

EQAR Members' Dialogue

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Objectives

The Members' Dialogue (MD) brings together EQAR Governmental Members, stakeholder organisations, permanent observers and statutory bodies to discuss current policy developments in quality assurance as well as EQAR's current and future activities. It also serves as a forum for exchange and networking among governments on issues related to quality assurance.

In addition, this year's MD focuses on two important discussions initiated by the self-evaluation of EQAR: the proposal for a database of quality-assured programmes/HEIs, and clarifying the strategic leadership of EQAR.

Participants

Approximately 60 participants, including representatives of:

- Governmental Members (38 ministries)
- Stakeholder Members (ENQA, ESU, EUA, EURASHE, BUSINESSEUROPE, Education International)
- Permanent observers (Council of Europe, UNESCO, European Commission, Bologna Secretariat)
- EQAR statutory bodies (Executive Board, Register Committee, Appeals Committee, Secretariat)

Agenda

Thursday 24 November 2016

- 9:30** **Opening and introduction**
 Tia Loukkola, EQAR, President of the Executive Board
 Bjørn Haugstad, Deputy Minister of Education and Research,
 Norway
- 9:45** **Presentation of the proposal for the President position**
 Tia Loukkola, EQAR, President of the Executive Board
 followed by discussion of the proposal in plenary
- 11:00** **Coffee break**
- 11:30** **Plenary session: current developments in quality assurance**
 Two contributions (15 to 20 min each), followed by discussion
 with the audience and among panelists on all topics
**First experience with the European Approach for Quality
 Assurance of Joint Programmes**
 Peter Elting, Stenden University of Applied Sciences, ITEpS
 Programme Coordinator
**Key Considerations for Cross-Border Quality Assurance –
 presentation of the E4/EQAR initiative**
 Melinda Szabo, EQAR, Project Officer
 Moderator: Eric Froment, EQAR, Register Committee Chair
- 13:00** **Lunch**
- 14:00** **World Café session on current developments and topics**
1. **Isabella Brunelli**, Deputy Head, Higher Education Policy
 Unit - **Developments in national legal frameworks for
 external quality assurance in Switzerland;**
 2. **Dirk Haen**, Policy Advisor - **Developments in national legal
 frameworks for external quality assurance in
 Netherlands;**
 3. **Noël Vercruysse**, Senior project leader
 internationalisation higher education - **Developments in
 national legal frameworks for external quality assurance
 in Belgium – Flemish Community;**

4. **Vanja Ivošević**, Senior Expert on Mobility, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) - **Automatic recognition of qualifications;**
5. **Paula Ranne**, Deputy Director, ENQA - **Quality assurance of transnational higher education.**

15:30 **Coffee break**

16:00 **Presentation of the background report and model for a database of quality-assured programmes/HEIs**

Colin Tück, EQAR, Director

followed by initial discussion in plenary

17:30 **Day ends**

Friday 25 November 2016

9:30 **Parallel sessions**

further discussion on the background report and concrete, operational model for a database

10:30 **Coffee break**

11:00 **Extraordinary General Assembly session:**

- Decision on the President position and, if positive:
 - Adoption of statutory changes
 - Appointment of the GA representatives on the Selection Committee

12:45 **Closing words**

13:00 **Lunch**