



10th European Quality Assurance Forum

Taking stock and looking forward

Hosted by the Quality Assurance Agency
and UCL Institute of Education

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19-21 November 2015

Programme (as of 04 November 2015)

The European Quality Assurance Forum (EQAF) provides a platform for discussion, professional development and exchange of experiences among the main stakeholders in quality assurance (QA). Specifically, the Forum will be of interest to rectors and vice-rectors responsible for QA, QA officers in higher education institutions, students, QA agency staff and researchers working on higher education or the QA field.

Through a mix of plenary and parallel sessions, the 2015 EQAF, entitled '**Taking stock and looking forward**', will combine practice-oriented or research-based discussions that will take place in the paper sessions and workshops with presentations of current developments in quality assurance. The Forum provides an opportunity for participants to update their knowledge and extend their professional development.

Forum objectives

2015 marks not only the 10th anniversary of EQAF, but also 10 years since the introduction of the ESG and five years since the formal launch of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA). With the recent adoption of the revised ESG, this year presents an ideal moment to take stock of the status of European QA policies and assess their impact on all stakeholders. The Forum will examine QA in the EHEA from a variety of perspectives and explore the ways in which concrete practices in institutions and agencies reflect European level policies.

Thursday 19 November

Pre-conference meetings

16.00-16.45 Meeting with key players

Keynote speakers, parallel plenary speakers, paper and workshop presenters and chairs are invited to attend this pre-conference meeting.

Conference

14.00-17.00 Registration

17.00-17.30 Official Opening



- Introduction to the Forum, Dan Derricott, Chair, EQAF Steering Committee
- Welcome from the hosts
 - Michael Arthur, Provost, University College London
 - Douglas Blackstock, interim CEO, Quality Assurance Agency

17.30-18.30

Plenary Session I: The value(s) of quality

Chair: Paul Garré, EQAF Steering Committee

This session will explore current trends and the direction of development of higher education in Europe and beyond and discuss the added value that QA brings to the higher education landscape.

- Jeroen Huisman, Centre for Higher Education Governance, Ghent University
- Discussion with the chair and the audience

18.30-20.00

Welcome Reception

Friday 20 November

09.00-17.30

Registration

09.30-10.45

Plenary Session II: Taking Stock

Chair: Caty Duykaerts, EQAF Steering Committee

2015: it's been five years since the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) was launched. How does the EHEA look? What have we achieved and where does QA fit into this? Where are we lagging behind with respect to the goals identified? Where do we expect the Bologna Process to go next? This session will tackle these questions through a dialogue between two speakers looking at the developments through different lenses: those of higher education institutions and students using evidence from recent publications EUA's 'Trends 2015' and ESU's 'Bologna with Student Eyes'.

- Andrée Sursock, EUA
- Jens Jungblut, University of Oslo
- Discussion with the chair and the audience
- Practical information on breakout sessions

10.45-11.15

Coffee Break



11.15-13.00

Papers and Workshops – Session I

Participants will have a choice of attending a workshop lasting 90 minutes or two paper sessions lasting 45 minutes each, with a 15-minute break in between to allow the participants to move around.

13.00-14.30

Lunch

14.30-15.45

Parallel Plenary Session I – updates on quality assurance in Europe

Participants will have a choice of attending one of three parallel sessions which will present various projects or initiatives in QA.

- Internal QA in the light of the ESG 2015
Speakers: Barbara Michalk, HRK and Bernhard Kernegger, University of Applied Arts, Vienna
Chair: Paul Garré, EQAF Steering Committee
- External QA in the light of the ESG 2015
Speakers: Colin Tück, EQAR and Christoph Grolimund, AAQ
Chair: Dan Derricott, EQAF Steering Committee
- Quality assurance of cross-border higher education – an increased burden or fruitful cooperation between regions?
Speakers: Rafael Llavori, ANECA and Nitesh Sughnani, Knowledge and Human Development Authority, Dubai
Chair: Paula Ranne, ENQA

15.45-16.15

Coffee Break

16.15-17.30

Parallel Plenary Session II – updates on quality assurance in Europe

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- Student-centred learning – pedagogical concept or political construct?
Speakers: Tijana Isoski, University of Belgrade and Manja Klemenčič, Harvard University
Chair: Oliver Vettori, EQAF Steering Committee
- European approach to the QA of joint programmes
Speaker: Achim Hopbach, AQA
Chair: Maria Kelo, EQAF Steering Committee
- A crash course in promoting quality culture
Speakers: Tia Loukkola and Anna Gover, EUA
Chair: Blazhe Todorovski, EQAF Steering Committee

19.30

Optional Conference Dinner (separate fee)



Saturday 21 November

09.00-13.00 Registration

09.30-11.15 Papers and Workshops – Session II

Participants will have a choice of attending a workshop lasting 90 minutes or two paper sessions lasting 45 minutes each, with a 15-minute break in between to allow the participants to move around.

11.15-11.45 Coffee Break

11.45-13.00 Plenary Session III: The future starts now

Chair: Lesley Wilson, EUA Secretary General

This session will look forward 10 years and offer some predictions as to the development of higher education and quality assurance over the next decade.

- Speaker: Derfel Owen, University College London
- E4 Presidential debate and discussion with the audience
 - Fernando Galán Palomares, ESU
 - Stéphane Lauwick, EURASHE
 - Rolf Tarrach, EUA
 - Pdraig Walsh, ENQA
- Invitation to next year's EQAF
- Wrap-up and thanks by Dan Derricott, Chair, EQAF Steering Committee

13.00-14.30 Lunch and departure of participants