



The European Consortium for
Accreditation in Higher Education

TRAINING: HIGHER EDUCATION IN EUROPEAN CONTEXT: AN INTRODUCTION

3-4 JUNE 2026

HOST

UKA – Swedish Higher Education Authority

LOCATION of the VENUE

Hammarbybacken 31
Stockholm, Sweden

GOOGLE MAPS:

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The landscape of higher education is an everchanging and dynamic sphere that affects many people across the world. Quality assurance (QA) in higher education has a vital role in ensuring that laws, regulations and quality standards are upheld. A QA professional should ideally have knowledge of not only their own national system of quality assurance but also the workings of cross-border organisations and the European Standards and Guidelines (ESG). ECA acknowledges the complexities of such a vast network of various systems and the potential challenges in gaining an overview of QA in Higher education in Europe. This training offers QA professionals an introduction to how various European Higher Education actors are involved in shaping quality assurance.

Learning outcomes

The participants will be able:

- To gain a general understanding of quality assurance of Higher Education in a European context
- To identify similarities and differences between different national quality assurance systems
- To better participate in cross-border activities on behalf of their national agency
- Establish important contacts with quality assurance professionals from other countries

Target group

Quality assurance professionals at national quality assurance agencies, higher education institutes and student unions who have the ambition to develop professionally and immerse themselves in quality assurance on an international level.

Facilitators

- Sebastian Steele, ECA trainer
- Yvonne Overdevest ECA trainer



PROGRAMME OF THE TRAINING

WEDNESDAY, 3 JUNE 2026

12.00 – 18.00

12:00 – 13:00

Registration and light lunch

13.00 – 13.45

Part 1: **Introduction**

13.45 – 14.30

Part 2: **Introduction to EHEA**

- The landscape of quality assurance in Europe (actors, organisations et al)
- The Bologna Process and the EHEA in a nutshell

14.30 – 15.00

Part 3: **Networking Session**

15.00 – 16.00

Part 4: **Information Exchange Session**

- In small groups, participants will present their QA context in brief. The objective is to discover more about the workings of the various agencies: similarities, differences and good practices

16.00 – 17.30

Part 5: **European Union policies and initiatives related to internationalisation of higher education**

- An overview of which policies and initiatives the European Union have launched in the recent years.
- This session will include a simulation-based exercise to engage the participants in contemplating certain aspects of what they have heard during the training.

THURSDAY, 4 JUNE 2026

9.00 – 12.15

9.00 – 10.00

Part 6: **Workshop**

10.00 – 11.00

Part 7: **Working and co-operating with expert panels as a QA-professional**

- Expectations of and training of (international) panel members



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- Perception of role, responsibility and position of different panel members
- Good practice approaches
- Handling challenging situations and group dynamics

11.00 – 11.30

Break

11.30 – 12.00

Part 8: [Enhancing your personal and professional development](#)

12.00 – 12.15

Part 9: [Wrap up](#)

12.15

Light lunch and farewell