



ECA Member's Seminar

2 June 2026
Stockholm, Sweden

HOST

UKA – Swedish Higher Education Authority

LOCATION of the VENUE

Hammarbybacken 31
Stockholm, Sweden

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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

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

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

LUNCH

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

FIKA

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