

A DECADE OF EUROPEAN APPROACH

REFLECTIONS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

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(AQAS)*

*in cooperation with
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VENUE:

Cologne Marriott Hotel Johannisstrasse 76-80, Cologne,
North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany

Programme

9.00 – 9.30

**Registration of the participants
Welcome coffee**

9:30 – 9.45

Welcome address

Chair of ECA

Doris Herrmann,
Managing Director AQAS, Germany

SESSION 1: The European Approach – a success story?

9.45 – 11.00

Where do we stand today?

The level of implementation of the EA
Aleksandar Šušnjar, EQAR Director

ECA presentation on activities of agencies and status quo
Eva Fernandez de Labastida, Chair of ECA Working Group Joint programmes, recognition and innovation (Unibasq)

Perspectives of the regulators

SESSION 2: The perspective of JPs

11:15 – 12:15

EA in action – the consortium perspectives

Achievements and challenges left

Cristina Churruca Muguruza, Coordinator of Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's Degree Programme in International Humanitarian Action (NOHA+) - Universidad de Deusto

12:15 – 13:15

LUNCH BREAK

SESSION 3: Vision beyond the EA and challenges ahead

13:15 – 14:00

What's the vision beyond the European Approach: the joint European degree and the future of the European education area

Yann-Maël BIDEAU
Policy Officer, European Commission - DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture
B1 – Higher Education

14:00 – 15:00

Breakout sessions on challenges to be addressed

15:00 – 15:30

COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 4: Best practices and gaps in implementation

15:30 – 15:45

Feedback from breakout sessions by rapporteurs

15:45 – 16:15

Upcoming analysis of best practices and gaps in implementation of European Approach (Bologna Follow-up Group Thematic Peer Group on Quality Assurance)

SESSION 5: Wrap up

16:15 – 16:30

Wrap up and summary