EQAR Members' Dialogue

27-28 November, Berlin

Venue:

Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF),

Kapelle-Ufer 1, 10117 Berlin

Hosted by:

Ministry of Education and Research

Objectives

The Members' Dialogue (MD) brings together EQAR Governmental Members, stakeholder organisations, permanent observers and statutory bodies to discuss current policy developments in quality assurance as well as EQAR's current and future activities. It also serves as a forum for exchange and networking among governments on issues related to quality assurance.

After a short retrospective into EQAR's 10 years of promoting trust and recognition, on the occasion of the anniversary celebrated this year, the main topics of this year's MD would evolve around EQAR's three priorities for the future, as defined in the Message to Ministers.

Participants

Approximately 50 participants, including representatives of:

- Governmental Members (40 ministries) and non-member EHEA countries (9 ministries).
- Stakeholder Members (ENQA, ESU, EUA, EURASHE, BUSINESSEUROPE, Education International).
- Permanent observers (Council of Europe, UNESCO, European Commission, Bologna Secretariat).
- EQAR statutory bodies (Executive Board, Register Committee, Appeals Committee, Secretariat)

Agenda

Tuesday 27 November 2018

9:30   **Opening and Introduction**

Peter Greisler, Head of Directorate Institutions of Higher Education, German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

Michael Lehmann, Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany (KMK)

Karl Dittrich, President, EQAR

10:00   **EQAR 10 years of promoting trust and recognition**

Colin Tück (Director, EQAR Secretariat)– A short retrospective in the life of EQAR

Panel discussion:

- o   **Ana Tecilazić-Goršić** (Directorate for Higher Education, Ministry of Science and Education, Croatia)
- o   **Birger Hendriks** (former BFUG and EQAR representative on behalf of Germany)
- o   **Katherine Isaacs** (BFUG Vice-Chair, Italy)
- o   **Gohar Hovhannisyan** (Executive Committee, European Students' Union)

Moderator**: Karl Dittrich** (EQAR President)

11:15   Coffee break

11:45   **Realising the EHEA Goal of Automatic Recognition**

Vanessa Debiais-Sainton (Head of Unit - Higher Education, European Commission) – Initiatives to boost quality assurance and recognition.

Jenneke Lokhoff (Senior Policy Officer, NUFFIC - Dutch organisation for internationalisation in education) – Towards automatic recognition in higher education

Moderator: **Christoph Grolimund** (ENQA President)

13:00   Lunch

14:00   **Parallel sessions on EQAR's priorities for the future**
             (first choice 14:00-14:45, second choice 15:00-15:45)

a) All quality assurance agencies operating in Europe align their work to the ESG

   Input: **Andreas Papoulas & Keti Tsotniashvili** (Co-Chairs of the Bologna Peer Group QA)

   Chair: **Ana Tecilazić-Goršić** (Directorate for Higher Education, Ministry of Science and Education, Croatia)

b) Implementation of the Lisbon Recognition Convention and automatic recognition of comparable higher education qualifications across the EHEA based on external quality assurance by EQAR-registered agencies

   Input: **Vera Lucke** (BFUG Secretariat) & **Katherine Isaacs** (BFUG Vice-Chair, Italy)

   Chair: **Jürgen Kohler** (Chair of the Appeals Committee, EQAR)

c) EQAR serves as a comprehensive information tool for students and staff in higher education – Database of External Quality Assurance Results (DEQAR)

   Input: **Kathryn Mathe (**EQAR Secretariat)

   Chair: **Colin Tück** (EQAR Secretariat)

15:45   Coffee break

16:15   **Knowledge Cafe session on current developments and topics**

Openness to Cross - Border Quality Assurance:

- **Olaf Bartz** (German Accreditation Council) – Case study presentation: Germany

- **Caroline Hollela** (Belgium -Fr) – Case study presentation: Belgium – French Community

European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes:

- **Ronny Heintze** (AQAS - Agency for Quality Assurance through Accreditation of Study Programmes) & Michael Raeckers (University Münster) - Case study presentation

- **Maciej Markowski** (European Consortium for Accreditation, Polish Accreditation Committee) – Facilitating implementation of the European Approach for QA of Joint Programmes (ImpEA) project results

Student-run Quality Assurance pools:

- **Gohar Hovhannisyan** (European Students' Union)

18:00   End of the day

Dinner

Wednesday 28 November 2018

9:30   **Taking Stock of the EHEA Key Commitment: Compliance with the ESG and limitations found within EHEA national frameworks**

David Crosier (Eurydice) & **Melinda Szabo** (EQAR Secretariat)

Moderator: **Michal Karpíšek** (EQAR EB, EURASHE)

10:30   **Debate:** **European policies and national agendas shaping our systems in higher education and QA systems in particular.**

Panel members:

- **Antonela Toma** (Ministry of National Education, Romania)

- **Frank Petrikowski** (Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany)

Moderator: **Tia Loukkola** (EQAR EB, EUA)

12:00   **Closing session**

Karl Dittrich, EQAR President

12:30   Lunch