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***Quality Assurance and Recognition of Joint
Programmes: The Art and the Passion***

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**Expressionism:
Quality Assurance and Recognition of Joint
Programmes. Methodology of single
accreditation/QA procedures.**

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Quality Assurance and Recognition of Joint Programmes

Joint-programme



**Methodology:
Accreditation
criteria**

Recognition

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What is the objective of the JOQAR project in terms of recognition?

- To ensure that joint programmes are facilitated in two specific areas: accreditation and recognition.
- To look into cross-border QA of J-P and **recognition of degrees awarded** by these programmes.
- Since J-P involve many different countries, multilateral mutual recognition agreements are necessary. MULTRAS
- Close collaboration with ENIC-NARICS is needed

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- Single accreditation of J-P ideal laboratory to explore cooperation between agencies and legal frameworks
- Agreement between a shared core and national specifications
- Recognition (“semi-automatic”) of accreditation results by the agencies. MULTRAS
- What are the real implications of this “recognition”?
- But, what about the governments?



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Diversity of case studies concerning the HE recognition framework and chain of responsibilities at the national level

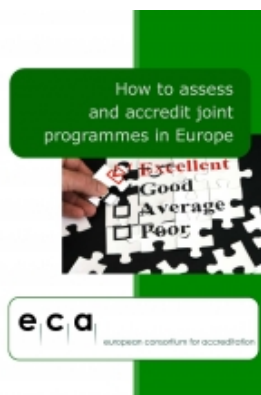
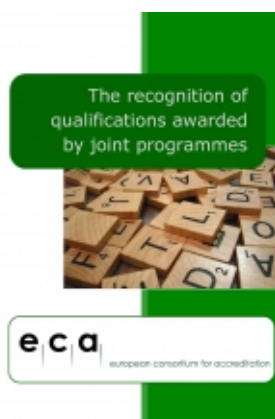
- Recognition solely responsibility of the HEI
- Recognition as responsibility of the government authority
- Wide range of colour gradations: shared responsibility
HEI + Ministry; ENIC-NARICS + HEIS; ENIC-NARICs + HEIS; ...



- **Legal frameworks affects and impacts recognition of degrees derived from accreditation of J-P**

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- Effort by QAAs to develop a single accreditation methodology related to recognition
- ECA through TEAM II Project (2008-10) and JOQAR Project (2011-13) advanced in the methodology:



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Conclusions

Although agencies can do more to facilitate single accreditation procedures, the limits to their action are clear:

- A change in the validity periods and appeal procedures require a change of regulations in some countries
- The need to find solutions for the very specific national criteria which difficult single accreditation procedures
- Obstacle to recognition in the national legal frameworks thought for national purposes
- Need to separate professional interests derived from certain qualifications and academic ones

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Conclusions (II)

A combined effort provides a positive framework to advance in recognition:

- The Lisbon Recognition Convention
- Agreements between the ENIC-NARICs networks with ECA
- Need to separate professional interests derived from certain qualifications and academic ones
- Single accreditation procedures of J-P a good tool for recognition a big step further in the work of one of the actors involved.
- A necessary condition...but not sufficient

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Conclusions (III)

What else is needed?:

- Political decision of removing the specific national requirements when assessing J-P following the mandate of the Ministers in the Bucharest Communiqué
- Involve international organisations to support the political shift:

Recognition of joint-programmes

Traum...
Dream...



...oder Trauma
...or nightmare

Thank you very much

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