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# European Approach of QA in Flemish legislation



# New QA system – September 1st, 2019

- ▶ Institutional Review as basis for external QA in Flanders
- ▶ Internal QA system within institutions to evaluate study programmes
- ▶ New programmes & first accreditations: external QA procedure on programme level

# Aim of the new QA system

- ▶ To give more responsibility and freedom to institutions to manage the QA of their own programmes
  - Enhance quality culture
  - Increase ownership
  - Reduce administrative burden
  
- ▶ In light of this last aim, the European Approach was integrated in the decree as obligatory for all external QA procedures for programmes leading to a joint degree.

# European Approach for programme accreditations

- ▶ When an external QA procedure for programmes leading to joint degrees is needed: EA has to be used obligatory
  - New programmes
  - First accreditation of programmes
  - If an institutional review outcome was negative
  
- ▶ When an accreditation of programmes leading to joint degrees is automatically renewed due to a positive outcome of the institutional review, the EA is not compulsory.
  - Institutions are free to determine how they evaluate the quality of their programmes. Therefore they are free to use the EA within their internal QA system to evaluate programmes leading to joint degrees.



# European Approach in Flemish QA

- ▶ Compulsory when an external QA procedure on programme level is needed for all programmes leading to joint degrees.
- ▶ Possible to be used within institutions in order to evaluate the quality of their joint programmes or programmes leading to joint degrees.

*The EA fits into the overall aim of the new Flemish QA system to reduce the administrative burden in the context of the quality assurance.*





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