

**A VIEW FROM ProDeJIP
ON THE CURRENT STATUS AND FUTURE
CHALLENGES OF THE EUROPEAN
APPROACH FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE OF
JOINT PROGRAMMES**

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OVERVIEW OF THIS PRESENTATION

- A. What is ProDeJIP?
- B. What is EMLE?
- C. A view on the Current Status and Future Challenges of the EA for QA of JP's

WHAT IS ProDeJIP?

- Association for the Promotion and Development of Joint International Programmes in Higher Education
- Founded by (former) Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses Coordinators in 2013

OBJECTIVES

- Consolidating the legacy of 10 years of experience gained through EM
- Facilitating collaboration & exchange of best practices between fellow professionals & experts in joint international programmes
- Providing targeted training, for example for those seeking to set up a joint programme

OBJECTIVES (2)

- Providing a collective voice for coordinators of joint international programmes at the European level
- Contributing to the internationalisation of Higher Education, both within the EU and outside the EU

ACTIVITIES

- Organization of an Annual Conference, including ProDeJIP's Annual General Meeting and a training session
 - 1st edition: Rome, June 2015
 - 2nd edition: Leiden, February 2016
- Setting up Task forces on several topics
- Sustainability - aSSIST project being set up
- Website (under construction)

WHAT IS EMLE?

The European Master in Law & Economics (EMLE) started in 1990

EMLE has been selected for / participated in:

- 2003: THE EUA 'TOP JOINT MASTER' PROJECT
- 2004: ERASMUS MUNDUS (AT THE START)
- 2005/2006: ENQA TEEP II PROJECT
- 2009: ERASMUS MUNDUS II (START 2010)
- 2012/2013: ECA JOQAR PROJECT
- 2015: ERASMUS+ EMJMD QUALITY REVIEW

THE EA FOR QA OF JIP'S: THE STATUS (1)

- The approval by the EHEA ministers in May 2015 is an important step forward, as a result of the JOQAR project
- This diminishes one of the main obstacles for JIP's by reducing the number of national accreditations to one single procedure
- The single accreditation procedure gives clear guidelines to JIP's, for instance regarding the need for a Consortium Agreement and for internal QA

THE EA FOR QA OF JIP'S: THE STATUS (2)

- This document makes clear that a joint programme and a joint degree are not the same
- This approach will 'harmonize' the JIP's, even outside the limited number of Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree Programmes
- This will help to enable students and employers to compare all the existing programmes
- This 'harmonizes' the duration of the accreditation: a positive accreditation decision will be for 6 years in all the EHEA countries

THE EA FOR QA OF JIP'S: THE CHALLENGES (1)

- After the single accreditation procedure, all national accreditation agencies have to decide separately, taking their time
- This implies that the starting date of the accreditation differs per country and therefore the need for the next accreditation differs as well (despite the harmonized duration being 6 years)

THE EA FOR QA OF JIP'S: THE CHALLENGES (2)

- The accreditation for a joint degree might result in problems / discussions within the university and/or within the specific faculty/school:
 - In some countries accreditation is an autonomous decision by the university, not being part of ECA
 - Is 'harmonization' of the specific qualification(s) on the joint degree needed/possible: the more partners, the more preferences / requirements

CONCLUSION

- The European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes:
- Needs more attention at the level of the joint international programmes
- It is one important step forwards, but some more steps to go

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