



# The European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes

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# European Approach for QA of JPs (EA)

- Background report (context, current QA practices, lessons learnt from JOQAR project)
- European Approach:

Introduction and definitions

A. Application in Different Systems of External QA

B. Standards for QA of Joint Programmes

C. Procedure for External QA of Joint Programmes

*Note: B and C are in line with European Standards and Guidelines for QA in EHEA (ESG)*

<http://www.eqar.eu/topics/joint-programmes>

# Essence of European Approach

European standards and procedure

- Standards and procedure according to ESG, taking “jointness” into account

Decision/result

- By EQAR-listed agency
- Accepted in other EHEA countries by other agencies

No additional national criteria!

- “Setting standards...based on the agreed tools of the EHEA, without applying additional national criteria”

# Standards for QA of Joint Programmes

## 1. Eligibility

- status; joint design/delivery; cooperation agreement

## 2. Learning Outcomes

- level; disciplinary field; achievement; (regulated professions)

## 3. Study Programme

- curriculum; credits; workload

## 4. Admission and Recognition

## 5. Learning, Teaching and Assessment

# Standards for QA of Joint Programmes

6. Student Support

7. Resources

- staff; facilities

8. Transparency and Documentation

9. Quality Assurance

# Procedure for external QA of joint programmes

1. Self-Evaluation Report
2. Review Panel
3. Site Visit
4. Review Report
5. Formal Outcomes and Decision
6. Appeals
7. Reporting
8. Follow-Up
9. Periodicity

# Meetings/projects on EA

- HERE-ES Project Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes, Salamanca, 9-10 November 2015
- International Conference *Single accreditation of joint programmes*, Vilnius, 30-31 May 2017
- FaBoTo2 Peer Learning Activity on EA, The Hague, 5-6 October 2017
- Bologna Peer Support Group on Quality Assurance, Peer Learning Activity on EA, Limassol, 29 May 2019
- EACEA Cluster meetings on EA for EMJMD, 24-25 October 2018, 28 June 2019
- ImpEA project, 2017-2020

## FaBoTo2 PLA Action Points: Ministries

- Integrate EA in national legislation and make sure that results are accepted by national QA agencies
- Raise awareness of the EA; joint promotion centre
- Include EA in internationalisation strategies
- Compile data, monitor developments on JP accreditation following the EA



## FaBoTo2 PLA Action Points: QA agencies

- Accept results of EA and facilitate recognition of decisions
- Internal capacity building/training on EA
- Meetings & networking between agencies, agenda setting
- Promote EA towards ministries and HEIs; create handbook with step-by-step guidelines for HEIs

## FaBoTo2 PLA Action Points: HEIs

- Ensure support from institutional leadership for adopting EA
- Appropriate incentives to implement EA (e.g. staff development)
- Targeted actions on programme level
- Organise central support: information on procedures and workflow management; collect and share experiences, good practices, possibilities

# FaBoTo2 PLA Action Points: EC/EACEA, EQAR

## European Commission & EACEA:

- Keep EA on policy agenda
- Further awareness raising and follow up Bologna partners
- Consider EA as possible priority for Bologna reform implementation projects
- Suggest a target to EHEA Ministers for minimum number of JPs using EA

## EQAR:

- Promote EA through website, brochure, European database of JPs

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#	Joint programme	Consortium	Agency	Date first decision
1	Bachelor International Teacher Education for Primary Schools (ITEps)	Stenden University of Applied Sciences, University College of South East Norway, University College Zealand	NVAO	30 June 2016
2	EuroPS-Joint Master's Programme in Political Science - Integration and Governance (PoSIG)	University of Salzburg, University Ljubljana, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, European University of Tirana, University of Tirana, FAMA College, University of Business and Technology, University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo School of Science and Technology	AQ Austria	15 March 2017
3	Master's programme Maritime Operations	Hochschule Emden-Leer, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences	ZEvA	18 July 2017

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4	Erasmus Mundus Master of Public Sector Innovation and eGovernance (PIONEER)	KU Leuven, University of Münster, Tallinn University of Technology	AQAS	14/15 May 2018
5	International Joint Master of Research in Work and Organizational Psychology	Maastricht University, Leuphana Universität Lüneburg and Universitat de València	NVAO	31 January 2019
6	European Master in Law and Economics (EMLE)	Erasmus University Rotterdam, Aix/Marseille University, University Pompeu Fabra, Ghent University, University Haifa, University Hamburg, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, LUMSA Rome, University Vienna and Warsaw School of Economics	NVAO	7 May 2019

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7	Master in European Forestry	University of Eastern Finland, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna, Paris Institute of Technology for Life, Food and Environmental Sciences, University of Lleida, University of Freiburg, Transilvania University of Braşov	AQAS	27/28 May 2019
8	European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations (EMMIR)	Universität Oldenburg, Ahfad University for Women (Sudan), Mbarara University of Science & Technology (Uganda), University of Stavanger, University of Nova Gorica, University of South Bohemia, University of the Witwatersrand (RSA)	AQAS	19/20 August 2019
9	Erasmus Mundus Master in Documentary Film Directing (DOCNOMADS)	University of Theatre and Film Arts (Budapest), LUCA - School of Arts (Brussels), Lusófona University (Lisbon)	NVAO (VLHUR QA)	16 September 2019

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10	Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's Degree Programme in International Humanitarian Action (NOHA+)	Aix-Marseille Université, University of Malta, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Universidad de Deusto, University College Dublin, Uniwersytet Warszawski, Uppsala universitet	Unibasq	16 September 2019

<https://www.eqar.eu/kb/joint-programmes/european-approach-cases>



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