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ECA Training “European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes” for universities, experts and agencies

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to the ECA Training “European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes” which will take place on **4 and 5 June 2026 in Stockholm, Sweden**, hosted by our member UKA – Swedish Higher Education Authority (Box 6024, SE-121 06 JOHANNESHOV, Sweden).

The European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes is becoming the go-to method for ensuring cross border study programmes in Europe as more joint programmes emerge through the Erasmus Mundus and the European Universities Alliances initiatives and a shift towards internationalisation of study programmes in general. However, assessing joint programmes requires careful consideration of their unique features with which self-accrediting higher education institutions and HEI under programme accreditation seems to struggle. This includes factors like the roles within consortia, how teaching and learning are coordinated, converting grades across different countries, comparable quality assurance frameworks, and ensuring consistent learning outcomes across various locations. Additional challenges might arise due to the fact that different countries may have varying approaches and legal requirements for assessing joint programmes. As a key partner in the implementation of the European Approach, the European Consortium for Accreditation in higher education (ECA) as well as the trainers’ accreditation agencies AQAS and Unibasq can rely on a wide range of experiences in different consortium constellations.

The training will primarily concentrate on the specifics of the European Approach, while specifics of national systems will be addressed to the extent that shape the context in which quality assurance decisions are made within Higher Education Institutions offering joint programmes. Participants will be effectively equipped with an in-depth background knowledge of the EA, and the ability to interpret and substantiate the assessment criteria. Furthermore, practical insights will allow participants to understand different interpretations of (the use of) standards and underlying substantiations.

Participation in this training costs 550 euro. The fee for ECA members (i.e. staff from QA agencies that are members of ECA) is 350 euro. The training fee covers the costs of the training and venue, light lunches on 4 and 5 June. The fee does not cover any travel costs or accommodation.

Registration is required by 5 May 2026 through the form: <https://forms.gle/MSpeJt74mRQUBvpE8>

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. More information about the training will follow shortly.

For further information, please contact us: secretariat@ecahe.eu.

Kind regards,
ECA Secretariat