



## ECA Member's Seminar

**2 June 2026**  
**Stockholm, Sweden**

### HOST

UKA – Swedish Higher Education Authority

### LOCATION of the VENUE

Hammarbybacken 31  
Stockholm, Sweden

### **GOOGLE MAPS:**

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## Programme

### ECA MEMBER'S SEMINAR

#### **THUESDAY, 2 June 2026**

**9.30 – 10.00**

**Registration of the participants**

**10.00 – 10.15**

**Welcome address**

dr. Eva Fernandez de Labastida, Chair of ECA  
Rikard Lingström, Head of Department of Quality assurance,  
UKÄ

#### **SESSION 1: Lecture and discussion.**

**10.15 – 11.45**

**Quality Assurance on Research and Quality Assurance of  
Research Programme**

Tobias Osvald & Caroline Olsson, project managers at UKÄ, will present UKÄ's work on quality assurance in relation to research at the institutional level and programme level.

HEIs and the Swedish Higher Education Authority (UKÄ) have a shared responsibility for quality assurance in higher education and research. Most quality assurance efforts are to be conducted by the HEIs. This requires HEIs to have systematic quality assurance processes that UKÄ is responsible for assessing. This dual purpose of assessing education *and* research.

#### **Chair:**

*Sebastian Steele, Board member of ECA, UKA*



11.45 – 13.00

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**SESSION 2: Lecture and discussion.**

13.00 – 14.30

**Language? Let's talk about it**

Lotten Glans and Erik Falk, project managers at UKÄ, will present two separate works that UKÄ have recently published on the subject of language.

In the report "*Small Languages and Other Small Subjects in Higher Education*," the results are presented from the government's assignment to UKÄ to map and analyze higher education institutions' conditions for offering education in small subjects, *particularly* small languages.

The Swedish Higher Education Authority (UKÄ) has also analyzed how language practices are linked to quality assurance work at Swedish higher education institutions. The results show that the choice between Swedish and English affects the ability of international students, doctoral candidates, and staff to participate in institutions' quality assurance processes.

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14.30 – 15.00

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**SESSION 3: Working groups.**

15.00 – 16.00

**Working Groups Meeting**

**Chairs:**

Eva Fernandez de Labastida, Chair of ECA, Unibasq  
Ronny Heintze, Vice Chair of ECA, AQAS

**SESSION 4: General Assembly.**

16.00 – 17.00

**General Assembly**

**Chair:**

Eva Fernandez de Labastida, Chair of ECA, Unibasq

**SOCIAL PROGRAMME**

17.15

**DINNER**

19.00