

ECA Workshop

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Welcome to 16th ECA workshop



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ECA 10 years Anniversary

ECA Business Meeting - Agenda

1. Membership issues
2. Financial issues
3. Cooperation with other networks
4. ECA strategic plan and business plan
5. ECA events and other issues
6. Work plans 2013-2014 of the ECA working groups

MoC between APQN and ECA – Targets

- Comparisons of accreditation procedures; mutual observations and similarity checks
- Exploration of the methodologies to facilitate MR of qualifications between the two regions, incl. pilot projects
- Development of distinctive quality features
- Joint databases for international reviewers (share experts and hold joint training sessions)
- Exchange of staff; organisation of joint workshops
- Coordination of fundraising efforts to reach stated goals

Strategy – Mission of ECA

Professional organization that

- Strives for continuous progress in external QA
- Facilitates MR of qualifications
- Promotes internationalisation of HEIs and students
- Creates transparency in HE and QA

Strategy – Content focus of ECA Work

- MR activities (in Europe and beyond)
- JP accreditation and recognition
- Internationalisation certificate
- Mutual learning ---> modern accreditation systems
- Transparency tools (Crossroads and ECAPedia)
- Training of experts and of QAA staff

Strategy – Profile of ECA

- Innovative think tank in Europe
- International QA driver
- Expert and service organization
- Project oriented network, bottom up approach

Strategy – Structure of ECA

- Professionalisation needed to implement proposed strategy and to offer ECA services
- Transformation to legal entity (credibility, liability)
- Maintenance of current ECA structure and functioning as much as possible
- Working groups remain as steering bodies of ECA projects
- Communication platform with partners has to be established

Strategy – Financing of ECA

- Continuing to generate income through membership fees for daily activities
- Continuing to generate income through EU for new projects
- Additional income to be generated by offering of ECA services on international HE market (fixed prices with overhead)
- Income of services will be used to cover costs for coordination of procedures, QA staff, experts/training, promotion of services (see business plan)