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