

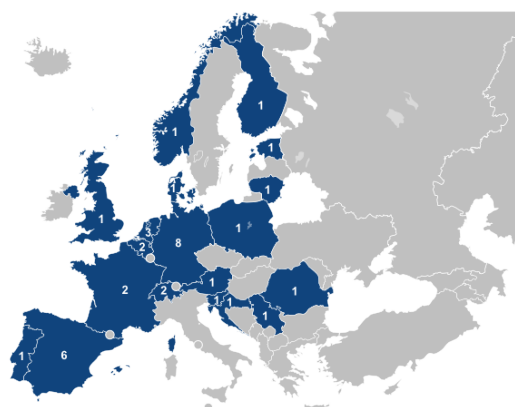
Report to the Bologna Follow-Up Group (BFUG)

(26/27 January 2015, Riga, Latvia)

1. The current report presents updates to the BFUG on EQAR's activities in 2014.

Admissions to the Register and Renewals

2. The Register now includes 36 quality assurance agency from 18 EHEA member countries. Following the two meetings of the Register Committee in 2014, on 22-23 May 2014 in Kaunas, Lithuania and on 28-29 November in Rome, six new agencies were admitted to the Register, with another six agencies having renewed their registration.



Countries with Registered Agencies

3. The Committee also convened on a special session on 23/24 January 2015 to analyse and revise the current practices and procedures for registration in light of the agreed proposal for the revised ESG.
4. Within its six years of activity (and 14 meetings), the Register Committee has reviewed a number of 67 applications (including renewals).

www.eqar.eu/register/search.html

Recognition of International Quality Assurance Activity (RIQAA Project)

5. The RIQAA project examined the existing national legal frameworks of EHEA members for cross-border external quality assurance (EQA) activities, the cross-border activity of quality assurance agencies and the higher education institutions experiences with cross border EQA reviews.

6. The final results of the RIQAA project (Recognising International Quality Assurance Activity in the EHEA) were presented and discussed at the RIQAA Final Conference and EQAR Members' Dialogue organised in Palermo (Italy) on 21/22 October 2014. The event gathered approximately 100 participants representing governments, quality assurance agencies, students, policy makers and other higher education stakeholders from 35 different countries.

7. Based on the findings and conclusions of the project a number of recommendations have been formulated to enhance cross-border external

quality assurance and to promote the European dimension in quality assurance. The recommendations address EHEA governments, quality assurance agencies, higher education institutions and EQAR. They will be the basis for EQAR's input to the upcoming EHEA Ministerial Conference in May 2015 in Yerevan.

www.eqar.eu/projects/analysis-recognition.html
www.eqar.eu/fileadmin/documents/eqar/riqaa/WP6_RIQAA_Report_final.pdf

General Assembly and Membership

8. In the last EQAR General Assembly that took place on 8 April 2014, the members discussed and adopted the revised Statutes, Annual Accounts, Work Plan and elected the newly nominated representatives for the Executive and Register Committee.

9. United Kingdom has become Governmental Members of EQAR. 32 European governments are now participating in the overall strategic governance of EQAR and are supporting its activities.



EQAR Governmental Members

10. The General Assembly elected a new Executive Board and approved the nominations to the 4th EQAR Register Committee.

11. Following the agreed rotation, the presidency of the Executive Board is held by Andreas G. Orphanides (EURASHE) for the term April 2014 – March 2015.

12. Four new members were nominated to the Register Committee for a two-year term from July 2014 – June 2016, while six members were re-nominated. The Committee unanimously re-appointed Eric Froment as its Chairperson.

www.eqar.eu/association/members/becoming-a-governmental-member.html

<http://www.eqar.eu/association/executive-board.html>

<http://www.eqar.eu/about/register-committee.html>

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