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Joint trainings as a bridge for cooperation

ECA annual meeting 2017, Paris

Unibasq



2004

**Regional agency
Original focus: Basque
University System**

Review activities:

- Study programmes
- IQAS
- Academic staff

**Member of ENQA,
EQAR, ECA and
INQAAHE**

AQAS



Largest agency in Germany
Non-field specific
National and international
procedures

5000+ accredited programmes

Recognized by German
Accreditation
Council

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Context

- Similarities and differences
- Cooperation (networks)
- Memorandum of understanding:
 - Promote quality culture in HE
 - Share skilled experts – collaborate in the field of training experts and staff
 - Exchange information/expertise about HES, QAS and procedures – participate in site visits as observers
 - Promote conferences, seminars and other experts' meetings

Existing trainings

- **ECA Training academy**

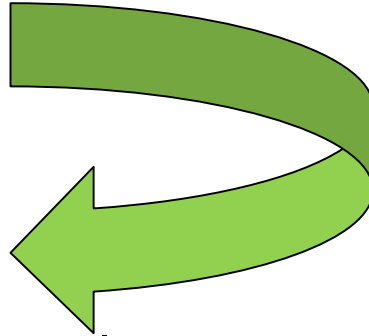
"to train and to share a community of knowledgeable and internationally experienced experts in the domain of external QA in higher education"

- Assessing Joint Programmes
- Assessing Internationalisation

- **ESU student training**

Unibasq and AQAS approach

- Conclusion: Existing formats do not meet the requirements



- Specific training
- Target groups: academics and students
- Language: Spanish and German

Separate trainings

- 2 pilots:
 - One in German held in the Basque Country
 - One in Spanish held in Germany

10 – 15 people, proficient in the required language

2 day training

Content of the training

- The agency and the specific HES
- Memorandum of understanding of Unibasq and AQAS
- The specific accreditation system
- Review procedure
- Evaluation criteria
- Roles and responsibilities (Experts and coordinator)
- Writing the report
- Outlook and practicalities (ESG 2015)

Experiences

- Training for German speaking experts (11) held in Bilbao
- Training went much smoother then expected
- All experts agreed to share CV's
- Currently: inclusion of experts in AQAS procedures (3-4)
- Training for Spanish speaking experts in Cologne in October
- Work in progress....

Hopes and expectations

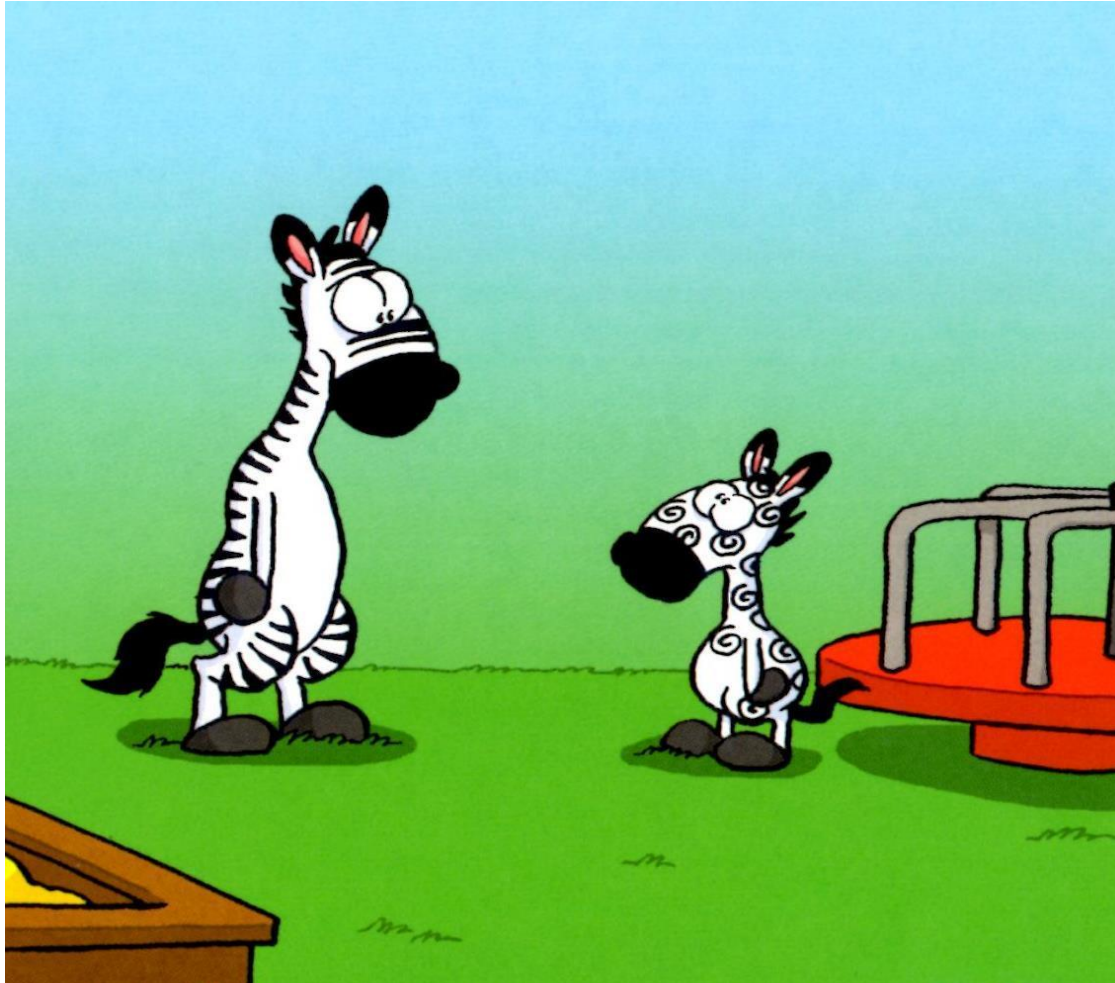
- Increase the number of foreign experts in our regular procedures
- Create the environment for the equal participation of foreign experts
- Create opportunities for collaboration between the two HES

Challenges:

- Budget

...work in progress!

Any questions?



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