TPG C on QA meeting

17-18 MAY 2022

LEUVEN, BELGIUM

Programme day 1

09.30h	Welcome by co-chairs of the TPG C on QA
09.45h	Tour de table
10.15h	State-of-play and work plan of TPG C
10.30h	QA in the Bologna Implementation Report: from 2020 to 2024 - David Crosier - European Commission
10.45h	Health break
11.15h	How to participate in IMINQA, the umbrella project for TPG C?
12.15h	Presentation other projects in the field of QA
12.45h	Family picture & lunch break
13.45h	Parallel sessions
17.15h	End of day 1

Set up of Thematic Peer Group C on QA

2021-2024

- Chaired by 3 co-chairs: Belgium/Flemish Community, Romania and Kazakhstan

- 41 countries take part: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium/Flemish Community, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Romania, San Marino, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, UK – Scotland

- 7 organisations: EI-ETUCE, ENQA, EQAR, ESU, EUA, EURASHE, European Commission

State of play of Thematic Peer Group C on QA

2021-2024

- Kick-off meeting: 30/6/2021

- Webinar on staff mobility in QA: 19/10/2021, project ended 17/11/2021

- Start set-up of action plan: 9/12/2021

- Deadline: 15/1/2021

- Up till now: 33 countries sent in their country input, 8 countries missing

- Follow-up in coming weeks

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Action plan of Thematic Peer Group C on QA

Content

- Part with general information on the TPG
  - Introduction and scope of the TPG
  - Thematic orientations
  - Working methodology
  - Monitoring
  - Timeframe
  - Composition of the group

- Country pages

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Thematic orientations

- Legislative framework in line with the ESG

- Internal quality assurance

- Enhancement-oriented use of the ESG

- The European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes

- Cross-border Quality Assurance

- Quality assurance of micro-credentials

- Quality assurance of European Universities

- Digitalisation of quality assurance processes

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Country	1. Legislative framework in line with the ESG	2. Internal quality assurance	3. Enhancement-oriented use of the ESG	4. The European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes	5. Cross-border Quality Assurance	6. Quality assurance of micro-credentials	7. Quality assurance of European Universities	8. Digitalisation of quality assurance processes
Albania	x	x	x	x	x			
Armenia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Austria	x	x	x		x	x		
Azerbaijan		x	x					
Belgium Flemish Community				x		x	x	x
Bosnia and Herzegovina	x		x					
Bulgaria								
Croatia		x	x					
Cyprus	x							
Czech Republic	x	x		x				
Finland			x					
France				x		x	x	
Georgia		x	x					x
Germany			x					
Greece	x							x
Holy See		x	x					
Hungary		x				x		
Iceland	x		x					
Ireland		x						
Italy	x	x	x			x	x	
Kazakhstan	x					x		x

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Latvia		X						
Liechtenstein								
Lithuania	X			x		x	x	
Luxembourg	X	x				x		
Malta	X	x	x		x			
Moldova		x			x			x
Montenegro								
The Netherlands	X	x				x		
North Macedonia								
Norway		x	x				x	
Poland	X	x	x	x	x		x	
Romania	X	x	x	x		x		x
San Marino	X	x				x		
Slovak Republic		x	x					
Slovenia		x	x			x		x
Spain								
Sweden					x	x	x	x
Switzerland	X	x	x					
Ukraine								
United Kingdom/Scotland	X		x					
Total	**19**	**23**	**20**	**8**	**7**	**14**	**8**	**9**

Action plan of Thematic Peer Group C on QA

Some observations

- Some countries did not yet send in their national input

- Some countries did not fill out all sections

- There is not always coherence between the text and the table

- In some cases it is not clear if there has been communication and cooperation between the ministry and QA agency in filling the action plan

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Umbrella project:
Implementation and innovation in Quality Assurance through peer learning (IMINQA)

2022-2025 (3 years) -> approved

- Total budget: max. 500,000 euro

- Partners: Ministry of Education and Training (BE/FC), ARACIS (RO), ENQA, EQAR

- Third co-chair (KZ) involved as expert

- Other experts: 1 from EUA, 1 from Romania

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Umbrella project Thematic Peer Group C on QA: Implementation and innovation in Quality Assurance through peer learning (IMINQA)

2022-2025 (3 years) -> approved

- 7 WP's (6 content + 1 management)
  - Overall management -> start of project 1 May 2022
  - Organisation of TPG meetings (BE)
  - Staff mobility programme (BE)
  - 3 physical PLAs (EQAR)
  - 3 thematic WPs:
    - QA of Micro-credentials (ENQA)
    - QA of European Universities (BE)
    - Digitalisation of QA processes (RO)

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WP 2 TPG meetings

6 big Thematic Peer Group meetings over 3-year period
- Target group: whole TPG
- First meeting planned on 17-18/5/2022 @Belgium/Leuven
- Second meeting November 2022, online, date tbd
- In total 4 physical, 2 online meetings

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WP 3 Staff mobility project

Individual needs of countries addressed

- Target group: all TPG-member countries and organisations
- System of mobility of staff members involved in QA within national authorities and/or quality assurance agencies and/or relevant stakeholder organisations
- Need for peer support and offer
- Good practice examples:
  - Duo-exchange
  - Internationalisation@home
  - Twin mobility of agency and ministry
  - Small group mobility
  - Shared hosting, blended format, …
  - See the Final Report of the previous staff mobility project.

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WP 3 Staff mobility project

Selection procedure:
- o Two calls for proposals: 2022 & 2023
- o First call for proposals May-June 2022
- o Deadline for application End July 2022
- o Matchmaking committee evaluates the proposals August-September 2022
- o Mobilities take place October 2022 – end of March 2023
- o Maximum of 2 staff members on mobility
- o Joint application per country
- o Financial incentive: 360-530 euro for travel, max. 120/night, max. 5 nights

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WP 4 Peer learning activities

3 peer learning activities will take place

Preparatory analysis & Cross-cutting analysis and report

- **first PLA** takes place on **1 September 2022** (BE)
  'Aligning the legal framework with the ESG'

- second PLA planned March 2023 (RO)
  'Cross-border QA (CBQA) & QA of TNE'

- third PLA Sept 2023 (BE)
  'European Approach to the QA of Joint Programmes'

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WP 4 Peer learning activities

The Peer Learning Activity 1 (PLA 1) - Aligning the legal frameworks with the ESG will address the following three topics:

- Topic 1: What are the key issues that need to be assured by the legal framework for internal and external QA?

- Topic 2: What are the main barriers in ensuring ESG compliance at national level and what are the effective approaches to address these issues?

- Topic 3: What is the status/role of external QA in different countries, and the balance between institutional and programme-level approaches to external QA and ESG compliance?

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WP 5 Working group on QA of micro-credentials

- Build further on the recommendations of the <u>MICROBOL</u> project
- Setup of a working group
- Desk research
- Guiding documents for HEIs and QA agencies
- Inclusion of MC providers in EQAR
- Feasibility assessment on quality label
- Data standard for information on MCs
- Input to 2024 ministerial conference

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WP 5 Working group on QA of micro-credentials

Selection procedure:

- o Maximum 30 participants
- o Call for nomination of representatives by **12 June 2022**
- o Small survey (reasons for joining, expertise, policy developments, practices, …)
- o Analysis of applications and selection of applicants indicating different levels of developments and different expertise will be invited to the group
- o **First meeting** will be physically on **2 September 2022 in Belgium**

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WP 6 Working group on QA of European Universities

- Build further on the EUNIQ project
- Setup of a working group
- Analysis of legal obstacles in the participating countries in the WG (July 2022-December 2022)
- Feasibility study in 5 selected EHEA countries (April 2023-October 2023)
- 2 small PLA's (March 2023 & November 2023)
- Input to 2024 ministerial conference

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WP 6 Working group on QA of European Universities

Selection procedure:

- o Maximum 30 participants
- o Call for nomination of representatives by **6 June 2022**
- o Small survey (reason why joining, expertise, European Universities in the country, structured cooperation between national policy level and universities, …)
- o Analysis of applications and selection of applicants indicating different levels of developments and different expertise will be invited to the group
- o **First meeting** will be **online** on **17 June 2022**

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WP 7 Digitalisation

Focusses on how digitalisation could support quality assurance procedures and practices (post-COVID).

- Mapping (literature review, survey and interviews)
  - activities undertaken by QA agencies and a presentation of the degree of digitalisation of QA processes,
  - data management and data sharing,
  - COVID impact.
    - ⇨ proposed directions of action.

- The outcomes will be shared and discussed during a thematic workshop, back-to-back with the last TPG meeting in November 2024.

Presentation other projects in the field of QA

- Quality Assurance Fit for the Future (QA-FIT)

- Supporting European QA Agencies in meeting the ESG – round 2 (SEQA-ESG2)

- Bologna with Stakeholders Eyes for an Innovative, Inclusive and Interconnected EHEA by 2030 (BWSE FOR2030)

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Parallel sessions

Timing	Conference room 2	Green room
13.45-14.45h	Legislative framework in line with the ESG	Digitalisation of quality assurance processes
14.45-15.45h	Enhancement-oriented use of the ESG	Cross-border Quality Assurance
15.45-16.15h	Health break	
16.15-17.15h	The European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes	Internal quality assurance and quality culture

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Programme day 2

09.30h   Opening of the meeting

09.35h   Feedback from the parallel sessions / Exchange of expectations and proposals on cooperation of the different countries

11.00h   Health break

11.30h   ESU pool of experts - Jakub Grodecki - ESU

12.00h   Next activities of the TPG

12.20h   Closing and way forward

12.30h   Lunch

Next activities of the TPG

o Staff mobility programme

  o Call for applications

  o Deadline 31 July 2022

o Peer learning activities

  o First PLA on ESG, 1 September 2022, Belgium

o WG on QA of micro-credentials:

  o Call for nominations

  o Deadline 12 June 2022

  o First meeting 2 September 2022, Belgium

o WG on QA of European Universities:

  o Call for nominations

  o Deadline 6 June 2022

  o First meeting 17 June 2022, online

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