



## TRAINING: EUROPEAN APPROACH FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE OF JOINT PROGRAMMES

27-28 JUNE 2023

HOST

AQAS, Agency for Quality Assurance

LOCATION of the VENUE

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Hohenstaufenring 30–32

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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**

The training is tailored for QA staff and programme heads that (will) prepare self-evaluation reports for the assessment under the European Approach for QA of joint programmes as well as staff of quality assurance agencies with a responsibility for assessing joint programmes and coordinating the procedure.

**Level**

Medium. The training is appropriate for QA staff of higher education institutions, programme heads of joint programmes, and staff of quality assurance agencies with experience in joint programmes. The entire training will be given in English.



### *Learning outcomes*

After actively taking part in this training, participants will:

1. Be able to understand the national and international context of joint programmes, national and European approaches and legislative frameworks;
2. Deepen their knowledge of the different types of joint programmes;
3. Have the ability to prepare/assess the key components for the assessment of joint programmes;
4. Have a deeper understanding of the standards of the European Approach and knowledge about how to apply these.

### *Draft schedule*

1. Introductions, needs and objectives
2. What you need to know about joint programmes
3. First things first - How to start a European Approach procedure?
4. The procedure according to the European Approach
5. Specific aspects in the European Approach standards. Good practices and possible hurdles focusing on:
  - a. The self-evaluation report
  - b. The panel
  - c. Site visit
  - d. Outcomes (Reporting)
6. Wrap-up

## **DRAFT TIME SCHEDULE**

### **TRAINING: EUROPEAN APPROACH FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE OF JOINT PROGRAMMES**

TUESDAY, 27 JUNE 2023

**12.00 – 17.30**

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**Registration and light lunch**

**13.00 – 15.30**

**Part 1**

**15.30 – 16.00**

**Break**

**16.00 – 17.30**

**Part 2**

**19.00**

**Dinner**



WEDNESDAY, 28 JUNE 2023

**9.30 – 15.00**

<b>9.30 – 11.15</b>	<b>Part 3</b>
<b>11.15 – 11.30</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>11.30 – 13.30</b>	<b>Part 4</b>
<b>13.30</b>	<b>Light lunch and farewell</b>