

## **Note to the BFUG Board meeting on 16 January on the establishment of the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR)**

1. The E4 Group was pleased to receive the BFUG's nomination of five observers on the Register Committee and congratulates Austria, Denmark, Estonia, Ireland and Portugal to their successful candidacy for that position.
2. The Founding Assembly of the EQAR will take place on Tuesday 4 March 2008 in Brussels. The European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, the Chair of the BFUG and the Chair of the European Parliament's Education and Culture Committee have been invited to give keynote addresses after the E4 Presidents have signed the statutes. Following this, Governmental Members and the Social Partners will be admitted as members and the 1<sup>st</sup> General Assembly of the EQAR will be held. (Attachment: Draft Programme EQAR Founding)
3. In a letter to the BFUG members the E4 Presidents have outlined a proposal for membership fees to be paid by EHEA governments who decide to become a member of the EQAR. The proposal is designed to ensure a reliable financial basis that guarantees the legitimacy and sustainability of the EQAR and that ensures that fees imposed on quality assurance agencies are moderate.
4. A brief information document on the EQAR's structure and operation has been prepared and finalised recently. (See attachment)
5. An agency has been commissioned to develop a logo and a corporate design for the EQAR. The logo is scheduled to be finalised in January and will then be introduced to the BFUG. Subsequently a first website will be available with basic information on the upcoming Founding of the EQAR.

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