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PLA 3

EUROPEAN APPROACH FOR THE QA OF JOINT
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Outcomes of PLA – European Approach for the QA of Joint Programmes

Summary 1:

One day event hosted by Belgium/Flemish Community, taking place at the Department of Education and Training

- Followed three parallel sessions with specific discussion topics
- Attendance: 34 participants from 18 countries, majority representatives of national QA agencies and stakeholder organisations and few ministry representatives,.
- Preparatory analysis before the PLA3 -> Thematic analysis including input from PLA prepared by EQAR (published on project website)

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Summary 2:

Presentations:

- Changes in legal frameworks to accommodate for the European Approach (Belgium/Flemish Community and Poland)
- Lessons learned: institutional perspectives in the implementation of the European Approach (KU Leuven, Belgium and University of Groningen, the Netherlands)
- Lessons learned: agency perspectives in the implementation of the European Approach (AQAS, Germany and Unibasq, Spain)

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Overarching topic:

- A) Mapping the current state of play of countries' openness to the European Approach and the legal framework allowing the EA with a suitable EQAR-registered QA agency
- B) Reflection on the changes made in legal framework, Institutional and Agency perspectives on the implementation of the European Approach. Data from DEQAR presented on the usage of the EA.

Reflections from the PLA 3:

A) Limitations and challenges:

- Equal limitation between the legal constraints and the lack of experience/knowledge in the EA of JP.
- Even in systems that are open to EA, 'surrounding aspects/challenges' ((e.g., study length, language, form of the degree) in the creation of JP can affect the programme as well as the
- Lack of accessible information regarding the different systems and requirements, EQAR knowledge base only available tool in most of the cases
- All these obstacles show the limited use of the procedure
- Costly procedures (additional expenses for HEI if they opt for the EA)

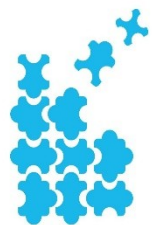
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Reflections from the PLA 3:

B) Recommendations:

- Removing additional obstacles for the creation and implementation of JP
- Openness for the EA of JP as – creates the increase of experience/knowledge in the use of the EA of JP
- Communication between the key actors crucial for the whole process
- EA gives added value for the JP
- Use of already existing tools, e.g., ImpEA toolkit
- Ensure incentives such as covering of the expenses of such a procedure through national or other type of external funding (project funding)

The Thematic Analysis from PLA 3 will be finalised in the coming weeks (published and shared)



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Thank you!
