

A DECADE OF EUROPEAN APPROACH

REFLECTIONS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

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*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

*Eva Fernandez de Labastida
Chair of ECA, Unibasq, Spain*

*Doris Herrmann
Managing Director of 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, Unibasq, Spain

Perspectives of the regulators
Mathieu Musquin, Policy Officer, Ministry for Higher Education and Research, France

Chair: Solange Pizarz, Executive Director of Cti, Commission des titres d'ingénieur, France

11.00 – 11.15

ENERGIZER BREAK

SESSION 2: The perspective of JPs

11:15 – 12:15

EA in action – the consortium perspectives: Achievements and challenges left

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

Marjaana Mäkelä, Ulysseus European University

prof. Viktor Gabor, Programme Board chair of the Global Challenges for Sustainability master's programme of CHARM-EU

Chair: Ronny Heintze, Deputy Director of International Development, AQAS, Agency for Quality Assurance, Germany

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

Chair: prof. Danijela Hrovatek Tomic, PhD, Director of ASHE, Agency for Science and Higher Education, Croatia

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)

Aleksandar Šušnjar, EQAR Director

SESSION 5: Wrap up

16.15 – 16.30

Wrap up and summary