



ECA TRAINING “EUROPEAN APPROACH FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE OF JOINT PROGRAMMES”

Dates: **13 and 14 September 2022**

Location: **Commission des titres d’ingénieur**

44 rue Cambronne, 75015 Paris – France

Hotel: at your own choice (some recommendations will be shared by the host)

Joint programmes require specific attention when being assessed. This means that these assessments take into account the specificities of joint programmes: responsibilities within consortia, coordination of teaching and learning, grade conversion across borders, overall learning outcomes across (umpteen) locations, etc. National approaches to assess joint programmes as well as the legal requirements can vary a lot.

With the growing number of Joint programmes also under the European Universities Initiative the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes is a suitable approach to external quality assurance for these programmes. It is also based on the experiences of ECA with accrediting joint programmes (JOQAR project) and supported by the IMPEA project in which ECA was a key partner. The expectation is that joint programmes will be increasingly assessed according to the European Approach. The training will focus on the European Approach whilst also paying attention to national systems that constitute the context in which QA decisions take place and are the modus operandi for the HEIs providing a joint programme.

This training suitably prepares participants regarding the aim of external quality assurance for joint programmes, the use of audit techniques and the interpretation and substantiation of assessment criteria. The framework of the European Approach is used to highlight different interpretations of (the use of) standards and underlying substantiations.

Target audience

This training is tailored for experts who (will) take part in the assessment of joint programmes and for the staff of quality assurance agencies as well as for QM staff members of HEI with a responsibility for assessing joint programmes.

Level

Medium. This is appropriate for experts and staff of quality assurance agencies with some experience in external quality assurance procedures, though not necessarily with joint programmes. The entire training will be given in English.

Learning outcomes

After actively taking part in this training, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the national and international context of joint programmes, national and European approaches and legislative frameworks;
2. Illustrate the different types of joint programmes and the degrees that can be awarded;



3. Organise an appropriate and effective external assessment of a joint programme;
4. Ask relevant and appropriate questions to interviewees during the site visit;
5. Make substantiated assessments according to the criteria of the European Approach.

Preliminary schedule:

13 September (13:00 pm) – 14 September (15:00 pm) 2022

1. Introductions, needs and objectives
2. What are joint programmes?
3. How are joint programmes assessed?
4. How to organise an assessment of a joint programme?
5. Standards in the European Approach
6. The procedure according to the European Approach
7. The self-evaluation report: what do you need to know? – Asking the right questions
8. The site visit – simulation of a Joint Programme Assessment
9. Assessing and reporting
10. Conclusions, feedback and award of certificates

Facilitators

- Ronny Heintze, M.A., Deputy Director for International Development, AQAS
- Eva Fernandez de Labastida, Ph.D., Internationalisation and projects manager, Unibasq

The facilitators have broad experience with assessing joint programmes on both the national and European level.

Completion of training

All participants who have completed the training will receive an ECA training certificate testifying that they have participated in the training.

Training fee

Participation in this training costs 450 euro. The fee for ECA members (i.e. staff from QA agencies that are member of ECA) is 350 euro. The training fee covers the costs of the training and venue, dinner on 13 September and light lunches on 13 and 14 September. The fee does not cover any travel costs or accommodation. Hotel recommendations in different price ranges can be provided. Participants will be required to arrange their own transport to and from the venue. After confirmation of participation ECA will send an invoice. The fee needs to be paid prior to participation.

Register now for this training

Your registration for this training is possible through writing an e-mail with your name and organisation to secretariat@ecahe.eu.



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After receiving your e-mail we will let you know whether it is still possible to participate in the training. If we cannot offer you a place this time your name will be recorded on a waiting list and you will have priority when the training is organised again.