



Call for Proposals

Database of External Quality Assurance Results

Final Conference / EQAR Members' Dialogue

7/8 October 2019, Madrid

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Introduction

In 2018 EQAR¹ has established a database of higher education institutions and programmes that have been subject to external quality assurance by a registered agency. As part of the further development of the database we **would like to invite scholars, practitioners, and students to submit research proposals, that draw on DEQAR data.**

Selected authors will be fully accommodated at our “*Database of External Quality Assurance Results*” Final Conference which will take place from **7-8 October 2019 in Madrid, Spain** in conjunction with EQAR’s Members’ Dialogue and will have the opportunity to present their work in our poster or paper session.

The conference will also feature the key results of the DEQAR pilot studies (please see results of the 1st study published [here](#)). The event will further enable and support peer learning and exchange of experience among policy makers, stakeholders and researchers, and explore good practices in the use of the database e.g. recognition of degrees, mobility of students, portability of grants/loans.

In preparing their proposals authors should employ the database results that are available at: <https://www.eqar.eu/qa-results/download-data/>

By using DEQAR data authors may investigate topics linked, for instance to:

¹EQAR is an organisation in the public interest with the main purpose to manage the official register of higher education quality assurance agencies that have demonstrated substantial compliance with an agreed set of standards, the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).

- the implementation of the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG);
- cross-country comparison in quality assurance;
- cross-border external quality assurance;
- learning outcomes and implications for teaching, learning and assessment.

Guideline for poster proposal:

Selected authors are invited to disseminate their work through a poster presentation. During the poster session each author is assigned a display area on which diagrams, graphics, data, pictures/photos, and a small amount of text are presented. The presenters are expected to submit the online version of the poster before the conference (20 September) and bring the printed version of the poster with them to the event.

The poster should be self-explanatory, but the author should be available at certain times, such as refreshment breaks and during the devoted poster session, to interact with viewers and answer questions.

The proposal for a poster session must include two to three questions to guide the discussions following the conference presentation and an abstract poster proposal (of 200-250 words) to describe the content of the poster proposal, including its background, purpose, and expected results.

Poster requirements:

- Posters must be in English.
- Posters must be in one single sheet in portrait or landscape format. (recommended size A0 -118.9 cm x 84.1cm)
- The content of the final posters should be formative, visually enticing and clear.
- The poster should be original in content and findings, mention aims and objectives, as well as methodology and conclusions.

Guideline for research paper proposals:

Selected authors will be requested to submit their research paper or at least a stand alone version of the paper before the Final Conference. Final papers shall be expected to be completed by the end of the year.

In case of co-authored papers, the submitter shall notify the organiser about who will make the presentation. The final papers will be featured on the EQAR website and promoted through social media.

The proposal for a research paper shall include (to be submitted as a separate PDF file in the application form):

- A draft proposal (of 500-1000 words) providing a summary of the paper's substance, including its background, purpose, design methodology and expected results.
- Two to three questions to guide the discussions following the conference presentation.
- An academic CV including a brief biography, name, e-mail and affiliation of the author(s).

Research paper requirements (to be submitted before the final conference):

- The length of the paper should be **at least** 3000 words (excluding references), accompanied by a 200-250 word abstract;
- The paper should be written in English and contain information on methodological approach, including epistemological underpinnings, sampling method, data sources etc.

Evaluation criteria:

The proposals will be screened by the EQAR Secretariat to check if the requirements are met. The quality of each proposal will be evaluated by the Centre for Higher Education Governance Ghent – Gent University considering the following criteria:

- The proposals show a clear way of sampling data from DEQAR.
- The poster/research paper proposal has a clear focus and provides a substantial basis for discussion during the conference session.
- The discussion questions for the poster/research paper proposal are adequate to sustain a lively debate.
- The argument, development, and structure of the research paper proposal are logical, coherent and understandable.
- The author(s) demonstrates the ability to carry out the research.

Submission process

To submit your abstract poster or research proposal please fill in the following form before 30 June 2019:

<https://www.eqar.eu/call-for-proposals/>

Timeline:

30 June 2019 - Submission of poster and research paper proposals

20 July 2019 - Communication of results

20 September 2019 – Submission of research papers/online poster proposals

20 December 2019 – Submission of final version of the research papers for publication on the EQAR website

Practical information

The organisers will cover the accommodation and travel costs (economy class fare) for all those accepted for a paper and poster session and coming from within the European Higher Education Area (EHEA). Travel expenses for authors coming from outside the EHEA will be capped at 300 EUR.

Both travel and accommodation reservations will be made by the organisers following the confirmation of their selection for a poster or a paper session.