



## **European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes**

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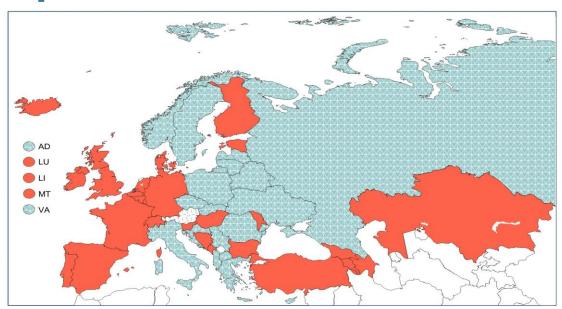
### **Status of European Approach**

- Adopted in 2015 by Ministers in Yerevan
- All 48 Bologna countries have agreed to implement the European Approach (at least in theory)
- But it takes time....





# Where is the European Approach permitted?



Permitted in 30 systems

But only pioneer QA agencies are currently using the European Approach

The European Higher Education Area in 2018: Bologna Process Implementation Report (Eurydice)





## Who are the key stakeholders?

External key experts & organisations:

EQAR, ENQA, QAA, ECA, IMPEA, etc.

- ICPs from Erasmus+ National Agencies
- EA Experts from DG EAC and EACEA
- EMJMD consortia







### Measures to support the European Approach

Policy

E+ Programme guide: EMJMD

Stakeholders

**Eurydice Reports** 

Concrete measures

EMJMD Coordinators meetings

Cluster meetings

Dissemination of event conclusions

Surveys (EA, JP/JDs)





#### **Erasmus+ Programme guide**

'Quality assurance across borders is a key element to working towards a European Education Area. In particular, the "European Approach for the Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes64", adopted by the Bologna Ministerial Conference in Yerevan, in 2015, has been developed to ease external quality assurance of these programmes: it defines standards that are based on the agreed tools of the EHEA, without applying additional national criteria. This is expected to facilitate integrated approaches to quality assurance of joint programmes, which genuinely reflect and mirror their joint character.

EMJMDs are invited to take the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes as a basis for the external quality assurance of their course, if allowed by national legislation.'

HEIs established in a Programme Country must be able to demonstrate at application stage that they have **fulfilled the external QA requirements** of their jurisdiction (e.g. accreditation or evaluation) for the joint programme. This can result either from having successfully implemented the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes (if national legislation allows), or be based on the individual accreditation decisions for each national component on the basis of which the EMJMD is composed.





#### **EA events for EMJMDs**

**Coordinators meetings** for the newly selected EMJMD:European approach informative sessions (since 2016)

#### **Cluster meetings:**

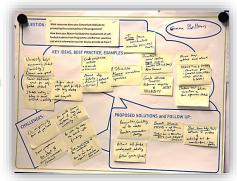
"European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes" (24-25

October 2018)

→ Conclusions

Follow-up event: "Implementing the European Approach for Quality Assurance for EMJMDs" (28 June 2019)

→ Conclusions









# Meeting conclusions Main points of the discussions

The added value: 'a process that takes into account the Joint Programme essence'

Commitment

Cooperation

Institutional trust

Quality improvement/reputation

Transparency

Administrative workload reduction...







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#### Potential challenges and obstacles:

Lack of information Communication Systemic challenges

QA Agencies have different level of knowledge Involvement of partner from countries outside EHEA ...







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#### Support needed:

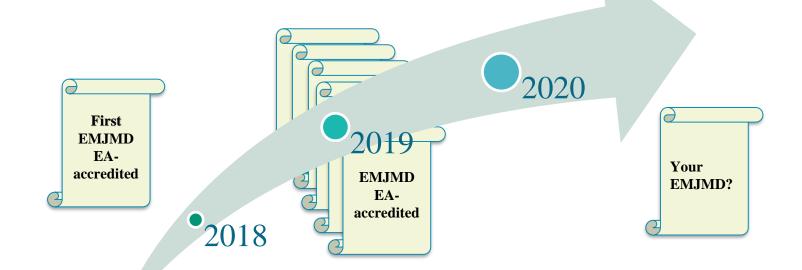
Promotion
Practical information, documents, trainings
Knowledge sharing
Reinforced cooperation between stakeholders
More support during the process...







## **EA** evolution of **EMJMDs**



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### Thank you for your attention!

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