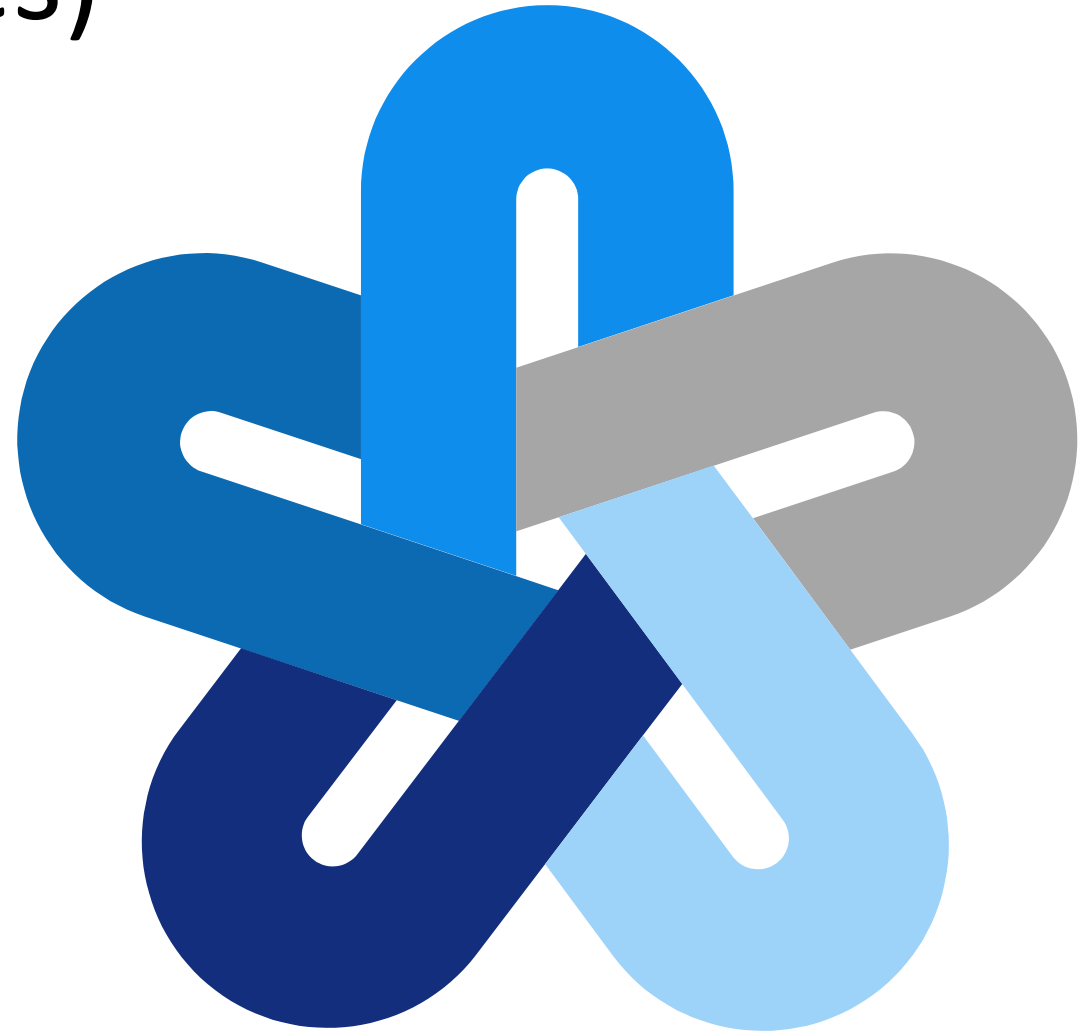
Workshop Aims



- Explore how QA systems respond to crises (pandemics, cyberattacks, natural disasters).
- Understand how risk management principles can strengthen QA processes.
- Identify ways to make QA systems more adaptive, resilient, and learning-oriented.
- Foster dialogue between higher education institutions (HEIs) and QA agencies.
- Co-design practical indicators and tools for agile quality assurance.

The Schedule (90 minutes)

- 1 0–10 min Icebreaker – “If I Were the Risk”
- 2 10–25 min Group Mapping Activity – Major QA Responses to Crises
- 3 25–55 min Simulation Exercise – Crisis Scenarios (Handouts A & B)
- 4 55–75 min Policy Sprint – Designing Agile QA Tools
- 5 75–90 min Debrief & Takeaways – Shared Lessons and Indicators



Be concise
and let
others speak.

Every voice matters –
agencies, academics,
administrators, and
students alike.

Share real
experiences but
respect
confidentiality

Humor is
encouraged;
cynicism is not.

Stay present,
stay curious,
and contribute
actively.

Doç. Dr. Songül Vargün
Musa Bahadır Yurtteri
Ömer Barış Öztürk

Participation Rules & Etiquette

“Agility in QA is not about avoiding uncertainty, but about learning faster than it unfolds.”