

Bologna Peer Support Group C on Quality Assurance

Subthemes of the peer group, KA3 projects & working methods



Composition of Bologna Peer Support Group C on QA

- Chaired by 3 co-chairs: Belgium/Flemish Community, Cyprus and Georgia
- 36 countries take part (Albania, Armenia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium/Flemish Community, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, The Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, UK – Scotland) + Malta + Portugal
- 8 stakeholder organisations (EI/ETUCE, ENQA, EQAR, EURASHE, European Commission, European Students' Union, European University Association (EUA), UNESCO)





Subthemes Bologna Peer Support Group C on QA

- legislative framework in line with the ESG
- ensuring effectiveness of internal quality assurance arrangements, including the use of QA results in the decisionmaking process and quality culture as well as links to learning and teaching
- external quality assurance
- the role and engagement of stakeholders in QA (students, teachers, employers)
- cross-border QA
- European Approach to the QA of joint programmes.





Working methods within Bologna Peer Support Group C on QA

- New process -> find out the best way of working
- 3 overall meetings of full peer group (Georgia, Cyprus and Belgium)
- First overall meeting Dec 2018, Tbilisi, Georgia:
 - 17 countries + 6 organisations present
 - Take into account the needs of the member countries as indicated in the implementation scorecard and the survey -> through work with big flipchart papers
 - Create work plan, including the topics the BPSG will work on, the working methods, timeline of activities and the expected outcomes to be achieved by each country by the end of the working period
 - Define the topic of the PLA back-to-back with 2nd meeting
- Action plan was set up by February 2019





Working methods within Bologna Peer Support Group C on QA

Timeline:

- first meeting 3-4/12/2018, Georgia
- a work plan sent to the BICG by February 2019
- second meeting 27-28/5/2019, Cyprus
- PLA on European Approach 29/5/2019
- an interim report by 30 June 2019
- third meeting December 2019-January 2020
- draft final report by 15 February 2020





2 Overall projects to support the full peer group

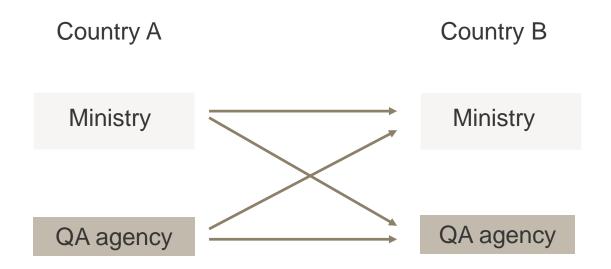
1. Bologna Peer Group on QA: organisation

- Project partners:
 - ✓ PP1: Ministry of Education and Training, Belgium/Flemish Com.
 - ✓ PP2: The National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement, Georgia
 - ✓ PP3: Ministry of Education and Culture, Cyprus
- Work packages:
 - ✓ 3 peer group meetings (Georgia 2 days Dec 2018, Cyprus 3 days May/June 2019, Belgium 2 days December
 - 2019)
 - ✓ Second meeting combined with PLA
- Funding:
 - ✓ 212 920 Euro of which EU grant requested: 170 336 Euro
 - ✓ Travel costs for participants: 360 euro/meeting
 - ✓ Accomodation costs for participants: 120 euro/day





2. Bologna Peer Group on QA: staff mobility project







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Overall aim

- support the professional development of staff by offering a work placement at another QA agency or ministry
- each mobile peer will further develop its QA competencies through job shadowing, observation periods and/or training at a partner QA agency or ministry abroad.

Description

- all partners send and receive staff for a limited period of time. A
 receiving partner offers a mobile peer a Professional
 Development Programme. This programme includes the
 intended learning outcomes for the work period abroad and
 specifies the required professional activities.
- staff members write an observation report according to a fixed format detailing their experiences at another QA agency/ministry





2. Bologna Peer Group on QA: staff mobility project

Objectives of the project are to give QA staff the possibility to

- acquire knowledge and specific know-how from ESG compliant QA experiences and methodologies abroad
- identify good practice abroad as well as in the own QA agency or national policy on QA
- develop QA skills relevant to their professional development
- learn how to work in a different HE system with regard to the ESG in order to broaden their professional perspective on their own work, their own competences and their own QA agency or national policy on QA
- build up a professional network of QA peers





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- Project partners:
 - ✓ PP1: Ministry of Education and Training, Belgium/Flemish Community
 - ✓ PP2: The National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement, Georgia
 - ✓ PP3: Ministry of Education and Culture, Cyprus
- Work packages:
 - ✓ 2 Matchmaking committee meetings (Georgia 3 days Sept 2019, Cyprus – 3 days Sept 2020)
 - ✓ QA staff mobility (Oct 2019 May 2020)
- Funding:
 - ✓ 292 965 Euro of which EU grant requested: 234 372 Euro
 - ✓ Travel costs for participants: 360 euro/meeting
 - Accomodation costs for participants: 120 euro/day with max of 14 days

Higher Education Area



Developing a European Approach for Comprehensive QA of (European) University Networks

Overall aim:

To support QA agencies in addressing evolving methodological challenges by developing supra-institutional QA procedures taking into account:

- the development of cross-border HE
- the policy integration of university networks
- the expanding offer of joint programmes
- the establishment of European Universities





Developing a European Approach for Comprehensive QA of (European) University Networks

Objectives of the project:

- Explore various approaches to holistically assess the quality of (European) university networks
- Demonstrate the feasibility of organising assessments of (European) university networks
- Develop a concept for an assessment methodology that holistically take into account all supra-institutional policies
- Three/four pilot assessments in a cooperation between 2 agencies (2 staff members, 2 peers/experts) to test the assessment methodology





Developing a European Approach for Comprehensive QA of (European) University Networks

The addressed sub-themes of Bologna's Peer Support Group on QA:

- Cross-border QA and European Approach to the QA of joint programmes
- Legislative framework in line with the ESG (introducing changes)
- Ensuring effectiveness of internal quality assurance arrangements, including the use of QA results in the decision making process and quality culture as well as links to learning and teaching
- The role and engagement of stakeholders in internal and external QA (students, teachers, employers)





Developing a European Approach for Comprehensive QA of (European) University Networks

Project partners:

- Roadmap group: NVAO (BE/FL), ANQA (Armenia), AAQ (Switzerland), SQAA (Slovenia), AIC (Latvia), UKÄ (Sweden), NEAQA (Serbia), ANVUR (Italy)
- Resonance group: Belgium/Flemish Community, Albania, Bulgaria, France, Georgia, Romania

Funding:

244 087 Euro of which EU grant requested: 195 269,6 Euro





Role and engagement of stakeholders in internal and external quality assurance

- Project partners:
 - ✓ Romanian Ministry of National Education
 - ✓ 3 European organizations: ENQA, EURASHE and ESU
 - ✓ 5 quality assurance agencies from Romania, France, Bulgaria, Denmark and R. of Moldova

Activities:

- ✓ Discussions with various categories of stakeholders
- ✓ Sharing best practices
- ✓ A study at EHEA member countries
- ✓ Peer review activities with workshops
- ✓ Peer learning activity
- ✓ Development of a Guideline on involvement of stakeholders, with online PLA





Challenges for Bologna Peer Support Group C on QA

- Diverse group of country representatives.
- Big differences in different countries, cf. Implementation report
- How to manage the work within the peer support group?
 - ✓ Matchmaking between countries to start bilateral/multilateral cooperation
 - ✓ Make countries focus on the real key commitments
 - ⇒ Task of government representatives in BFUG to follow up closely with colleagues taking part in the PSG.
 - ⇒ Strive for better implementation of key commitments within EHEA





Countries	Indicator 1: Degree structure	Indicator 2: National Qualifications	Indicator 3:	Indicator 4:	Indicator 5: Diploma	Indicator 6: Quality Assurance	Iceland			
	implementation	Frameworks	ECTS	Lisbon Recognition Convention	Supplement	Quality Assurance	Ireland			
Albania							Italy			
Andorra							Kazakhstan			
							Latvia			
Armenia							Liechtenstein			
Austria							Lithuania			
Azerbaijan							Luxembourg			
Belarus							Malta			
Belgium_FR							Moldova			
Belgium_NL							Montenegro			
Bosnia and							Netherlands			
Herzegovina							Norway			
Bulgaria							Poland			
Croatia							Portugal			
							Romania			
Cyprus							Russian			
CzechRepublik							Federation			
Denmark							Serbia			
Estonia							Slovakia			
Finland							Slovenia			
France							Spain			
FYROM							Sweden			
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Georgia							Turkey			
Germany							Ukraine			
Greece							United Kingdom EWNI			
Holy See							United Kingdom			
Hungary							SCT			





