

# Department Evaluation initiative

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# IE as a Research Evaluation Agency

- IE has the international standing for it
- IE has (through its members and its network of relationships) the expertise to do it
- IE can learn more about research and higher education in Informatics in different (European) countries
- IE can provide the service also outside Europe
- It is a “business,, for IE

# What it is not

- Certification (attestation of compliance with minimum standards for research programmes)
- Ranking (comparing the performances of different departments on a one-dimensional scale)

# Who may be interested

- Universities and departments which do not have an evaluation process in place
- Universities and depts which have such a process in place but:
  - Want a “mid-term” assessment
  - Want advice on their research strategies
  - Need a recognized international organ that provides a high-standing panel of experts

# General Principle

- Collect facts and numbers (e.g. last 3 years)
  - Ask the department to provide a self-report structured by IE
  - Collect information from other external research information repositories
- Collect "soft" indicators by on-site audit
  - Audit team selected by IE
  - Visit structured by IE

# Scope of Evaluation

- Research
- Research management
- Young researcher (e.g. PhD) training
- Innovation and technology transfer
- Social and economic impact
- International orientation of the department
- Education (optional in cooperation with EQANIE)

# Outcome of evaluation

Feedback on

- the aforementioned aspects of research
- aspects the department is especially interested in

with the main goal of contributing to the improvement  
of research quality in the department

# IE Evaluation

## Organisational Structure

