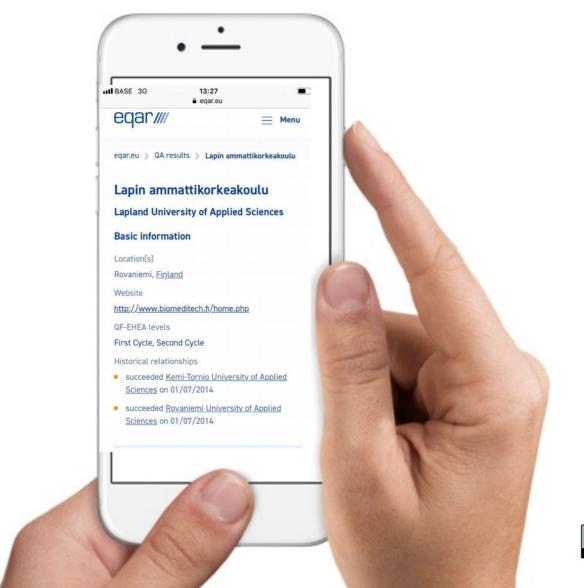
Database of External Quality Assurance Results (DEQAR)



Quality at your fingertips

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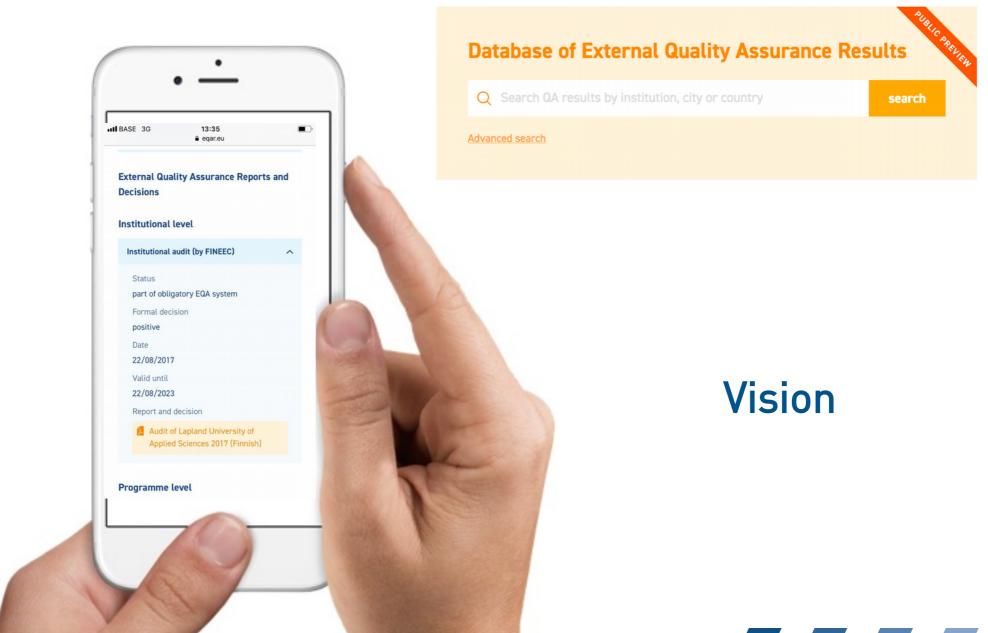
EQAR Members' Dialogue 27-28 November 2018, Berlin Kathryn Mathe and Colin Tueck





DEQAR: "QA results at your fingertips"





Project aims



Mission: To collect all external quality assurance reports and decisions performed by EQAR-registered agencies in line with the ESG in order to make these available to various user groups.

Objectives:

- 1) Improve access to information on the external quality assurance of higher education
- 2) Facilitate the recognition of qualifications
- 3) Map the diversity of external quality assurance frameworks in Europe
- 4) Facilitate the exchange of data and links with other tools
- 5) Pilot the use of the database as a basis for Europe-wide thematic studies

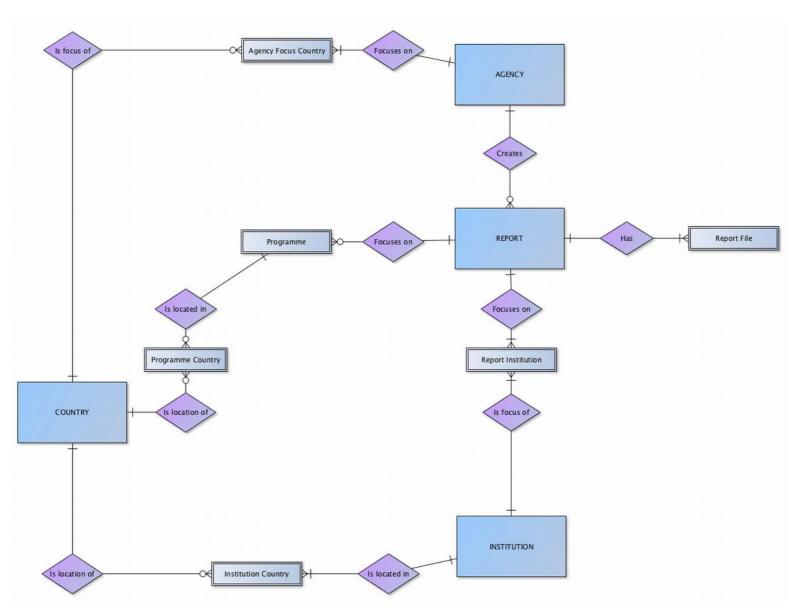
Design principles



- Structure
 - Lean approach: only what is needed and readily available
 - Standardised but reflecting varied structure of external QA: institutional level as starting point, programmes not feasible for all
- Scope
 - Comprehensive and up-to-date: includes all currently valid reports/reviews within the scope of the ESG
 - Accessible and understandable: use of English; contextual information provided to clarify the status of reports and activities
- Access
 - Low entry barrier for agencies: possible for all EQAR-registered agencies to feed information into the database; all methods/code made public
 - Free and open access to public: no fees or restrictions on use; data also available as "open data" through publicly available search API

Data structure





Data sourcing and provision



EQAR & ministries Countries: Information on national quality assurance systems

ETER & OrgReg

Institutions: List of higher education institutions (HEIs)

QAAs

Reports: Quality assurance reports and decisions (Submission API)

Public Web API

Free and open access

Public interface www.degar.eu

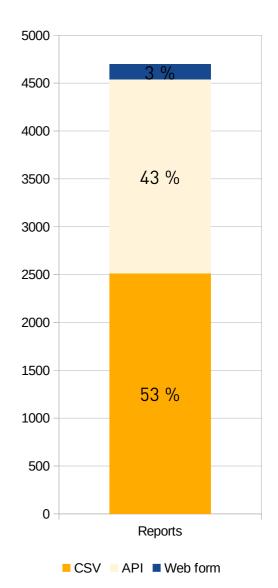
Integration in third-party applications

Examples: agency website, Knowledge Hub

Data submission

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- Manual Entry on Web Form
 - Agencies without IT developers
 - Agencies with a closed system architecture
 - Submit small amounts of data occasionally
- CSV File Upload (comma-separated values)
 - Agencies with or without IT developers
 - Can export data from agency system
 - Work manually on the dataset before submission
 - Submit big amount of data in a batch
- API (application programming interface)
 - Agencies with IT developers
 - Can create link directly to local system to keep in sync with DEQAR
 - Send data automatically in JSON format
 - Suitable for large amounts of data



Search and discovery



Q Browse and search

!= (by institution name, country, agency)

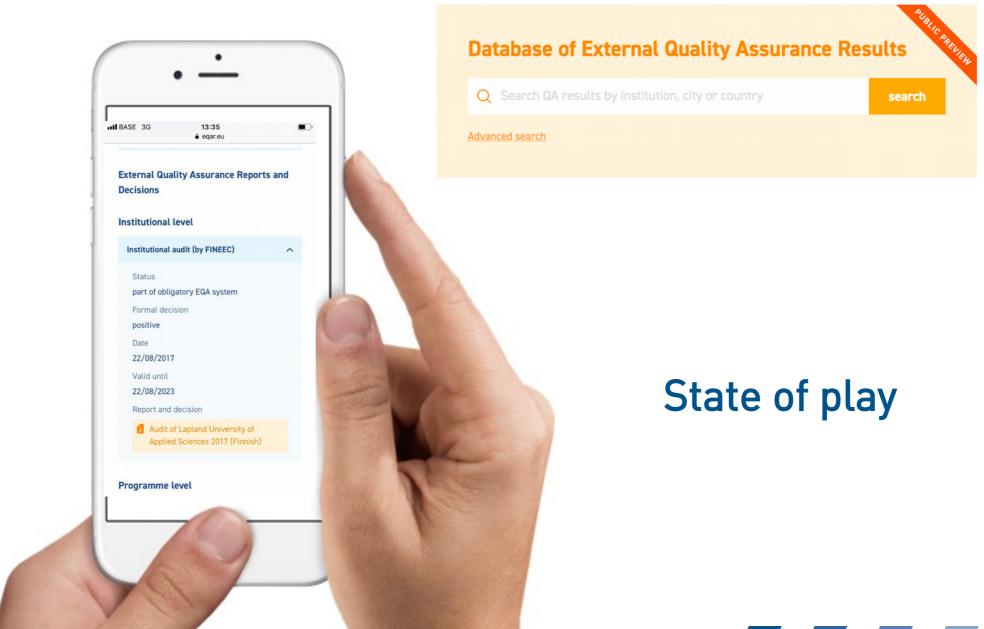
Historic records

Full download

Embed into third-party applications

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State of play



- DEQAR project consortium: 6 stakeholder organisations; 1 research centre; 17 QA agency partners; 4 associate partners
- Key development activities
 - Submission methods and pipeline (March-April 2018)
 - Administrative interface (April-November 2018)
 - Front end search and discovery user interface and front end API (May-September 2018)
- Key content activities
 - Imported HEI data from external sources (January-April 2018)
 - Submission templates developed along with supporting documentation (March-April 2018)
 - Data from EQAR registered agencies accepted (March-November 2018)
 - Made connections with external projects, e.g. ETER/OrgReg, JRC HE Knowledge Hub (May-October 2018)

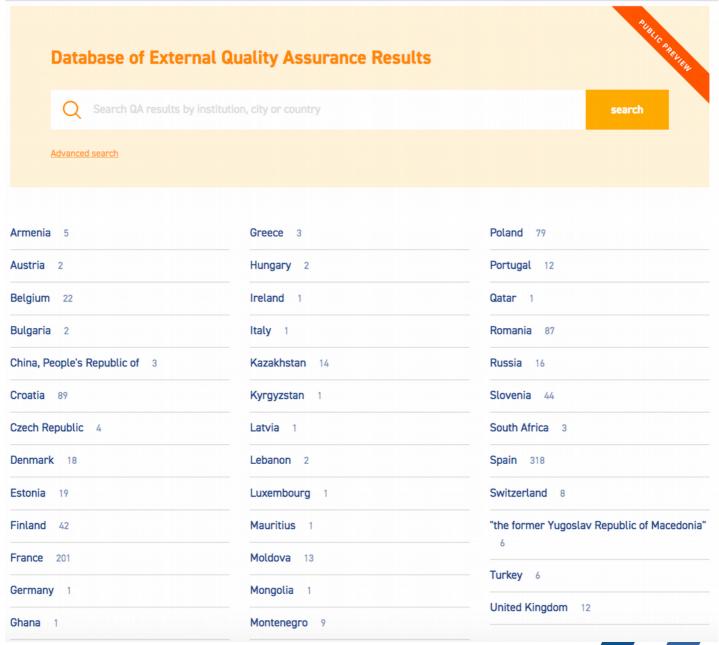
State of play



- Public preview launched 23 May 2018 there are ca. 100 unique page views/day, acounting for for ca. 35% of EQAR site traffic
- Key figures as of 30 October 2018
 - 4673 reports covering 900 HEIs in 37 countries; 20% of the content expected by June 2018
 - 21 agencies have submitted reports: A3ES (PT), AAQ (CH), ACPUA (ES), ACSUG (ES), AHPGS (DE), ANQA (AM), AQU (ES), ARACIS (RO), ASHE (HR), BAC (UK), EKKA (ET), FINEEC (FI), fmid (ES), HCERES (FR), IEP (CH), IQAA (KZ), NCPA (RU), NVAO (BE), PKA (PL), SQAA (SI), UNIBASQ (ES)
 - Countries with comprehensive coverage (> 50%):
 Belgium (Flanders), Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, FYR Macedonia, Luxembourg, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Slovenia, Spain

Coverage





Coverage



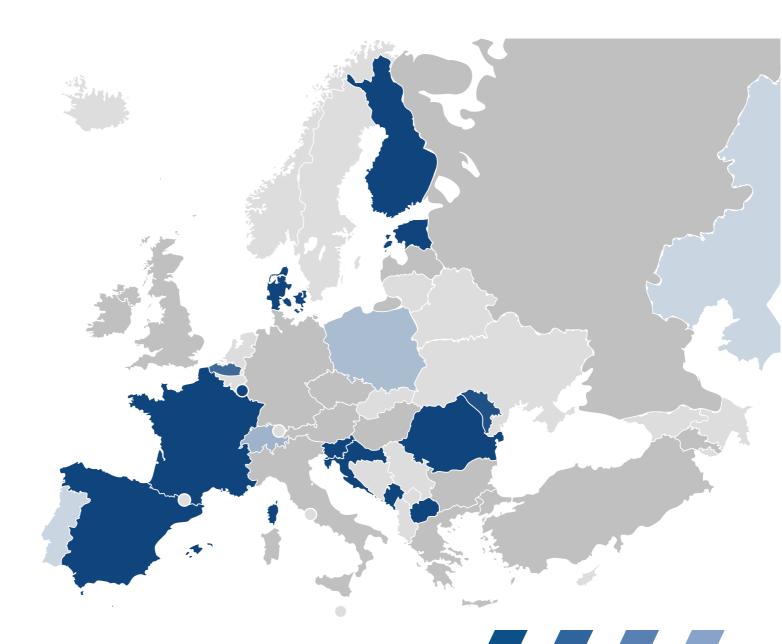
No reports

Scattered (< 10%)

100%

of higher education institutions in ETER/national list

10%



National QA record

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Found in knowledge base

eqar.eu > Knowledge base > Country information > **Polan**

Poland

institutions with reports in country in DEQAR **EUROPEAN HIGHER EDUCATION AREA - EHEA**

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Membership in EQAR

General information on higher education

National QA requirements

-National external quality assurance requirements

Poland has been a Governmental Member of EQAR since February 2008. Read more: all Governmental Members of EQAR

Higher education is offered by university-type (uczelnia akademicka) and non-university-type (uczelnia zawodowa) institutions.

University-type higher education institutions can offer third-cycle degrees, while non-university type may only offer first- and second-cycle degrees.

Institutional evaluation was carried out in Poland between 2012-2016. Following the amendments to the Law on Higher Educatiom, institutional evaluations were suspended and changes were made to the programme evaluation criteria for general academic and practice-oriented profile.

Programmes evaluations

may result in an outstanding assessment (awarded for 8 years), a positive assessment (6 years), a conditional assessment (a date of follow-up assessment will be given) and a negative assessment.



National QA record



Support for cross border / joint programme QA

European Approach for Quality **Assurance of Joint Programmes** In Poland the European Approach is available to higher education institutions.

Other HE information Further information

Read more: countries where the European Approach is available to higher education institutions

- Regulation of 20 September 2016 on the general criteria for program evaluation
- Ministry responsible for higher education
- Poland European Higher Education Area
- **ENIC NARIC**

Registered agencies operating in Poland

Officially operating agencies

- PKA Polish Accreditation Committee
- //// 2009 -

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ASIIN - ASIIN e.V.

//// 2009 -

EAEVE - European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education

IEP - Institutional Evaluation Programme

//// 2011 - VIEW 1 INSTITUTIONS WITH 1 REPORTS

Historical

information on agencies

- MusiQuE Music Quality Enhancement //// 2016 -
- **EAPAA** European Association for Public Administration Accreditation

//// 2014 - 2018

FOAR registration dates

of institutions

with reports

by agency in

country in DEQAR

Institution QA record

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I ink to national

QA record

FTFR ID

for linking up

Name in English and national language

Euroacademy

Euroakadeemia

Basic information

Location(s)

Website

Founding year

QF-EHEA levels

ETER/OrgReg ID

Previous names

Tallinn, Estonia

http://www.euroakadeemia.ee

1997

first cycle, second cycle

EE0008

Euro University (Euroülikool) until 30/06/2009

or linked historical or hierarchical records

Previous name.

National QA requirements

National External Quality Assurance Requirements

- Institutional accreditation
 - Once in every seven years higher education institutions must undergo institutional accreditation.
- Quality assessment of study programme groups
 - Obligatory periodic assessment (every seven years) of all the study programme groups in which a higher education institution has been granted the right to conduct studies.
- Initial assessment of study programme groups

An educational institution is granted the right to conduct studies by the Government of the Republic of Estonia in a specific study programme group and in a specific academic cycle (professional higher education, bachelor degree studies, master degree studies, doctoral studies). This allows the HEI to issue state-recognised diplomas under all programmes contained in the corresponding study programme group. Before such right is granted, the study programme group must undergo initial assessment, which the Ministry of Education commissions from EKKA.

Further information on external quality assurance in Estonia

Link to national QA record

Institution QA reports



Institutional and/or programme reports

Obligatory (or

voluntary) reports

Decision:

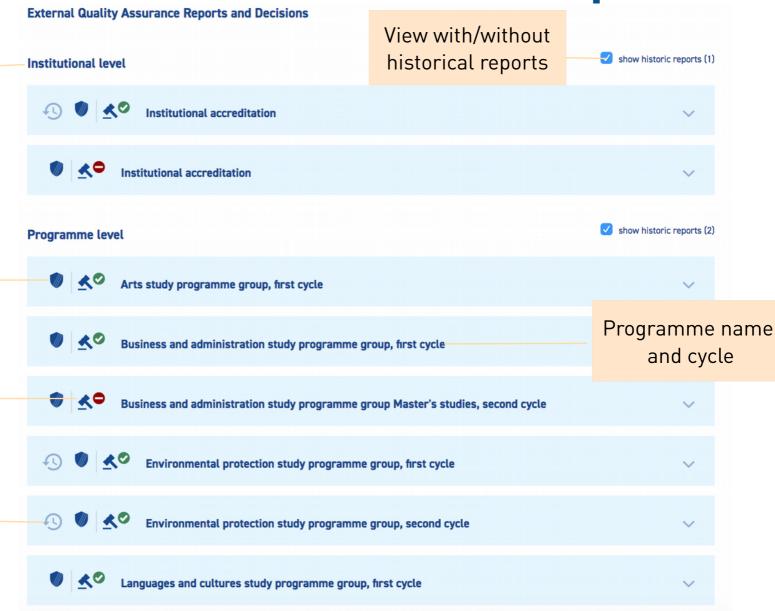
positive / negative,

not applicable

"Historical" reports

that are no

longer valid

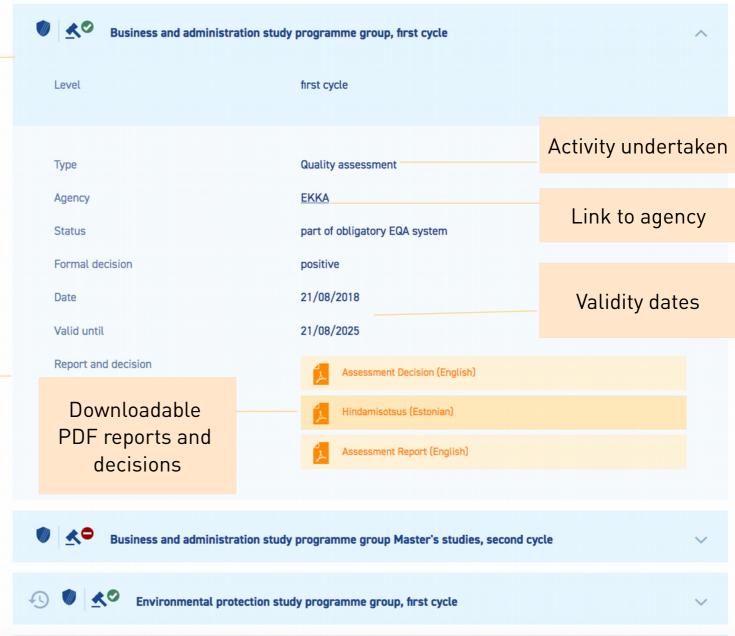


Institution QA reports



Information on programme

Information on external QA activity



QA agency

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Found in register

Register > Registered agencies > NVAO

of reports
on institutions
in DEQAR
by agency

Link to reports on agency website

NVAO - Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders

Nederlands-Vlaamse Accreditatieorganisatie

SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE ESG

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Admission valid until

Website

Reports by the agency

EQAR registration decisions and reports on the agency

30/09/2022 (listed since 05/12/2008)

http://www.nvao.net

http://search.nvao.net/home&tab=advanced

21/11/2017 Renewal of Registration

21/11/2017 External Review Report

27/05/2017 Substantive Change Report

03/12/2012 Renewal of Registration

26/11/2008 Admission to the Register

Information on the agency's work

NVAO is the independent and binational accreditation organisation for higher education in the Netherlands and in Flanders (the Flemish Community of Belgium). Its activities include drafting frameworks, deciding on accreditation for existing programmes, coordinating assessments and deciding on initial accreditation, institutional audits, or reviews in the Netherlands and Flanders. NVAO advises the Minsters of Education in both countries or carries out assessments related to quality assurance.

QA agency



Activities undertaken by agency

Activities within the scope of ESG

- Accreditation of joint programmes
- Assessments of special (quality) features for programmes and institutions in the Netherlands and Flanders
- Evaluations on features of programmes

of reports
on institutions
in DEQAR
by agency activity

- Initial programme accreditation in Flanders and the Netherlands

 VIEW 33 REPORTS ON 17 INSTITUTIONS
- Institutional audits/reviews in the Netherlands and Flanders
- Programme accreditation in Flanders, the Netherlands and the so called "Caribbean Netherlands"

VIEW 649 REPORTS ON 22 INSTITUTIONS

Programme assessment in Curacao, Aruba and St. Maarten

Countries where agency undertook activities

Higher education systems where NVAO carried out external QA activities



What's in it for you?



Institutions / Programmes

Identify whether a higher education institution (HEI) or its programmes were subject to external QA in line with ESG

QA Reports

Gain direct access to information and reports on external QA procedures

Countries

Find clear and reliable information on European national quality assurance systems procedures

Agencies (EQAR)

Access detailed information on quality assurance activities in EHEA

What's in it for you?

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ENIC NARICs & Recognition Officers

Easy (single stop & shop) access to external QA results

Higher Education Institutions Source of objective QA related information on potential (business or associate) partners;

Source of information on QA agency's previous activities

Student
Organisations
&Students

Source of objective QA related information when choosing to study abroad or substantiate a degree programme

Quality Assurance Agencies Easy access to previous external QA results on HEI requesting evaluation, accreditation or audit

Platform to disseminate results

Ministry Representatives Policy Makers Easy access to HEIs and programmes quality assured by EQAR registered agency; Platform to publish national QA requirements; QA atlas of the EHEA landscape mapping the diverse external QA frameworks in Europe

Researchers

A hub for Europe-wide thematic studies using data-mining or other analytical tools

Faster and more efficient recognition and admission process

Staff and student mobility and employability

More international exposure to the agency's work

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More coherent QA practice and legal frameworks

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