TPG C: WG on QA of European Universities

17 JUNE 2022

ONLINE KICK-OFF MEETING

Programme

10.00h	Welcome and introduction
10.05h	Tour de table
10.15h	Overview of the IMINQA project & presentation on the WG on QA of European Universities *Magalie Soenen (Flemish Ministry of Education and Training)*
10.30h	Presentation of the outcomes of the EUniQ project: framework & policy papers *Mark Frederiks (NVAO)*
11.15h	Health break
11.30h	Discussion on state of play and challenges in participating countries
12.45h	Way forward
13.00h	End of meeting

Overview of the IMINQA project & presentation on the WG on QA of European Universities

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

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Action plan of Thematic Peer Group C on QA

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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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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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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- Build further on the <u>EUNIQ</u> project
- Setup of a working group: peer learning to increase mutual awareness and understanding of QA expectations between the different stakeholders
- Analysis of legal obstacles in the participating countries in the WG to apply the EUniQ framework (July 2022-December 2022)
- Links with PLA2: Cross-border QA (CBQA) & QA of TNE and PLA3: European Approach for the QA of Joint Programmes, a preparatory analysis will be made

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- Based on the analysis of obstacles, 5 EHEA countries will be selected for a feasibility study (April 2023-October 2023) on how to implement the EuniQ framework in these countries.

- For this feasibility study, cooperation with national stakeholders will be set up through a national working group involving the European Universities involved in the respective countries. Each country involved will set up their own roadmap.

- Reporting back to the full working group during their third meeting.

- 2 small PLA's with the 5 selected EHEA countries in order to compare systems, learn from each other and come to a similar approach for the national work. (March 2023 & November 2023)

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Selection procedure:

- o Maximum 30 participants, call for nomination of representatives
- 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 online meeting** on **17 June 2022**

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Results call:

- 19 countries (Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium/Flemish Community, Croatia, Cyprus, Finland, France, Georgia, Hungary, Italy, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Romania, Slovenia, Sweden, The Netherlands)

- 6 organisations (EUA, ETUCE, ESU, European Commission, EQAR, ENQA)

- Survey results: mix of representatives of ministries and QA agencies, countries with high number of HEIs taking part in European Universities and with no participation yet, structured collaboration between national policy level and universities, …

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Presentation of the outcomes of the EUniQ project: framework & policy papers

Discussion on state of play and challenges in participating countries

Way forward

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Way forward:

- o Analysis of legal obstacles in the participating countries in the WG to apply the EUniQ framework (July 2022-December 2022)

- o Input from all countries needed

- o Small group that wants to help preparing the analysis (working method? survey?) July-September 2022

- o Analysis to take place (October-November 2022)

- o Small group that wants to help to analyse the results/write a report? (November-December 2022)

- o Next meeting of the WG in January 2023