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## Update on EQAR Activities

### EQAR 10 year anniversary

1. EQAR was founded on 4 March 2008 by the **E4 (ENQA, EURASHE, ESU and EUA)** in 2008, following the agreement at the **London Ministerial Conference** in 2007 to establish “a register by the E4 group, working in partnership, based on their proposed operational model”.
2. EQAR started off with 19 governmental members and 3 first agencies registered. The organisation now features **45 registered agencies** that have demonstrated their compliance with the ESG and 39 governmental members (from amongst the 48 countries making up the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) have joined its governance in addition to the European stakeholder organisations.
3. EQAR organised a reception for its Brussels-based members, stakeholders and partners on 5 March 2018 to celebrate its **10th anniversary**. A number of speeches reiterating highlights in EQAR’s existence were given by Karl Dittrich (EQAR President), Eric Froment (former chair of the Register Committee), Lesley Wilson (EUA Secretary General) and Sophia Eriksson Waterschoot (Director, Youth, Education and Erasmus+, European Commission).
4. The main occasion to mark EQAR's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be as part of the welcome ceremony of the EHEA Ministerial Conference on 23 May 2018.

### EQAR Website

5. EQAR is in the process of updating the structure and design of the website in order to enhance accessibility of the information on registered agencies and increase its appeal to a wider audience.
6. The **new website is expected to go live on 25 April 2018**.

<https://www.eqar.eu/>

### Database of External Quality Assurance Results (DEQAR)

7. During the past months EQAR has taken forward work on the Database of External Quality Assurance Results (DEQAR), together with a large number of registered QA agencies and stakeholder organisations involved in the DEQAR project with support of the Erasmus+ programme.
8. **In March 2018**, the German Rectors Conference (HRK) and the German Accreditation Council (GAC) hosted the DEQAR workshop **on the data collection and back-end** for the database. In addition to those agencies part of the Erasmus+ project, some other registered agencies joined the workshop. During the workshop participants discussed and tested the data submission possibilities and provided feedback on possible improvement
9. The Database will allow users to identify whether a higher education institution or its programmes have been subjected to external quality assurance in line with the ESG, by an EQAR-registered agency, and to access the corresponding quality assurance reports. The public beta version of the Database is expected to be launched on the new EQAR website before the Ministerial Conference in Paris, **on 24 May 2018**.

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