



# Art nouveau: European Coordination Point Preview

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european consortium for accreditation

# How did it all start?

- Team II project
- External QA difficult / challenging
- Mainly national sources of information
- JOQAR Project => Coordination point
- Feasibility study (50 JP from more than 30 countries, 19 QA agencies from 17 countries)
- Strong demand
- Coordinated European approach
- Direct response to the European Commission report on progress in QA in HE (September 2009)



# European Commission progress report: Stronger European dimension in QA in Higher Education

*"National quality assurance agencies should be encouraged to develop activities **beyond their borders** and to **seek the recognition** of their decisions in other countries, e.g. through **conventions of mutual recognition**. [...] There may be a need to clarify the **portability of national accreditation** within the EHEA and also the issue of quality assurance for cross-border higher education within the EHEA. Given the growing importance of **joint and double** degree courses in Europe, clear principles might be useful to **avoid the need for multiple accreditations**"*



# Role of the Coordination Point in JOQAR project

- Accreditation / external QA
- Recognition
- Pilot procedures
- Coordinating agencies
- ECA Secretariat = Coordination Point
- Testing and improving
- Not final *modus operandi*
- Breakout sessions







## Tasks

### Online Services

**Online Services: Provision of information**

### Direct Services

**Coordination of Single Accreditation  
procedures**

# Transparent Provision of information regarding joint programmes

Three online services on a single comprehensive portal

- Grossroads
- ECApedia
- Experts Exchange Platform



# Grossroads and JOQAR project

- Online database
- Erasmus Mundus programmes
- Accredited (Joint) programmes
- Learning outcomes
- Institutional details
- Common format
- National QA and recognition authorities
- Advanced search function
- Contextual links to background information (ECApedia)





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## Find a programme

Below you can search for programmes. The information in Qrossroads is provided by quality assurance and accreditation agencies and specifically concerns qualifications from quality assured and accredited

☐ International joint programmes only☐ Advanced search

### 6 Results for **Marine Biodiversity**

Programme ▼	Qualification	Institution	Country
Marine Biodiversity and Conservation	Master	Ghent University	Belgium
		University of Bremen	Germany
		University of the Algarve	Portugal
		University of Pierre and Marie Curie - Paris 6	France
		University of Oviedo	Spain
		University of Klaipeda	Lithuania





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## ANECA renueva su pertenencia al Registro Europeo de Agencias

El comité de evaluación del European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR) ha resuelto favorablemente la renovación de la pertenencia al mismo formulada por ANECA. Mediante este paso, la Agencia Nacional formará parte del mismo durante los 5 años siguientes. El proceso que ha llevado a cabo el comité de evaluación del Registro Europeo ha tenido en cuenta, especialmente, el resultado de la evaluación externa que ENQA realizó de la Agencia Nacional.

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## ANECA para...

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Profesores



Estudiantes



Universidades



## Programas



**PEP** Evalúa el CV de los solicitantes para el acceso a las figuras de profesor universitario contratado



**ACADEMIA** Evalúa el CV para acceso a los cuerpos de funcionarios docentes universitarios



**VERIFICA** Evalúa las propuestas de los planes de estudio diseñados en consonancia con el EEES



**MONITOR** realiza un seguimiento del título oficial para comprobar su correcta implantación y resultados.



**DOCENTIA** Ayuda a las universidades a crear sistemas de evaluación de su profesorado



**AUDIT** orienta a los centros universitarios en el diseño de sistemas de garantía interna de calidad



**MENCIÓN** Evalúa a los programas de doctorado que optan a una Mención hacia la Excelencia.

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# ECApedia and Joint Programmes

- Mediawiki
- Joint Programmes Portal
- Point of reference (JPCs, QA agencies, EM national structures, Recognition authorities, Stakeholders in HE)
- Literature and principles on internal and external QA of JPs
- Background information
- Joint programmes
- End of October 2013





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# ecapedia

Higher education  
knowledge base

*Search the ecapedia database*



## Joint programmes

The joint programmes portal functions as a point of reference for joint programmes, quality assurance agencies and recognition authorities.

[» go to joint programmes](#)

## Expert training

The portal for quality assurance training. The one stop shop for experts looking for additional practical information about quality assurance.

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## Glossary

Higher education terminology can be difficult to understand if definitions are not clear. The glossary brings together the common terminology of higher education.

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# Joint programme

An integrated curriculum coordinated and offered jointly by different higher education institutions and leading to a (double/multiple or joint) degree.

## Source

Aerden, A., Reczulska, H., 2013. Guidelines for Good Practice for Awarding Joint Degrees. ECA Occasional Paper. The Hague. p. 12.

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# The Joint Programmes Portal

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A joint programme is a programme offered jointly by different higher education institutions irrespective of the degree (joint, multiple and double) awarded. The ECAPedia provides dedicated information on several topics related to the organisation of external quality assurance and accreditation of joint programmes and on the awarding of degrees and Diploma Supplements by joint programmes.

*Click to refresh selections below*

## Selected definition

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Accreditation: There are two common definitions:  
A formal and independent decision indicating that a programme and/or an institution meets certain predefined quality standards.

- [Read more](#)
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## Selected definition

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"Awarding two degrees from institutions located in different countries based on the workload for one diploma is being promoted through some rather dubious double degree programs. And all of this is in the name of internationalisation???"

- [Jane Knight, IMHE Info \(OECD/IMHE, August 2011\)](#)

## Selected higher education system

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Higher education system in Europe: European higher education used to be known for its very diverse national

## Selected definition

[\[edit\]](#)

Joint programme: An integrated curriculum coordinated and offered jointly by different higher education institu-

# Experts Exchange Platform and Joint Programmes

- Online database
- Experts trained for the assessment of JPs
- Find the right and experienced experts
- Joint programmes
- Access to experts' background and profile
- Common format: CV, language skills, experience in academia/HE, professional experience, QA experience, QA training received
- Advanced search function
- Database linked to Crossroads and ECApedia



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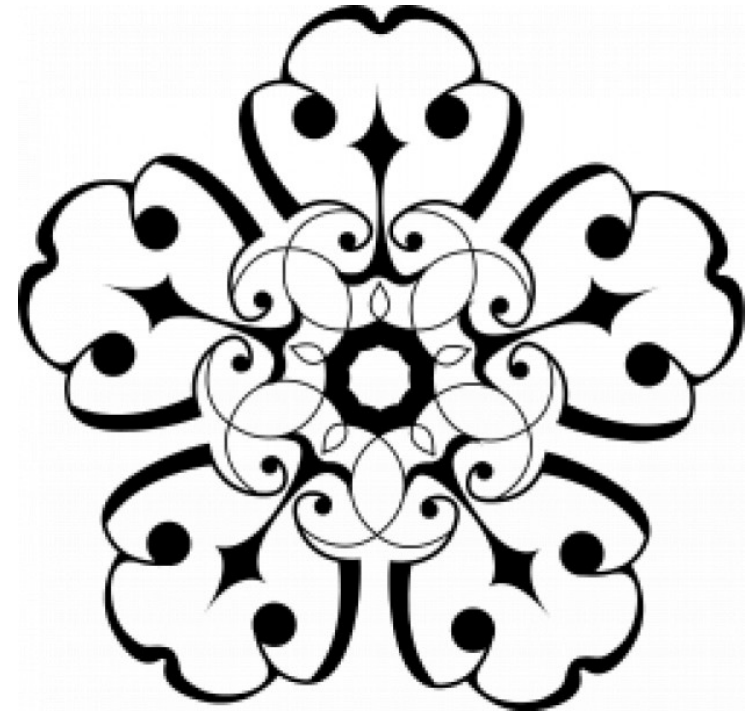
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# ECA website and Joint Programmes

- Single comprehensive portal
- Three services in one place
- Same visual identity
- Single login
- Overall visual attractiveness, usability, clarity
- Current projects, documents, activities
- Meetings and events
- Information on ECA
- Collaborative tool for ECA working and project groups
- Questions to contact person







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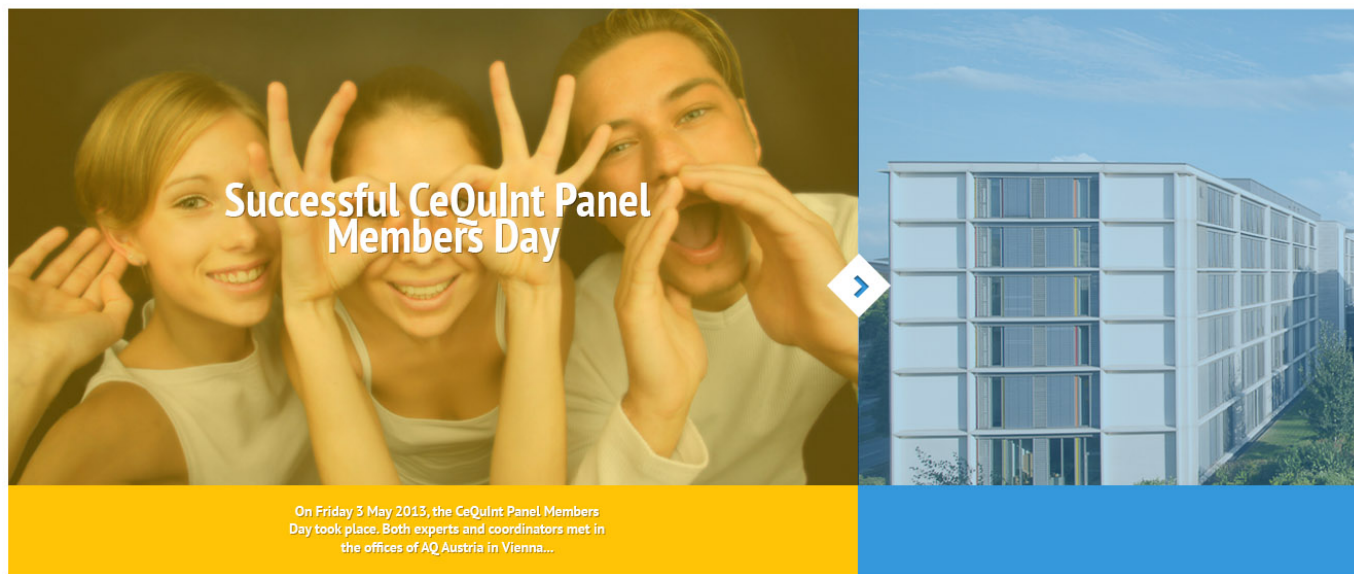
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## Latest publication



[The Code of  
Good Practice](#)

ECA  
June 3, 2013

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### A new institute



### Someone is honoured



### Interesting developments







- Edit profile
- Manage contacts
- Membership fee

## Welcome Mr. Thijs Leydens

Here you have an overview of your current projects.

### CeQuint

The overall aim of the project is to assess, reward and enhance internationalisation

### E-TRAIN

The overall aim of the project is to assess, reward and enhance internationalisation

### JOQAR

Ensure that Erasmus Mundus programmes are facilitated in two specific areas: accreditation and recog-

### TEAM II

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### TEAM I

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## Publications



### Guidelines for Good Practice for Awarding Joint Degrees - 1.3 MB

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### Handbook for the training of panel members - 620.8 KB

Practical guidelines on how to organize effective training sessions for panel members.



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#### Relevant links

- Cooperation agreements

#### Relevant documents



Principles for accreditation procedures regarding joint programmes



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# Coordination of Single Accreditation Procedures

- Advice and support to JP and QA agencies
- Methodology
- Exchange of good practices
- Trainings of experts
- Does not carry out the actual procedures
- Assist the process
- 3 phases: Orientation, Assessment, Decision-Making



# Orientation Phase

## Provision of information:

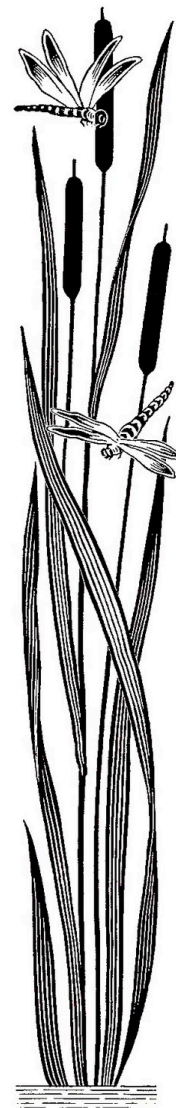
- Coordination Point (Online services)

## Pre-existing MULTRA accreditation(s):

- If yes, MULTRA recognition route
- If not, is mutual recognition possible?

## Mutual Recognition:

- If possible > selection of the coordinating agency
  - Joint Programme consortium
  - Involved national agencies
  - Coordination Point



# Assessment Phase

## Self-Evaluation Report:

- Prepared by the JP consortium

## Nomination of the Experts and Observers for the panel:

- Coordination agency
- Involved national Agencies
- Coordination Point (Pool of Experts)

## The site visit:

- Organised by the coordinated agency
- Realised by the panel

## The assesment report by the panel:

- Received by the Coordinating Agency





# Decision-Making Phase

## Accreditation Decision:

- Taken by the coordinating agency
- Coordination Point supports the recognition by all involved agencies
- Publication of decisions
- Inclusion of the JP into Crossroads

## Appeal:

- The JP consortium does not accept the decision
- Coordination Point organises an appeal procedure by a European Appeals Committee Coordination Point supports the recognition by all involved agencies



# Breakout Sessions

- Was the presented **provision of information** by the Coordination Point useful?
- Was the presented **coordination of single accreditation procedures** by the Coordination Point useful?
- Should the Coordination Point also support **HEIs in preparing** for single accreditation procedures of joint programmes? How?
- How to **promote the services** of the Coordination Point?
- How to **finance the activities** of the Coordination Point?

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